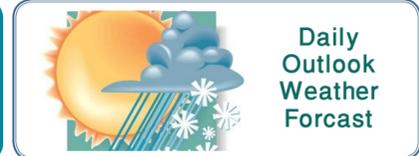


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Tayyab Agha

Hiding Mullah Omar's Death Historical Blunder

KABUL - Tendering resignation as head of Taliban's political office in Qatar, Mullah Mohammad Tayyab Agha has said keeping late Mullah Muhammad Omar's death secret is a historical blunder. Tayyab Agha expressed these views in his interview with Al-Jazeera TV on Tuesday and called Mullah Mansoor's nomination as yet another wrong decision by Taliban. According to sources, Tayyab Agha mentioned in his resig-

nation that leaders who had been nominated out of Afghan territory did not meet good fortune. "Keeping Mullah Omar's death secret is a historic blunder. Peace process through Pakistan is not more than a game," he said, adding he quit his job as head of Taliban's political office in Qatar and would not share any news from the office. He would not intervene in any official matter of the of-



fice from now onward. He asked Taliban leaders to nominate their leader and made all other important decisions in Afghanistan instead. The differences among Taliban group spread soon after the announcement of Mullah Omar's demise last week. Afghan government announced Mullah Omar's had died in a hospital in Karachi in Pakistan while Taliban rejected the allegations but had not... (More on P4)... (10)

Negotiations Best Route to Peace in Afghanistan: Gen. Raheel



RAWALPINDI - Pakistani Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif chaired the Corps Commanders conference here at the General Headquarters on Tuesday. According to the ISPR during the meeting internal and external security situation of the country was discussed

while progress of Operation Zarb-e-Azb and Intelligence Based Operations were reviewed. COAS expressed complete satisfaction over noticeable changes in the overall security situation in the country. The forum reviewed the state of readiness and vigil being... (More on P4)... (11)

Taliban Reject Reports of Mullah Yaqub's Death



KABUL - Taliban militant group has rejected recent reports indicating that Mullah Muhammad Omar's son Mullah Muhammad Yaqub has been killed in Pakistan. Agha Jan Motasim who was Finance Minister during Taliban regime and currently holding a seat in Taliban's leadership council has told

BBC that Mullah Yaqub is alive. Motasim has also said that he is in contact with Mullah Mohammad Yaqub. Aminulhaq, another official of the Taliban regime has also rejected these reports to BBC. Aminulhaq who was the director of planning and... (More on P4)... (12)

High Peace Committee Urges Taliban to Resume Talks

JALALABAD - Members of high peace committee in eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday urged Taliban to seize opportunity and enter into result-oriented talks to put an end to the violence in the country. The high peace committee denounced Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansoor's message to continue the insurgency. The second round of peace parleys was delayed soon after the reports of Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar's demise. Haji Malak Nazir, chief of high peace committee, urged Taliban fighters to resume talks. "It was reported that Mullah Omar was died years

before then who did fight and who did share media reports with his name?" he questioned. "You should come to Afghanistan if you are Afghan and you should stop further bloodshed of Afghan if you are true Afghan but if you are not Afghan than many foreigners eager to shed Afghans' bloodshed. It will not make big difference if you are among them too," he remarked. Maulvi Abdul Zahir Haqqani, a religious leader, also called peace talks the only way to settle dispute. Abdul Aziz Khairkhwah, another cleric, suggested Taliban to prefer peace talks over fighting since peace was the only option. (Pajhwok)

Khost PC Pledges to Build Close Coordination among Provincial Depts

KHOST CITY - The members of provincial council in southeastern Khost province have said that they utilize all resources to build coordination among provincial departments for good governance, implementation of law, and building peace in the area, a statement said on Tuesday. Provincial council member expressed these views in a monthly meeting with Governor Hukam Khan Habibi where they pledged to leave no stone unturned to resolve problems of people of this strategically important province. "All members of provincial council completely support

civilian and military organs for sustainability of peace and implementation of law," they added. The governor appreciated the efforts PC members for their cooperation in improving the livelihood of people. "PC members are elected representatives of their communities and they can play pivotal role in sustainability of peace and banish bad customs from the society," the governor said. Mohammad Zaman, a PC member, said that their area needed development and they would share all problems of the communities with provincial departments for early settlement. (Pajhwok)

