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# HPC Urges International Community to Monitor Peace Talks

KABUL - Afghanistan's High Peace Council (HPC) members on Sunday called on the international community to play an observer role in the peace talks as they believe that without this the talks between Afghanistan and the Taliban will not be successful.

Qazi Mohammad Amin Waqad, a member of the HPC - the only authorized group to lead peace talks - said that "elements" responsible for bringing the Taliban to the talks tables were the same that encourage them to carry out attacks against the country. He, however, did not elaborate on who these "ele-



ments" are.

"If the United Nations or its Security Council approves an agreement that peace talks between the two groups must be led in their presence in neighboring countries like Pakistan or China, the Taliban will also show flexibility and the international community can then monitor the talks which will be useful for us," Waqad told TOLONews.

"But the current talks are very limited because there are only members of the Afghan government and Taliban involved," he continued. Furthermore, he as ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

# Analysts Reassess Peace Talks, Security Measures after Wave of Attacks



KABUL - After weeks of relative calm, the Afghan capital on Friday witnessed three deadly attacks in the Afshar, Qasabah and Shah Shaheed neighborhoods, resulting in the deaths of 50 innocent Afghans and leaving more than 400 wounded.

The attacks came at a hopeful

yet volatile time in the government's struggle to subdue the Taliban militancy. On the one hand, the Taliban has seen divisions emerge around their new leader - Mohammad Akhtar Mansour - following the death of Mullah Omar, and, on the other hand, the Afghans ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

## Iran, Afghanistan Joint Anti-Drug Committee to be Activated

KABUL - Commander of the anti-narcotics squad of Iran's Law Enforcement Police General Ali Moayyedi said the joint committee for anti-drug campaign between Iran and Afghanistan will be activated to conduct operation on different issues.



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Speaking on the sidelines of a meeting with Afghan deputy interior minister, General Moayyedi said poppy cultivation in Afghanistan is a destructive scourge but on the other hand Iran has developed a concrete dam before this roaring flood. Meanwhile, he added, the

Afghan police officials made several visits to Iran with the aim of targeting simultaneous operations, transfer of information and activation of interaction with the Iranian police.

He also pointed to the capability of the Iranian police in strengthening and equipping the Afghan police and said in line with this good developments have been witnessed in the past.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran's ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## US Condolences over Deadly Attacks in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - The United States has sent condolences to Kabul over a barrage of bomb attacks that killed at least 51 people in the deadliest day of fighting in years, the White House said Saturday.

The explosions on Friday, which devastated buildings and overwhelmed hospitals with hundreds of casualties, were the first major militant assaults on Kabul since the announcement of Taliban leader Mullah Omar's death.

The attacks also underscored the country's volatile security situation.

"National Security Advisor Susan Rice spoke today with President Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan, and, separately, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Lisa Monaco spoke with Afghan National Security Advisor Hanif Atmar to express the deepest condolences of the American people on the deaths and injuries resulting from the terrible attacks yesterday in Kabul," a White House statement said.

"The United States and our international partners remain committed to the Afghan Government of National Unity in its efforts to achieve a stable, secure, and prosperous Afghanistan," it added. *(Tolonews)*

## Indian PM Condemns Bomb Attacks in Afghan

NEW DELHI - Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday condemned the bomb attacks in Afghanistan's capital Kabul, which left at least 35 people dead.

"I strongly condemn the gruesome & cowardly attacks in Afghanistan. My thoughts are with families of the deceased & prayers with the injured," the Prime Minister's Office said in a tweet.

At least 35 people were killed and hundreds more injured in bomb attacks in Kabul on Friday and Saturday.

A suicide bomber blew himself up near the city's police academy on Friday evening, killing 20 recruits, while a truck bomb went off early Saturday in the largely residential Shah Shahid area, causing one of the largest explosions the city has ever experienced and leaving 15 dead. *(Xinhua)*

# Death Toll Climbs to 29 in Kunduz Suicide Attack

KABUL - Officials have confirmed that the death toll from Saturday's deadly car bomb attack in Kunduz has climbed to 29, including two children. The attack occurred on Saturday night in the Khan Abad district where locals had gathered to discuss the deteriorating security situation.



Among the dead were civilians and local policemen as well as a key local jihadi leader, Qadeer.

According to officials at least 19 others were injured. Of this 15 were civilians. Among the dead were 4 civilians and two children.

According to head of Provin-

cial Council, Mohammad Yousuf Ayoubi : "They had gathered at a fuel pump station on Saturday night and a suicide bomber detonated his explosives near the station."

"Civilians are also among the dead," he added.

However, security officials have not yet commented. No group including the Taliban ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

## Child Labor Increases in Kabul's Brick Kilns

KABUL - Increasing numbers of children are heading to work long and physically taxing hours in Kabul's brick kilns as the Afghan economy continues to struggle and unemployment climbs.

