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ISLAMABAD - An anticipated annual winter reduction in fighting in Afghanistan has prompted international and

regional partners to intensify

efforts to encourage a revival

This year's fighting season

witnessed a sharp increase

in Taliban-led insurgent ad-

vances across Afghanistan

since the Islamist group was

ousted from power in late

of Afghan peace talks.

Afghans' Outlook on Current Situation Remains Bleak: Spanta

KABUL - Former National Security Adviser, Rangin Dad Far Spanta said that the vast majority of Afghan people are tired of the continuation of the current situation.

Dr. Spanta in an exclusive interview with Ariananews said that the Afghans do not consider the continuation of current situation based on national interest; citing efforts are underway to create social justice movement, democracy and restoring the rule of law in Afghanistan on the basis of a program.

He declared that there was fierce competition between Iran and



America in Afghanistan and we tried to get Afghanistan out of competition.

He further added that the current government formed based on an agreement and a legal Loya Jirga should be held before the completion of two years; otherwise the people obliged to hold a peaceful Jirga.

The former National Security Adviser stressed that the United States is a strategic partner with Afghanistan. Signing security accord with America was a perfect measure that we support it and we need the cooperation of United States. (ATN)

The battlefield setbacks are not surprising to many, as Afghan security forces took on the insurgency for the first time without any direct international military assistance after NATO ended its combat mission last year.

However, at a time of dwindling foreign financial assistance, questions are being raised about the sustainability of the Afghan military campaign in the years to come.

These concerns have prompted key partners such as the United Nations, the United States and China to push the warring sides to return to peace talks.

On Friday, Nicholas Haysom, chief of United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), visited Islamabad and met with top Pakistani officials to discuss the peace efforts.

A U.N. spokesman told VOA the discussions centered on "prospects for peace in Afghanistan and how to achieve wider regional cooperation."

Earlier this week, China's special envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Deng Xijun, visited both countries to underscore the need for resuming peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban. He spoke to local media in Islamabad.

"We think that the Taliban is one of the main forces of Afghanistan in the political arena and we think that the peace talks is the only way out for Afghanistan to achieve lasting peace and stability," he said.

The Chinese envoy cautioned the peace process is fraught...(More on P4)...(10)

Khak-e-Afghan District is IS Stronghold: Officials



QALAT - Local security officials in southern Zabul said on Thursday that the Khak-e-Afghan district has become a Daesh stronghold and that Afghan forces retreated from the area eight years ago.

Security sources added that in this time no military operation has ever been launched to retake the district and that. Afghan forces have never battled Daesh in the area.

The statement comes after officials in Kabul have maintained that military operations were carried out – specifically to rescue 31 passengers taken hostage by Daesh eight months ago.

This latest development follows on the heels of the beheading of seven Zabul residents by Daesh militants a few days ago. Among the victims were ...(More on P4)...(6)

India, Afghan Working on Modi Visit to Kabul

NEW DELHI - India and Afghanistan are exploring possibilities of an early visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Kabul, as President Ashraf Ghani's government in the war-ravaged country is sending out signals of reversing its policies of relying much on Islamabad to buy peace with Taliban and seeking to boost defence and security cooperation with New Delhi. Modi is likely to inaugurate the new building for the Afghan parliament during his visit to Kabul. The construction of the new building is being funded by the Government of India and is nearing completion, sources in New Delhi told Deccan Herald. A proposal for an early visit by the prime min-



ister to Kabul is understood to have been discussed during the recent tour of Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's National Security Advisor Mohammad Hanif Atmar to New Delhi. Atmar had meetings with Modi's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar. He also called on Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar. (Agencies)

Over 56,000 Afghan Refugees Repatriated this Year: UNHCR



tions High Commissioner for Refugees has facilitated the return of over fifty six thousand registered Afghan refugees from Pakistan so far this year under its voluntary repatriation programme.

Talking to media in Islamabad today, he said that Pakistan is hosting almost 1.5 million registered Afghan protracted refugee population in the world. He said since 2002, the UNHCR has facilitated the return of 4 million registered Afghans from Pakistan. To a question, he said the va-

To a question, he said the validity of Proof of Registration cards to Afghan refugees had been extended from 31st December 2015 to 31st December 2017. (Agencies)

Bodies of Zabul Seven Repatriated to Ghazni for Burial

KABUL - The bodies of seven Zabul residents beheaded by alleged Daesh militants about a week ago were repatriated Friday to their home district of Jaghori in Ghazni where they will be buried.

Tens of Thousands of protestors after ending their demonstrations in Kabul moved the



bodies from Sardar Mohammad Dawood Khan hospital of Kabul to Ghazni.

Senior government officials also attended the repatriation of the bodies.