Bereaved Jalrez Families Provided with Cash Assistance

MAIDAN SHAHR - The government has started distributing cash and other assistance among families of security forces and other displaced persons affected in the wake of Jalrez district fighting in central Maidan Wardak province, an official said on Tuesday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani announced to pay 100,000 Afghans to families of slain and 50,000 Afghans to each families of each wounded soldiers. The financial assistance was distributed among bereaved families and individuals at the governor house where the president's advisor Asadullah Wafa, Deputy Director of Independent Directorate of Local Governance Abdul Malik Saddiqi and several other officials were present. Governor Hayatullah Hayat said that Jalrez incident had been investigated and the findings shared with central government. He hoped that the findings would... (More on P4)... (14)

Afghan Taliban Deny 'Propaganda' About Succession Crisis

KABUL - Afghanistan's Taliban on Tuesday urged followers to disregard "enemy propaganda" about internal fractures in their movement following the death of longtime leader Mullah Mohammad Omar and to unite behind his chosen successor. The statement, signed by spokesmen Zabihullah Mujahid and Qari Yusuf Ahmadi, called on supporters to "help write messages and letters on social media" to show a united front. The Taliban confirmed the death of Mullah Omar, the reclusive leader who ruled Afghanistan from 1996-2001 and sheltered Osama bin Laden, after Afghanistan's security agency said last week that he had died in April 2013. His deputy, Mullah Akhtar Mansoor, was chosen to succeed him by the insurgent group's seven-member supreme council, but Mullah Omar's relatives - his son Yaqub and brother... (More on P4)... (17)

Gatherings Mourning Mullah Omar 'Legitimate Target': NDS

KABUL - Banning all mourning ceremonies for deceased Taliban leader Mullah Omar, the spy agency on Monday warned that any gatherings condoling his death would be a "legitimate target" for Afghan forces. The announcement comes hours after Afghan forces targeted a funeral ceremony in absentia for Omar in the Qarah Bagh district of southern Ghazni province, five kilometers from Ghazni City, the provincial capital. "Mullah Omar was the biggest



cause of war and backwardness in the modern history of Afghanistan," the National Directorate of Security (NDS)

said in a statement. It said Mullah Omar was responsible for the killing of... (More on P4)... (13)

Officials

Kabul Police to Round up Drug Addicts in the Next Week

KABUL - Kabul Police Chief Abdul Rahman Rahimi said on Tuesday that in the next week police will round up all drug addicts on the streets of Kabul city and that they will also arrest drug dealers and alcohol sellers. "We are assuring the country's residents that we will gather all addicts from around the city in the upcoming week. This work is easy for us but a lack of treatment facilities for these people is a big issue," he said. He said police will also arrest those illegally selling Afghan



security force uniforms and illegal arms dealers - both of which are used by insurgents. "We will also arrest those who are selling security force uniforms and weapons and we will begin a serious pro-

gram to prevent insurgents from using the security forces' uniforms and weapons," he added. This comes after TOLONews reported Sunday on the growing... (More on P4)... (15)

Red Crescent Provides 3,600 Persons with Artificial Limbs



LASHKARGAH - At least 3,600 persons who have lost body organs due to incessant war have been provided with artificial limbs, Red Crescent (RC) official says on Tuesday. Director Red Crescent Ahmad Basel Halaq told a press conference that RC had assisted more than 6,000 persons with artificial limbs in last six years. "The number of disabled persons would increase had the fighting continued with the same pace," he said, add-

ing that RC had supported around 1,300 families with edible items and around 200 security forces were trained against Principle of War during the current year. RC had provided more than 2000 injured with assistance, Halaq said, demanding the warring parties to follow principle of war which had been ignored during the war. Deputy Governor Mohammad Jan Rasooly asked RC to expend activities in the province... (More on P4)... (18)

Kandaharis Snub Mansoor's Vow to Continue Insurgency

KANDAHAR CITY - Prominent clerics, elders and civil society activists in southern Kandahar on Monday denounced the new Taliban leader's message to continue the insurgency and asked him to resume peace talks.



A day after Mullah Omar's demise, the Taliban announced Mullah Akhtar Mansoor as their new leader and Maulvi Haibatullah Akhundzada and Sirajuddin Haqqani as his deputies. In his maiden public audio message, Mansoor vehemently opposed the nascent peace talks as enemy propaganda. While calling for unity in Taliban's ranks, he said: "We will not be waiting for the peace process but will continue our struggle." At a gathering at the press

club here, religious scholar Maulvi Obaidullah Faizy-abicondemned Mansoor's vow to continue the insurgency and abandon the talks. He accused Pakistan of playing a double game in sponsoring the talks and breaking the news of Omar's death only two days before the second round. He believed the war in Afghanistan was being perpetuated by foreign intelligence networks and the Afghans could not be part of it. He insisted peace was the need of the... (More on P4)... (19)