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Top Pakistani Taliban Leader Injured

KABUL - According to reports, a top Pakistani Taliban leader Omar Khalid Khorasani has been injured following an operation in Afghanistan. Khorasani was reportedly injured following a military operation conducted jointly by the Afghan national security forces and the coalition forces. He is the supreme commander of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) faction Jamaatul Ahrar. The group's spokesman Ehsanullah Ehsan quoted by The Express Tribune newspaper of Pakistan confirmed that Khorasani was injured in an operation in eastern Nangarhar province. "I can confirm that Omar Khalid Khorasani has been injured in a joint operation by the Afghan and Nato forces in Afghanistan's Nangarhar province," Ehsan said. "Khorasani has now been shifted to a safe place and he is improving," Ehsan said, adding that "We lost nine colleagues in the raid." He did not disclose further information regarding the exact date when the operation was conducted. However, he said no prominent leaders of Jamaatul Ahrar were killed in the raid. The Afghan government officials have not commented regarding the report so far. (Tolnews)

Residents Want Corrupt Officials Sacked

PUL-I-KHUMRI - A number of people in Guzargah Noor district of northern Baghlan province on Sunday took to the streets against what they alleged of growing corruption among local officials, warning the government to remove corrupt officials with immediate effect. More than one hundred people in the district center held a protest demonstration, accusing the district chief and district police chief for torturing residents and embezzlement in aid allocated for flood-affected families. Qari Mohammad Ashraf, an angry protester, alleged police arrested innocent people and then



demanding money to release them. "Police are busy minting money by arresting and realizing innocent people," he noted. Sarajuddin, another participant of the rally, said: "We are tired of local police officers. We will keep continue our protest until the ... (More on P4)...(9)

Bullets, Bombs Seized in Raid

LASHKARGAH/MAHMOOD RAQI - Intelligence officials seized thousands of bullets and explosives during an overnight raid on a house in the capital of southern Helmand province, a senior official said on Sunday. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel recovered more than 10,000 bullets of different guns and homemade bombs from the house in Bashran locality on the outskirts of Lashkargah on Saturday night, Deputy Governor Mohammad Jan Rassoul Yar told reporters....(More on P4)...(12)



20 Rebels Join Peace Process

JALALABAD - As many as 20 Taliban, including two commanders, have renounced violence and joined the government-initiated peace process in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Sunday. Speaking at a gathering, the Peace Committee Chairman Haji Malak Nazir said the group was earlier involved in insurgent activities in the



Achin, Nazyan, Batikot and other districts of the province. He said the government would take necessary steps for the rehabilitation of those who returned to normal life and renounce ... (More on P4)...(11)

Taliban Free Kidnapped Students

FARAH - The militants have set free seven persons, including five school students, they kidnapped last week in western Farah province, an official said Sunday. Abdul Rahim Haidari, administrative chief of

Pashtoonkot district, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban had kidnapped some seven persons when security forces arrested a person associated with militants last week. He said one of the released men was teacher while the rests were students of Shuhadai Gumnam High School. The released persons, he said were the residents of Duzdbad and Kazimabad villages. He said local elders played hectic role... (More on P4)...(13)

MoI Undermines Anti-State Radio Broadcasts



KABUL - In the backdrop of reports that some radios across the border in Pakistan aired anti-Afghanistan broadcasts, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) on Sunday undermined reports that such tactics were ineffective measures by insurgents. Speaking to journalists in Kabul, MoI spokesperson Seddiqie Seddiqie said they received reports about such radio broadcasts in south and southeastern parts of the country and were trying to prevent its activities. He added insurgents were using all forms of... (More on P4)...(10)

'War Rugs' Reflect Afghanistan's Long History with Conflict



KABUL - Afghanistan has suffered through long decades of war; conflict with the Soviet Union, civil war and 13 years of a U.S.-led NATO combat mission. Among the political, economic and cultural impacts of this violence, there's an artistic transformation: the history of violence is reflected in the country's ancient art of rug making... (More on P4)...(14)

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