

Jalalabad Partly Cloudy 17°C 3°C	Ghazni Partly Cloudy 8°C -4°C	Kandahar Partly Cloudy 21°C 3°C	Mazar Rain 12°C 4°C	Herat Partly Cloudy 21°C 7°C	Bamayan Mostly Cloudy 2°C -6°C	Kabul Partly Cloudy 11°C -2°C
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Hijack Alert Sounded for Delhi-Kabul Flight



KABUL - Intelligence agencies have warned India and Afghanistan that terrorists could possibly hijack a Delhi-Kabul flight. The input is quite specific and also mentions that an Air India flight could be targeted.

Quoting intelligence sources, The Times of India newspaper said a high alert has been sounded after the intelligence input. IGI airport has been alerted and stringent checks of

even the staff members have been instructed. The authorities have put in place multi-level checking and have issued strictures to ensure they are followed judiciously. An additional ladder-point check has also been made compulsory. The security checks are expected to take more time now. Sources said that the ground staff has been asked to thoroughly check all cabin baggage once... (More on P4)...(7)

TTP Commander among 17 Dead in Drone Strikes

MIRANSHAH - Two US drone strikes in the militancy-plagued North Waziristan agency and southeastern Khost province left ten 17 rebels, including outlawed Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Commander Hafiz Gul Bahadur, dead on Sunday, media reports and a statement said. Pakistani leading news channel, Geo News while quoting sources reported that unmanned aircraft fired two missiles at the compound of Hafiz Gul Bahadur, killing the TTP commander and nine others in Lwarran Mandi of Shawal area. If the killing of Gul Baha-



dur was confirmed then it would be a biggest blow to the TTP in recent months. It is said that

several other rebels were injured in the strike. After the attack, drones continued to fly in the area,

which sent fears among residents. It merits mention that the... (More on P4)...(8)

Taliban Commander among 10 Dead in Kunduz

KUNDUZ - Ten insurgents, including a notorious commander, were killed and two others wounded in the ongoing clearing operations in northern Kunduz province, officials said on Sunday. Sayyed Sarwar Hussaini, police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News local and foreign fighters were killed during security forces offensive in Chardara and Ali Abad districts. Mullah Rahmatullah, a dreaded Taliban commander, ... (More on P4)...(9)

Logar Uprising Leader Killed in Taliban Ambush

PUL-I-ALAM - A public uprising commander was killed along with his three fighters after Taliban insurgents ambushed them in the Barak-i-Barak district of central Logar province on Sunday, officials said. Haji Khalil was travelling from home to the district centre when came under attack from Taliban militants in the Deh Sheikh area in the afternoon, the town's administrative head told Pajhwok Afghan News. Mohammad Rahim Amin said Khalil and his men exchanged fire with the attackers for half an hour, but eventually killed. A fourth uprising member was injured in the clash. Amin said the insurgents set ablaze Khalil's pick-up vehicle... (More on P4)...(10)

A Dozen Rebels Killed in Ghazni Clash

GHAZNI CITY - A dozen Taliban fighters were killed and seven others wounded during a clash with national police in the Maqur district of southern Ghazni province on Sunday, an official said. The midday clash broke out in the district's Gadakhel area, said Shafique Nang, the provincial government spokesman. He said one Afghan Local Police member was... (More on P4)...(11)

Taliban Leadership Ask Fighters to Reduce Civilian Casualties

KABUL - A statement issued online by the leadership of Taliban orders their fighters "Mujahideen" take precautionary actions to reduce civilian casualties. The statement tells fighters to even be careful with animals and civilian properties. According to the statement those failing to obey will be answerable to the Islamic Emirate. Taliban's statement might be an answer to UNAMA's call



which urged all sides to reduce civilian casualties. UNAMA last month had expressed concerns over the increase of civilian

casualties in Afghanistan. The recorded civilian casualties last year was nearly 10,000. UNAMA stated in a report published

last month that this was the highest number of civilian casualties ever recorded by the UN agencies in Afghanistan. (KP)

Militants Kill Female Doctor with Her Husband in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - A female doctor was shot dead by unknown gunmen in eastern Ghazni province of Afghanistan, local officials said Sunday. The incident took place late on Saturday night in Mangor area of Ghazni city. The provincial public health chief Zia Gul Asphandi said the gunmen stormed into the house of Dr. Belqis and shot dead her along with her husband. Asphandi said the main motive behind the assassi-

nation of Dr. Belqis and her husband is not clear so far. According to Asphandi, the assailant militants managed to flee the area following the attack. No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident. Ghazni is among the volatile provinces in eastern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating and frequently carry out insurgency activities. (KP)

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