Located on the outskirts of the capital, the brick kilns produce bricks for most construction inside the city as well as for outlying provinces.

According to child laborers at the kilns, they can make



up to 60 Afs per day, a meagre take given the exceeding difficult and dangerous

work they do. However, the workers say they have no ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## Hospital Construction Work Resumes in Uruzgan

TIRINKOT - Construction work on a 50-bed hospital in the capital of central Uruzgan province has resumed after it was halted six years ago, the acting governor said on Sunday.

Amanullah Taimuri told the inauguration ceremony that the construction company had left the project half completed six years ago due to a lack of budget.

But now the Ministry of Public Health had set aside 129 million afghanis for the project which would take 18 months to complete.

He said the 50-bed hospital would meet modern standards and would have 150 rooms. He said the only civil hospital in Tirinlot treated both civilians and security forces and the new hospital would resolve problems ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## Projects Worth 20m Afs Launched in Kunar

ASADABAD/MAIDAN SHAHR - The Ministry of Rural Development and Rehabilitation on Sunday launched work on two reconstruction projects estimated to cost nearly 20 million afghanis in eastern Kunar province, an official said.

Jaffar Jabbarkhel, the Kunar Rural Development Director, told Pajhwok Afghan News one of the projects was the construction of a building for the provincial office of the National Solidarity Programme (NSP).

The building would have 16 rooms and other allied facilities, he said. The second project is a retaining wall being constructed in Hijrat village on the outskirts of Asadabad, the provincial capital.

The wall will be 148 metres long, two metres thick and four metres high.

Jabbarkhel said the two projects would cost 19.5 million afghanis being provided by the Ministry of Rural Development and Rehabilitation and would take two years to complete.

Kunar Governor Wahidullah Kalimzai, who inaugurated the projects, told Pajhwok Afghan News that they were trying to construct buildings for departments which ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Official: Insurgents Use Education Money for Purchasing Weapons



QALAT - Mohammadullah, the police commander of Shahjoi district in southern province of Zabul confirmed in an interview with TOLONews that the insurgents use the funds allocated for education for purchasing weapons and fighting against the Afghan security forces in the areas where there is no government control.

Referring to the report, members of Zabul province council

have warned that the education directorate in Zabul could be manipulated as a source of funding terrorism if the government doesn't take action against the issue.

According to Shahjoi police chief, currently only seven out of the total number of 37 schools are opened to the students and the money which is allocated for rest of the schools goes to account of Taliban. He ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## Powerful Mafia Grabs Vast State Land in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - The governor of central Logar province on Sunday said 35 percent of government institutions had no proper buildings because powerful land mafia had grabbed thousands of acres of state land.

Mohammad Halim Fidaee told reporters that 1,660 individuals, including included government officials, powerful figures, local influential, officials and common people

were involved in the land grabbing for years in Logar.

There was no land spared for the construction of government buildings, he said, adding that even the land and revenue department had no proper building.

Fidaee said he would expose the names of those involved in the land grabbing through media if allowed by the court. He pledged to form a commission ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## Uruzgan Health Director Arrested on Terror Charges



TIRINKOT - Intelligence officials on Sunday arrested the public health director for central Uruzgan province on charges that he trained terrorists in health centres, prompting doctors and staff to close down the civil hospital.

Mohammad Nayab, the spokesman for the acting governor, told Pajhwok Afghan News the public health director, Dr. Khan Agha Miakhel, was arrested by National Directorate of Security (NDS) officials in the morning and he was being interrogated.

He said the director had been accused of training terrorists in health centres from where security forces and government officials were attacked.

He said this allegation against Dr. Khan Agha had been leveled by the director of courts, Maulvi Mohammad Jan. Nayab said Maulvi Mohammad Jan had claimed that Dr. Khan Agha had appointed mostly Pakistanis in a number of health clinics and the Pakistanis were involved in terrorist activities. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Shah Shaheed suicide bombing video released



KABUL - Some television channels on Sunday released video footage of truck-bombing in the Shah Shaheed locality of capital Kabul.

Some leading news channels including Tolo News and 1TV run the video captured by Chinese CCTV.

A suicide bomber smashed his explosive-laden vehicle into the building of National Directorate of Security (NDS) office close to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) in capital Kabul early Friday, leaving 15 persons dead and 283 wounded, the president's national security advisor said.

Hanif Atmar said that President Ashraf Ghani had appointed to assess losses and damages inflicted by the devastated bombing. The president, Atmar said had directed to assist the damaged houses and shops after the assessment survey was completed.

The explosion was so powerful that it jolted several ...*(More on P4)...(17)*