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ALP Forces Keep Security in 40pc of Afghanistan: Official

KABUL - The Afghan Local Police (ALP) underwent crucial reforms and they were 95 percent freed from influence of powerful individuals, Interior Ministry officials said on Saturday.

Deputy interior minister for security affairs, Gen. Mohammad Salim Ihsas told reporters in Kabul the ALP strength in 30 provinces reached 30,000 currently.

He said the figures were found during a survey which was launched months ago and was still in progress after reports that "ghost personnel" existed in the force.

He said essential reforms were brought to the force's recruitment, training and other areas and 95 percent of the force had re-



ceived training and 76 percent of ALP personnel received their salaries through banks and mobile phones.

He said so far all required credentials of 51 percent ALP personnel had been registered and the process was ongoing. He said 95 percent of the force had been relieved of influence of powerful individuals.

ALP Commander Gen. Ali Shah Ahmadzai told the same press conference that the force currently protected 40 percent of Afghanistan's soil.

He said the ALP forces maintained security in 6,800 small and big villages in 179 districts of 30 ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

NATO's New Pledges Give Hope to Afghans: Experts



KABUL - Military experts say NATO's new pledges to financially support Afghan security forces give new hopes to Afghanistan.

NATO member states during their just concluded summit in Warsaw, the Polish capital, promised they will help fund the Afghan forces to the tune of about \$1 billion annually until 2020.

Javid Kohistani, a military expert, told Pajhwok Afghan News that NATO offered its new pledges to Afghanistan at a time when the country was facing political and security problems.

"Security forces are in need of more support, equipment and training from our international allies, this support to Afghan forces is very effective in dealing with extremist and terrorist groups who are active here," he said.

Kohistani added the NATO's Resolute Support mission and cooperation with Afghanistan, particularly with Afghan forces, could help stabilize Afghanistan and reduce threats and concerns about the future of Afghans.

"The promises of cooperation with Afghanistan will restore trust of investors and traders and will prevent the youth from fleeing the country, this is a positive step that can help develop the country," he said. Abdul Hadi Khalid, another military expert, also said new NATO pledges towards ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Afghanistan, Croatia Sign Strategic Partnership Agreement

KABUL - Afghanistan and Croatia signed strategic cooperation agreement following a two-day NATO summit in Warsaw, the capital of Poland, the Presidential Palace in Kabul said on Sunday.

A statement Pajhwok Afghan News received from the palace said President Ashraf Ghani and his Croatian counterpart, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, signed the agreement on Saturday in Warsaw after the NATO summit had ended.

President Ghani and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Abdullah returned to Afghanistan after attending the NATO summit in Poland, the statement said.

It Afghan and Croatian leaders also discussed bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries after signing the agreement.

"The agreement would help us to accelerate cooperation between the two countries," the statement quoted Ghani as saying.

Ghani thanked Croatia for its cooperation with Afghanistan over the past 15 years and said the Afghan



government would learn from experiences of Croatia, particularly in education and tourism sectors.

The statement quoted Croatian president as saying: "We are proud of standing ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Nearly 40 Militants Eliminated in Security Operations: MoD

KABUL - Nearly 40 terrorists have been killed in five different provinces over the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defence in Kabul claimed on Sunday.

The army, police and intelligence personnel killed 39 insurgents in Nangarhar, Ghazni, Kandahar, Takhar and Helmand provinces, the ministry said in a statement.

It added the fatalities included 31 militants of the Islamic State (IS) group. The security forces, backed by airpower,



destroyed two Daesh hideouts and seized light and heavy ammunition.

At least two army personnel were killed in the operations, the MoD said, adding Afghan forces stepped up their fight against militants recently ahead of the summer fighting season. *(Pajhwok)*

Ghani's Hostile Remarks Unfortunate: Islamabad

PESHAWAR - Pledging continued support for the Afghan process, Pakistan has voiced its disappointment with President Ashraf Ghani's recent hostile remarks at the Warsaw Summit.

In Warsaw, Ghani accused Pakistan of continuing to make a distinction between good and bad Taliban. "Our regional initiatives with neighbours are beginning to yield significant cooperative dividends."

However, he claimed, Pakistan remained an exception. Despite clear commitments to a quadrilateral peace process, Pa-



kistan stuck to its policy of distinction between good and bad terrorists, Ghani alleged.

In response, the Foreign Office said: "Since we have a genuine interest in seeing stability in Afghanistan, Pakistan would continue to make every effort to help bring peace to the neighbour."

