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Taliban Attacks Police Post on Border with Tajikistan

BISHKEK - Tajik-Afghan border Militants of Taliban attacked a police post in Khojai Gor district of Takhar province in northern Afghanistan. As a result, two policemen were killed and another one was wounded, according to a local TV channel. Local authorities claimed that the attackers took the weapon kept at the post. Taliban has not yet commented on the incident. Khojai Gor is located on the border with Tajikistan's Farkhor district. (AKIpress)

Insurgents Attack Police Post in Bamyan

BAMYAN - A number of armed insurgents have attacked an Afghan National Police (ANP) post in central Bamyan—considered one of the safest provinces—and clashes are still underway, local officials told TOLONews. The battle started at around 09:00 Tuesday and by 18:00 fighting was still underway at the ANP post in Sheber district. The incident started when a number of armed insurgents opened fire on the post, leaving at least four soldiers wounded, the police chief Khudayar Quddos said. Additional forces have been deployed to the area, he added. "The insurgents attacked the post from three different points," Quddos said. The Taliban, however, have not yet commented on the attack. But Quddos said there is the possibility of insurgent casualties but exact numbers are not yet known. This has been the second coordinated armed attack of insurgents on security posts over the past five days. About 28 Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were reportedly killed and several others are still missing following a massive attack of Taliban and Daesh insurgents on ANA posts Friday night in Jurm ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

IS Presence in Afghanistan Remains Insignificant: Pantagon

The US Department of Defense does not share Russia's assertion of a growing influence of the Islamic State (ISIL) militant group in Afghanistan and its reported relations with the Taliban.

MOSCOW - Russian Deputy Defense Minister Anatoly Antonov told RIA Novosti that the ISIL could affect the situation in Afghanistan as it tries to expand its influence, actively summoning local radicals into its camp. An anonymous Pentagon spokesman told RIA Novosti that the presence of the ISIL in Afghanistan is still insignificant. The spokesman admitted that they are aware of a rebranding of some Taliban's members into ISIL affiliates. He added that the United States are closely watching whether ...*(More on P4)...(8)*



Ismail Khan Warns of IS Rise

HERAT - Afghanistan could face a war with the Islamic State group if the government does not resolve internal differences and improve the security situation, one of the country's most powerful warlords warned in an interview with The Associated Press. The Islamic State group, based in Iraq and Syria, is believed to have a small presence in Afghanistan, where the Taliban are the most powerful militant group and have been waging an insurgency against the government. Ismail Khan, long a dominant

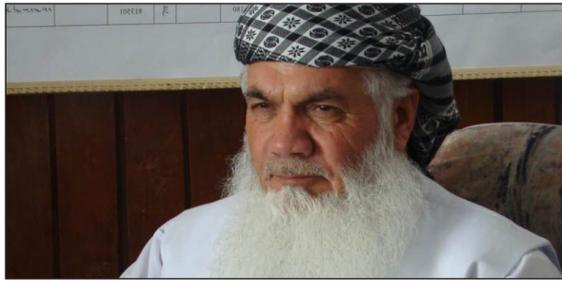


figure in Afghanistan's western province of Herat, told the AP that the numbers of IS supporters are growing because of the government's divisions. Seven months after taking office, President Ashraf Ghani has yet to appoint a Cabinet to introduce reforms that could boost economic ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Baghlan Varsity Gets 2 More Buildings

PUL-E-KHUMRI - New buildings for educational faculty and admin office were opened for proper use at Baghlan University while construction work on hostel and other faculties were underway, an official said Tuesday. The three-storey buildings of educational faculty and admin office were completed at a cost of 41 million afi funded by the Ministry of Higher Education. Amanuddin Zia, dean of Baghlan University, told Pajhwok Afghan News the buildings were constructed in Husain Khil area 12 Kilometers away from Pul-e-Khumri, the provincial capital. The construction work of Agriculture, Journalism, Engineering faculties and the hostel was completed %40 and would be handed over for proper use soon. The university has been functioning at a hired building, having more than 5,000 boys and girls students and the pupils were faced with ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Massoud Pledges to Overhaul Kabul Sewerage System

KABUL - Ahmad Zia Masood, the president special envoy for reforms and good governance, on Tuesday pledged to build a proper sewerage system with the support of townships' owners in capital Kabul. During the last 13 years, several new buildings and housing projects had been completed but without proper sewerage system that created unspeakable problems for



the dwellers in the populated Kabul city. Speaking at a ground-breaking ceremony to asphalt the Karti-Aryan road, Massoud said share holders ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Customers to Pay Electricity Bills Using M-Paisa

