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Pakistani Madrasas Foster Terrorists to Wage War Against Afghans: MoD

KABUL - Up to 45,000 Madrasas in Pakistan continue to train, fund and send terrorists to fight against Afghanistan, the The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said on Sunday. According to the MoD, terrorists currently fighting the Afghan security forces are fostered in the Pakistani Madrasas. The terrorists are educated and equipped and then dispatched to Afghanistan to attack the Afghan government forces. Afghan officials have consistently stated that there is a link between certain Madrasas in Pakistan and the hardline militant groups sent to fight Afghanistan and its international partners. The majority of the terrorists captured by Afghan forces in battles have confessed that they were trained and equipped in Pa-



kistani Madrasas and then sent in Afghanistan to fight. "There are around 45,000 Madrasas in Pakistan along the border regions and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. If each of the involved Madrasas recruited only one person, it amounted to around 45,000 recruits a month," a defense ministry spokesman Dawlat Waziri said. Political commentators have cautiously reacted to the MoD claims, saying not all Madrasas should be blamed for involvement in terrorist activities and militancy. "It is difficult to confirm that all 45,000 Madrasas are involved in training terrorists and extremists, however, some of these Madrasas are involved in such activities," political analyst Rahmatullah ... (More on P4)...(11)

Number of Kabul Zoo Visitors Increase: Officials



KABUL - The Kabul Zoo is experiencing a sharp annual rise in visitors as over 1,500 visitors on weekdays and nearly 5,000 over weekends come to see the animals, say officials. The income from the zoo, the only one in the country, has increased by up to 40 percent over the past three months - compared to the 12 months of last year. Mostly families come to visit the Kabul Zoo which hosts nearly 600 animals. "It is the Ramazan month. We are students, we study and then want to refresh our minds by visiting such places," said Yalda, a school student. Another student said: "We came here. It was a fun." "Such places should be built in other areas as well to make it easy for the citizens to spend their time having fun," said Nadir, a Kabul resident. According to officials, up to 700,000 people visited the zoo this year, adding 17 million Afghanis to its income. "We are trying to apply a better design for the zoo to enable the spectators to see the animal more easily," said Aziz Gul Saqib, head of the Kabul Zoo. According to Saqib the zoo has earned nearly 7 million Afghanis over the past three months. (Tolonews)

Nangarhar Governor, Security Officials be Suspended: FACS



KABUL - The Federation of Afghanistan Civil Society (FACS) on Sunday said the governor and security officials of eastern Nangarhar province should be brought to justice for their failure to prevent Daesh attacks in the Kot district. Seddiq Mansoor Ansari, FACS head, told a press conference in Kabul that Daesh or Islamic State (IS) rebels attacked Saypai and some other areas of Kot district and caused heavy casualties to civilians. He said the rebel group also kidnapped several other local residents including children and women. Ansari warned the Afghans would move to eastern provinces and stand for people's rights if the government did not suspend the mentioned officials. The government would be responsible for all consequences, he said. However, Nangarhar gov-

ernor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, said FACS was emotionalised by rumors and news posted on social media networks and had little knowledge about the real situation. He said 23 houses were torched, eight civilians killed, 18 injured and five people, including a child, were kidnapped by Daesh militants in Kot district. Afghan forces immediately arrived in the area and launched combat operation against Daesh, killing around 200 rebels so far, he said. Khogyani added the security situation was now stable in Kot. Nangarhar officials did not commit any negligence, he said. Dealing with situation in a border province like Nangarhar, where various intelligence circles are active, is difficult in a short time, he said. (Pajhwok)

Police Accused of Seeking Bribes to Let Construction Works go Ahead

KANDAHAR CITY - Many residents of southern Kandahar province allege police officers are extorting money from them in return for new construction works in violation of the municipality's policy. They claim police and municipality officers were taking money illegally from owners of under-construction buildings in Kandahar City - the provincial capital - on different pretexts. However, municipality officials say they have created a Property Commission to plan the construction process and encourage people to coordinate their projects with the panel. They said that people them-



selves were responsible for paying illegal money to police officers, because they willingly chose to make illegal constructions. Abdul Bari (39), a resident of the ninth police district, told Pajhwok Afghan News po-

lice officers were harassing him over the construction of a fence on the second portion of his house. He complained police were teasing him, although constructing the fence was nothing unlawful. Police did so

for several days and they even took away tools to prevent the fence being installed, he continued. "Later, police officers asked me to pay them 5,000 Afghanis. They told me I cannot ... (More on P4)...(12)

Laghman Governor Appoints Team to Probe Corruption

KABUL - After Pajhwok Afghan News published a report interviewing a war victims' relative who complained about corruption in government departments, the governor of eastern Laghman province has ordered an investigation. As part of the news agency's Voice of War Victims series, Pajhwok published an interview on June 23 with a man who lost his 10 relatives to a US drone strike in Karoch area of Badpakh district in July, 2008. The war victims' relative, Abdullah Ahmadi, had said a wedding party was under-

way in their family when US forces rained down bombs on them, killing his wife, mother-in-law, uncle, three cousins and four little girls of the family. Later on, the government paid 100,000 Afghanis in compensation to relatives of each martyr and 50,000 Afghanis to the injured apiece. Some NGOs also distributed food and other essential items to the victims' families. Ahmadi recalled the government's promise to allot the victims' families land plots. "I am tired of trying to get possession of my land



plot. Everyday, I visit the municipality to ask for my right, but the relevant officers demand 20,000 Afghanis in bribe." The governor's spokesman, Sarhadi Zwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News

that in order to explain the Pajhwok report, reach out to people's complaints, to bring about reforms and to implement transparency in government affairs, the governor ... (More on P4)...(13)

Top Taliban Commander Killed in An Airstrike in Kunduz Province

KUNDUZ CITY - A top commander of the Taliban group was killed in an airstrike together with his six fighters in northern Kunduz province, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said Sunday. "During an air strike, seven armed Taliban were killed including Janat a key commander of armed Taliban," a statement by MoI said. The statement further added that the airstrike took place in Sarak Payin village, Chahar Dara District of northern Kunduz province, last night. "This group was involved in many terrorist and destructive activities in this district and other areas

of Kunduz province," the statement said. According to MoI "After eliminating this group the security situation in this district is expected to improve." The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as a key commander of the Taliban group identified as Gul Khan was killed in a drone strike in this province last week. The Taliban insurgents are actively operating in a number of Kunduz districts and often carry out insurgency activities. The group managed to briefly take control of the strategic Kunduz city last year and launched numerous attacks this year with an aim



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Cold Storage Facility to be Built At Kabul Airport

KABUL - A cold-storage facility for agricultural products would be built at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, an official said on Saturday. Shah Mahmood Habibi, deputy director of the Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority (ACAA), said the decision was taken after approval from the Presidential Palace and the cabinet. During a meeting with representatives from the ministries of agricultural, finance, transport, Independent Directorate of Land Acquisition and airport, he said the construction of cold storage would facilitate Afghan traders. The issue of coordination be-



tween different governmental organisations had been discussed and views on various matters were exchanged at the meeting. According to ACAA, the planned cold storage would be stretched over 1,760 square meters of land inside the air-

port's custom office. The facility would have the capacity to store 70-100 tonnes of stuff. The cost of the storage is estimated at 3.196 million Afghanis. Similar facilities will also be built at Herat, Balkh and Kandahar airports. (Pajhwok)