In a late-night rejoinder, the ministry said it was unfortunate that Afghan leaders continued to ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Experts Praise President Ghani's Attack on Pakistan At Summit



WARSAW - President Ashraf Ghani's statement at the NATO summit in Warsaw that Pakistan must be isolated from international and political platforms because of its ineffective counter-terrorism actions, has earned praise from Afghan political analysts.

Speaking to leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on Saturday in Warsaw, President Ghani said that except for Pakistan, Kabul has the cooperation of every regional country in its efforts to achieve peace in Afghanistan. Ghani's remarks at the ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

China Delivers Security Scanners to Afghanistan

KABUL - China on Sunday handed over to the Afghan Ministry of Interior (MoI) 400 security equipment, including four security scanners to be installed at the entrances to central capital Kabul, an official said.

Interior Minister Lt. Gen. Taj Mohammad Jahid, while receiving the equipment, said the assistance from China was one of the basic things his ministry needed.

He said the neighbouring country provided 400 security equipment including four security scanners that would help prevent explosives from being



transported to Kabul.

China by supporting the MoI showed it was decisive in the fight against terrorism, Jahid said, urging the mighty neighbour to provide further similar assistance to Afghanistan.

Chinese Ambassador to Kabul Yao Jing, told a ceremony in this regard that: "We are struggling for security and stability in Afghanistan so that we have a stable neighbour and we thank Afghan forces for ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Al-Qaeda, Lashkar-I-Taiba Leading War in South: Gen. Raziq

KANDAHAR CITY - Two dreaded foreign militant outfits -- Al Qaeda and Lashkar-i-Taiba -- are leading the war in Afghanistan's embattled south, the Kandahar police chief claims.

In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Brig. Gen. Abdur Raziq rejected peace talks with the armed opposition as an unrealistic idea or a dream that might never come true.

He called the peace process as a sheer loss of time and an effort to deceive the masses. The police chief spurned the Taliban's call for the rulers to stand down as unacceptable.

"Under no law or principle, the present system can be abolished and a new one put into place just because the militants want this," remarked Gen. Raziq, an officer known for his



anti-Taliban posture.

He claimed the condition, set by Pakistan and other outsiders, was being parroted by the Taliban. Peace efforts by President Ashraf Ghani and his predecessor amounted to frittering away time, he insisted.

"In this way (hoping for peace), we are hoodwinking ourselves," the official continued, characterising Mullah Akhtar Mansour as the only Taliban leader who ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Politicians Honor Sayed Hussain Anwari's Role in National Politics

KABUL - The late Sayed Hussain Anwari was one of the most influential personalities of the Afghan Jihad and resistance, said former jihadi leader Abdul Rab Rasul Sayyaf on Sunday.

Joining Sayyaf, former vice president Mohammad Younus Qanooni said Anwari was not only a great military commander, but also an important politician who played a key role in unifying the political forces in the country.

The statement followed after the prominent Afghan politician, former Jihad commander and military advisor to President Ashraf Ghani, Sayed Hussain Anwari, was laid to rest in Kabul on Saturday.

Thousands of mourners



attended the ceremony including high-ranking government officials and his supporters. Anwari's coffin was transferred from Sardar Mohammad Dawoud Khan hospital to Khatamunnaibian mosque and buried at Eskart hill in Kabul.

Sayyaf on Sunday said Anwari was one of the key pillars of the Afghan Jihad and hailed his contribution to bolstering the political stability of the Mujahdedeen.

"Anwari was an important pillar of Jihad and ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Daesh's Cruelty in Kot District Unjustifiable: Muslim Dost

KABUL - A former Islamic State (IS) or Daesh member slammed the group's cruel actions in the Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province as unjustifiable.

Religious scholar Maulvi Abdul Rahim Muslim Dost, also a former Guantanamo Bay detainee and Taliban official, had joined the ISIS Khurasan branch in late 2014.

But he left the group due to some differences last year and he currently lives in an unknown location.

About two weeks back, Daesh militants launched coordinated attacks on a number of areas of Kot district, causing casualties to several civilians includ-

ing women and children, and burned a number of residents houses.

Nangarhar officials said around a hundred Daesh fighters had suffered casualties in retaliatory attacks of Afghan forces.

Muslim Dost condemned the attacks of Daesh in Kot and causing casualties to civilians as such actions which could not be justified.

A statement from Dost to Pajhwok Afghan News, said "After Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi declared Khilafat, I wrote a book 'Mlak Al Amajad in Arabic in which issues about Khilafat and Imam (leadership) have ...*(More on P4)...(16)*