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# Ghani Seeks Anti-Terror Partnership: Campbell

KABUL - The commander of NATO's Resolute Support mission and U.S. forces in Afghanistan has said Afghan President Ashraf Ghani wants to be partner with the United States in a regional counterterrorism aspect. Army Gen. John F. Campbell said Ghani has suggested Afghanistan host a regional counterterrorism effort. Afghan counterterrorism forces are among the best in the region, the general said, but they still need



training and equipment. "He wants to continue to build that capability and knows that he needs our help to do that," Campbell said in an interview with reporters on Sunday traveling with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen.

Martin E. Dempsey. Ghani also is reaching out to other regional players including China, Russia, Iran, Pakistan, India, "the Stans" and the United States, Campbell said. His message is that terrorism is a regional threat and it needs to be fought on a regional basis. "He is saying to them, 'Afghanistan is fighting your fight,'" the general said. Afghanistan is about halfway through the 2015 fighting season, and Campbell said... (More on P4)...(8)

## Electoral Reform Panel an Important Step: UN



KABUL - The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has welcomed the establishment of the Electoral System Reform Commission by the unity government under the chairmanship of Sultan Shah Akefi. "This is an important step," said Nicholas Haysom, the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan. In a statement, the UNAMA head said: "We look forward to a credible, inclusive and transparent electoral reform process." He said UNAMA encouraged the Afghan authorities to make the necessary decisions on the electoral calendar... (More on P4)...(9)

### Number of Afghan Refugees Returning from Pakistan Surges

KABUL - The number of Afghan refugees who returned home from Pakistan surged in the first half of the year, exceeding the number who crossed the border in the whole of 2014, the U.N. refugee agency (UNHCR) said on Thursday. More than 139,000 Afghans have returned from Pakistan since the start of the year, many saying they did



so because of harassment after a deadly Pakistani Taliban attack on a school in Peshawar last December, reported the Thomson Reuters Foundation. Pakistani authorities, long accused of not being tough enough on extremists, pointed the finger of blame at neighbouring Afghanistan, suggesting it was not doing enough to catch Pakistani Taliban commanders hiding on its territory. Many of the Afghan refugees said they had to return to their homeland because the situation in Pakistan had become... (More on P4)...(12)

## Ghani, Dempsey Talk Trans-regional Fight on IS

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani and Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey have discussed the possibility of forming a network to oppose the trans regional threat posed by the Islamic State (IS) aka Daesh. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff visited Ghani on Sunday afternoon and said there was a clear need for a transregional strategy to address the threat of IS.



Daesh is the latest and most successful manifestation of the terror threat, they added, posing a military threat and promoting an ideology that appeals to disaffected youths around the world.

Dempsey has said for years the United States should address this transregional threat with a transregional strategy. IS began in Iraq and Syria, but has spread to the Sinai, Libya and into Nigeria. Now the group is recruiting in Afghanistan and Pakistan. "I think we're all having an important discussion on how to address the transregional nature of what is clearly a persistent threat that has to be addressed at a sustainable level of effort over a period of time," Dempsey said to reporters traveling with him... (More on P4)...(10)

## Number of Afghan IDPs Reaches One Million

KABUL - As many as one million Afghans have been internally displaced by the conflict, natural disasters and extreme poverty in recent years, a Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) official tweeted on Monday. Danielle Moylan said the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) were living in terrible conditions and direly needed more and more help. The NRC official warned the situation of the displaced families would further worsen if the Afghan government and international donor agencies did not extend them support.



Most of the IDPs belong to southern Afghanistan with their number reaching 223,278, while those from western parts makes the second largest IDPs population numbering 220,434. Moylan said 169,958 persons had been displaced in central provinces, 14,489 in eastern, 97,425 in northern, 64,020 in northwestern, 24,189 in southwestern provinces of the country. She said most residents of Kunduz, Badghis and Helmand provinces were among the IDPs. Insecurity, unemployment and natural disasters were the main causes behind the displacements. (Pajhwok)

### Schools Sans Buildings Force Students to Stay Away from Education

NILI - A number of students prefer to stay away from schools because most of the schools' buildings in central Daikundi province have no proper buildings. Out of a total 370 schools, 60 percent have no buildings and the students have to sit under the open sky, officials of the education department said. A total of 166,000 students with 44 percent of them girls were being imparted education but 15,000 of the students

have no proper school buildings. Firozah, a student of 9th class, said: "The principal of the school is a talented and competent person, but our school has no building where students could study properly. She said students were taught under open sky and therefore four students have left school. Around 620 students were being imparted education by 16... (More on P4)...(15)

### Wolesi Jirga Members Scold Absent Colleagues

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga on Monday could not hold its general session because a majority of the lawmakers were absent. Some lawmakers, who attended the session, lashed out at their absent colleagues, saying the house could not pass bills that had landed in the house earlier. One of them, Maulvi Abdul Rahman Rahmani from northeastern Badakhshan province said the lower house could not proceed with a defined program during Ramadan and today's session might be the last one as summer vacations were approaching.