KABUL - M-Paisa, Afghanistan's leading m-commerce provider, and Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS), which operates and manages electric power generation, transmission and distribution in throughout Afghanistan announced a partnership that will enable Kabul residents to pay their electricity bills using M-Paisa, Roshan's mobile money service. A statement from the DABS said that the initiative would commence with a pilot program for approximately 320,000 customers in Kabul and would then expand to other provinces including Herat and Kandahar. M-Paisa is a cost-effective, secure and convenient method for bill payment. It saves customers time and money by enabling them to pay ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Air Pollution in Kabul Concerning Authority

KABUL - Officials for national environment protection authority by expressing their concern over increase of air pollution in Kabul city say they have adopted serious measures for reduction of air pollution and protection of environment in the country in particular Kabul city. Speaking in awareness festival on environment, deputy of national environment protection authority Ghulam Mohammad Malikyar expressed concern over air pollution in Kabul city, asserting that they had taken serious steps to decrease the pollution in the city. Malikyar added awareness of people from environment values, changing vehicles' machines to ...*(More on P4)...(15)*



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Karzai Satisfied with Kandahar Security, Education

KANDAHAR CITY - Former president Hamid Karzai on Monday praised the unity government's efforts at bringing peace and stability to the country and asked the Taliban to renounce violence and join the peace process. On his median visit to southern Kandahar province after leaving presidency, Karzai expressed his happiness over what he said improved of law and order situation and the development of education in Kandahar. His visit to home province was not for an official purpose, but to meet family members, said Karzai, who ruled Afghanistan since the Taliban were ousted from power in late 2001. He urged Afghans to be patient and support the unity government until the cabinet was completed. The two time president said the new



government had introduced competent individuals to the Wolesi Jirga for their approval as ministers, calling on parliamentarians to grant them the trust vote. Karzai also recalled he had tried his best to cement ties with Pakistan, but some institutions there did not want peace in Afghanistan and strived to fuel militancy in the war-torn country. However, he said the people of ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Kidnapped Sar-I-Pul Passengers Released



SAR-I-PUL - Eight passengers abducted by Taliban on Bulkhab-Sancharak highway in northern Sar-i-Pul province have been released following hectic efforts by local elders, officials said Tuesday. Assadullah Khuram, provincial council member, told Pajhwok Afghan News three of the abducted men had been released last week and the rest released recently. Khuram said the Bulkhab-Sancharak highway had become insecure over the last one year and has witnessed many kidnapping cases. "If the government does not pay attention to this area security situation tends to worsen," he warned. Sayed Ibrahim, a local elder who mediated the release of abducted persons with Taliban, said: "Taliban had warned ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

3 ANA Captive Soldiers Freed in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - Three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers that were taken hostage in the Jurm district of northeastern Badakhshan have been released, officials said on Tuesday. Acting Governor Shah Wali Adib told Pajhwok Afghan News seven soldiers had gone missing during the fierce fighting between security forces and heavily-armed militants. The three soldiers, he confirmed, were released following hectic efforts by local elders while four others had been killed by militants. Of 28 soldiers that lost their lives, eight of them were beheaded but unconfirmed reports said that militants had decapitated all 28 soldiers. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Monday said 33 soldiers had been killed, wounded and gone missing. According to MoD, around 200 insurgents led by Maulvi Amanuddin, Badakhshan shadow governor, attacked ANA check posts on Friday morning. The insurgents had lost 20 fighters, including a commander and six foreign fighters, while 17 more were wounded, the MoD said. Taliban, however, claimed they had overrun 13 security posts and had killed 49 soldiers. The ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

8 Afghans Found Dead in Iran

KABUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Tuesday said eight Afghan nationals who were going to Europe illegally have been killed by alleged Iranian mafia groups. But Pajhwok Afghan News came to know about some shocking reports that the slain Afghan nationals were killed brutally in Iran. Shikab Mustaghni, the spokesman of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), said Afghan and Iranian diplomats had been contacted in Kabul and Zahidan to probe the dastardly incidents and report back to the MoFA. He explained 13 Afghan nationals were lured by some agents amid promises to shift them to European countries through Iran without going into legal formalities. The spokesman said that the slain Afghans had developed some sort of differences with their agents over their agreement. The slain Afghans gunned down three guards appointed by the agents. In retaliation, the agents gunned down eight Afghans while five others Afghans escaped the scene. He said Iranian security official found bodies of slain Afghans from a well and launched investigation into the incident. Earlier, media reports about the killing of Afghan nationals in Iran. (Pajhwok)

Sheep Smuggling Attempt to Iran Failed

HERAT - Police in western Herat province have arrested a gang of smugglers who were trying to take more than 300 sheep illegally to Iran. The smugglers had planned to smuggle 300 sheep from Adraskan District of Herat province to Iran but police have failed their plan on Monday. Abdul Sabour, police chief of Adraskan District says that the smugglers had planned to take these sheep to Nimroz province and from there they were planning to smuggle them to Iran. Abdul Sabour says two persons have been arrested in this regard. (KP)