The victims were beheaded about a week ago after having been kidnapped a few months ago in southern Zabul province. The protestors marched to the ...(More on P4)...(8)

Germany Plans to Increase Troops in Afghanistan

KABUL - German politicians said on Thursday that the government wants to expand its troop deployment to Afghanistan from 850 to 980 per-

The announcement comes as Taliban militants ramp up their fighting in the country and more Afghans seek refuge from the war by migrating to Europe, and in particular to Germany.

The government's plan will need to be confirmed by German parliament before more troops can be deployed. According to the politicians, the Bundeswehr's mission in Afghanistan will not change: The German army is there to provide military assistance to Afghan fighters not to fight directly against the Taliban. The Defense Ministry has

not yet confirmed how many more soldiers would be sent to Afghanistan. Members of The Left party attacked the plan, saying it would only perpetuate the cycle that spawned the current refugee crisis in Europe.

Most NATO forces pulled out of Afghanistan in 2014. Those that stayed served primarily to assist Afghan forces, which took ... (More on P4)...(11)

Zabul Seven Tragedy Sparks Unity Across Country



KABUL - Following the brutal beheading of seven Zabul residents by alleged Daesh members a few days ago, tens of thousands of people from around the country stood together and took to the streets and to social media platforms in protest over the killings.
People from across the country, of all ethnic groups, both young and old, male and female, marched through the streets of cities including Kabul, Jalalabad in Nangarhar, Mazar-e-Sharif in Balkh, Her-

at city and Zabul city. Between Wednesday and Thursday, demonstrators marched in a total of 26 provinces.

Such public demonstrations have not been recorded in over 40 years in Afghanistan. The ...(More on P4)...(7)

IS to Benefit' from Taliban Infighting in Afghanistan

KABUL - Afghan officials claimed Thursday that Mullah Mansoor Dadullah, a deputy to the splinter faction's leader Mullah Mohammad Rasool, was killed late Wednesday. Ghulam Kelani Farahi, a senior police official in the southeastern Zabul province, told media that Dadullah was "lured into a trap" and killed by the main



Taliban group, headed by Mullah Akhtar Mansoor. Mansoor was elected by a

y Taliban council as the leader of the militant group after

Taliban Siege and Kidnappings Reported Countrywide

KABUL - At least 40 Afghan Local Police (ALP) force members are under siege by the Taliban in Pashtonkot district of Faryab province, local officials said Thursday.

Faryab provincial council deputy Mohammad Tahir Rahmani, who confirmed the siege, said the ALP members have been locked in a battle for the past four days and currently face a food and weapons shortages. He said they are calling for urgent assistance.

Meanwhile Faryab acting police chief Abdul Moqim Kohi, said that police forces are coordinating with Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) forces to conduct an air strike in order to rescue the police officers. In addition, the Taliban on Wednesday kidnapped seven public order police force members in Sare-Pul province, officials said Thursday.

Sar-e-Pul governor Mohammad Zahir Wahdat confirmed the incident and said that a

preliminary investigation indicates that the Taliban kidnappers had inside help from the police officers' colleagues. According to Wahdat it is not clear where the soldiers have been taken to but investigations continue. Meanwhile, 12 civilians were abducted by the Taliban in Paktia province on Wednesday, officials said. Sayid Karam district governor of Paktia province Neyaz Mohammad Khalil confirmed the abduction and said Taliban insurgents had kidnapped the civilians on Wednesday in the Badmganda area of the district. This comes after kidnapping Wednesday's of four school boys in Herat city in Herat Province. Police confirmed the incident on Wednesday afternoon but said only one boy had been abducted from outside his school. Eye witnesses however put the number at four. No insurgent group - including the Taliban - has yet claimed responsibility for any of the incidents. (Tolonews)

Russia Launches Scholarship Programme for Afghan Diplomats



KABUL - The embassy of the Russian Federation in Kabul launched scholarship programme for diplomatic staff of the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The first batch of Afghan diplomats representing different departments of the Foreign Ministry is scheduled to leave Kabul for Moscow on November 15.

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The group of 10 diplomats will attend a two-week advanced training courses in the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Russian ambassador Alexander Mantytskiy highlights that the current scholarship programme is the first arrangement of such kind in the modern history of Afghan – Russian relations.

To mark this significant event the Russian Embassy in Kabul held a special reception. During a ceremony organized at the Russian embassy on Wednesday to launch the programme, Ambassador Mantytskiy said that the launching of the programme symbolizes strengthening ties between Afghanistan and Russia as well as between Foreign Ministries of the two countries. Moheb Spinghar, Foreign Ministry's Director General of Institute of Diplomacy appreciated Russian Federation adding that that the scholarship programmes will play an important role in increasing professional skills of the diplomatic staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (KP)