He said security issues continued to haunt lawmakers and the Defence Ministry and the Attorney General Office continued to be run by acting officials. The summer recess is scheduled to begin from July 23 till early September. Shinkai Karokhel, a lawmaker from Kabul province, also expressed her annoyance over the disappearance of most of lawmakers and said that the public representatives must ensure their presence in the house to raise concerns of their people. She said some lawmakers had traveled to their native provinces and others had gone on foreign trips and the remained did not appear at today's session knowing that the parliament would rise for the summer break in two days. Haji Nazir Ahmad, second deputy speaker, said three commissions of the house in their meetings had discussed the possibility of postponing the summer recess. (Pajhwok)

## Electoral Reform Panel Not Independent: Watchdogs

KABUL (Pajhwok): Election observers on Monday welcomed the establishment of the Electoral Reform Commission, but feared the panel's independence as the majority of its members were affiliated with both leaders of the unity government. Electoral reforms are a major point of the unity government agreement between President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah. Four months back, lawmaker Shukria Barakzai was appointed by President Ghani to head the electoral reform panel but faced disapproval from the CEO.



On the eve of Eid, President Ghani through a decree established the commission and appointed its members. According to the decree, Sediqullah Tawhidi his deputy, Kawoon Kakar, Mohammad Ali Amiri, Abdul Qadeer Karyab, Bashir Farooq, Asadullah Sadati, Faizullah Zaki, Saleh Mohammad Regestani, Shah Mahmood Mia Khail, Sabrina Saqeb, Dr. Alema, Abdul Majid Ghanizada and Tadamichi Yamamoto are members of the panel. Javed Faisal, the CEO's deputy spokesman, said both leaders of the unity government had complete agreement over the panel's composition... (More on P4)...(11)

### Farah Residents Blast Unity Govt.'s Performance

FARAH CITY - Some political activists and residents say the unity government has failed to live up to its promises and has put the country on the path to instability. Dr. Mohammad Hashim Danish, representative of council of Farah political groups, told Pajhwok Afghan News the people of Afghanistan had voted in last year's presidential election in the hope that security would be improved and jobs created by the new government. But their hopes were shattered as neither President Ghani nor CEO Abdullah honoured their pledges and differences among the two leaders put the country on the way to crisis, he said. "The government's weak performance is an insult to the... (More on P4)...(13)

### Analysts Chide Rabbani Over Recent Remarks

KABUL - Analysts on Monday said called as illegal recent remarks by Minister of Foreign Affairs Salahuddin Rabbani, asking the government to take action against him. Rabbani, who also leads the Jamiat-e-Islami Afghanistan, recently told Badakhshan residents and security officials that mujahideen's role in ensuring security should not be ignored. Rabbani said the Mujahideen fought the Soviet Union without salaries and they could take a decisive part in ensuring security. "Mujahideen support a government that ensures justice. After Taliban's regime, it were the Muhahideen who surrendered weapons and took part in establishing a democratic government." The foreign minister linked



the growing insecurity to the presence of foreign fighters in Badakhshan and said their activities would affect Badakhshan's neighboring countries. Mohammad Hassan Haqyar, a political analyst, said such remarks were not in favour of the country. "Unfortunately the foreign minister is interfering in responsibilities of others. He is foreign minister not interior minister. He should talk about foreign affairs and country's foreign policies."... (More on P4)...(14)

## Shun Foreign Reliance, Hekmatyar Tells Politicians

KABUL - Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) leader Gulbadin Hekmatyar has called on Afghan political parties to join their forces for establishing "a sovereign government system" in Afghanistan and stop relying on foreigners in this regard. In his Eid message, Hekmatyar said the Afghans should be let resolve their problems themselves in order the conflict could be brought to an end. Keeping in mind the past experiences, the HIA violent faction chief urged the Afghan people and political parties to boycott reaching power with support, money



and weapons of foreigners and commit themselves to not shedding a drop of blood or firing a single bullet in future transfer of powers. Hekmatyar said peace and security could come to Afghanistan only when all foreign troops leave the country. He called for an end to foreign interferences in Afghanistan, saying the

Afghan should be allowed to resolve their problems themselves. The HIA leader said all Afghan tribes had historically lived as brothers and an environment of equality and they had jointly defended the motherland and frustrated attempts at dividing them. But the invaders had the plan from the day one that they would permanently occupy Afghanistan and if it was not possible, they would divide the country and create conditions that prolonged the conflict, he believed. (Pajhwok)

### 'Operations to Follow Reforms in Nangarhar'

JALALABAD - The provincial administration has decided to bring about drastic reforms in district government departments in eastern Nangarhar province, pending ongoing security operations, officials say. Administrative corruption, nepotism, delays in delivery

of services and prolonged stay in offices by officials are problems plaguing local governance. Police chief Brig. Gen. Fazl Ahmad Sherzad told Pajhwok Afghan News a decision had been reached with the provincial governor that... (More on P4)...(16)