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Daily Outlook Weather Forecast

Negligence of Presidency, Executive Office Led to Fall of Kunduz

KABUL - The findings of Kunduz fact-finding commission reveal that circulation of information among senior government officials and delay in action led Taliban to rule Kunduz.

A member of the fact-finding commission of Kunduz in an interview with Ariananews said that the negligence of president and CEO caused the collapse of Kunduz province.

Muhammad Ayoub Rafiqi, member of Kunduz fact-finding commission declares that the foundation stones of local offices in Kunduz were laid based on power division and political intervention of government leaders not on merit.

"Most of the security officials in local institutions are appointed on nepotism that is



one of the main reason of Kunduz fall," said Muhammad Ayoub Rafiqi, member of Kunduz fact-finding commission.

Rafiqi noted that during the clashes, the armed Taliban seized about 40 armored vehicles, thousands of weapons and documents of National Directorate Security (NDS).

The fact-finding commission of Kunduz promised to completely share its 189th page findings with people and media outlets on Saturday, November 21. Hundreds of lightly armed Taliban riding on motorbikes seized Kunduz city, Afghanistan's fifth-largest city and home to about 300,000 people on September 28. Their capture marked the fall of the first major Afghan city to the insurgents in 14 years. (ATN)

Security Forces Vow to Clear Yamgan in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - Ministries of Interior and Defense have vowed to retake the embattled Yamgan district of Badakhshan in the near future.

Ministry of Defense said troops, both ground and air, are ready to launch a large-scale military operation in the district. Dawlat Waziri, MoD spokesman, said: "Security forces are at war with militants positioned in different areas."

"The militants' war is organized and managed by foreigners and they are equipped and trained from abroad. Between 6 to 7 out of 10 militants are foreigners."

Meanwhile the head of the internal security commission of the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) Mirdad Najrabi urged government to ensure it has a proper plan to maintain security in areas that have been cleared.

Najrabi said: "All the security responsibilities are being shouldered by Afghan security forces. Meanwhile, militants are trying their best to make use of this."

The Interior Ministry said Yamgan district will be cleared of Taliban and security will be ensured in this part of Badakhshan. MoI spokesman Sediq Sediqqi... (More on P4)...(5)

BMA Course Concluded in Dushanbe

DUSHANBE - A ten-day Border Management Awareness (BMA) course for 24 border officers from Afghanistan and Tajikistan concluded at the OSCE Border Management Staff College (BMSC) in Dushanbe on Thursday.

According to the OSCE office in Tajikistan, the course was co-organized with the EU-funded, UNDP-implemented Border Management Northern Afghanistan (BOMNAF) project.

The BMA course is a comprehensive education program that among other topics focuses on customs and trade facilitation, human rights in border security targeting migration and refugees, gender equality, examination of persons and personal belongings, and concealments within the cargo.

"Border challenges have a global impact that can only be effectively addressed through enhancing international partnerships, which in turn, are established through the delivery of such courses," said Dita Nowicka, BMSC Director. "This initiative is of utmost importance as it continues to earn praise from the participants and experts involved."

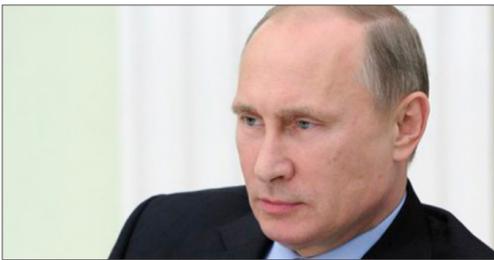
William Lawrence, EU-BOMNAF Project Manager stated that such courses encourage cross-border co-operation and communication that are now more important than ever. "Students are able to improve their professional awareness, but just as importantly they can share their own... (More on P4)...(11)

Putin talks of 'Next Phase' in Syria Military Operation

MOSCOW - Moscow's military campaign in Syria to date has not achieved enough and a next phase is needed, Russian news agencies quoted President Vladimir Putin as saying on Friday.

"Our objectives are being fulfilled, and fulfilled well," the RIA Novosti news agency quoted Putin as saying during a video conference with military officials.

"But for now that is not enough to cleanse Syria of rebels and terrorists and to pro-



tect Russians from possible terrorist attacks," he said. "We face a lot of work and I hope that the next phases

will be conducted at the same high level, as professionally, and will produce the result we expect." (Reuters)

Thousands Flee Homes over Daesh Activities in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - A estimated 24,000 families from Achin, Nazian and Debhala districts have fled their homes to escape Daesh brutality.

A Nangarhar displaced persons organization said that help for at least 18,000 is needed urgently.

As Afghan forces continue their military campaign against Daesh in Nangarhar, displaced residents have however slammed government for not doing enough to help safeguard them.

According to some displaced families, no aid agency or government, has reached out to help them adding that militant group has also been actively involved in the deliberate killings of civilians in Nangarhar. They said that the military operation launched by Afghan troops recently has not helped. Meanwhile, the Nangarhar



governor has confirmed that thousands of families have been displaced since Daesh militants extended their activities in the province. He also said sufficient aid has not been provided to these families.

"Battles also continue between Taliban and Daesh militants in our area," a displaced Achin district resident Gulistan said. "Daesh fighters killed my father. Daesh sat him on

a bomb and detonated the bomb," another Nangarhar resident said.

"Government should establish a camp for us and help us, over the past several months, we didn't receive any aid," residents said. "They [security officials] claim to have launched a military operation, but they do not advance forward from their check points," a resident of Shinwar district Ilyas... (More on P4)...(6)

ISIS in Afghanistan Indoctrinate Children as Young As 3-Year-Old



KABUL - The loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terror group in Afghanistan are training children as young as 3-year-old as they are looking to expand their foothold in the country.

The harrowing fact regarding the use of kids as new recruits in Afghanistan has been re-

vealed in a news documentary series which aired by PBS this week.

The "Frontline" Documentary has been prepared by Najibullah Quraishi, the journalist behind "ISIS in Afghanistan". He has returned with footage of militants training children as young as... (More on P4)...(8)

EU Ministers back France after Attacks, Tighten Controls

BRUSSELS - EU interior and justice ministers in Brussels on Friday pledged solidarity with France in the wake of the Paris attacks a week ago and agreed a series of new measures on surveillance, border checks and gun control.

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve asked for the crisis meeting after the attack in Paris last Friday in which Islamic State radicals with ties to Syria and a planning cell based in Belgium killed 129 people across the city. "We must be implacable in our determination, we must speed up our action, otherwise Europe will lose its way," he said after the 28 governments agreed to speed new legislation to share air passengers' data, curb firearms trafficking and ensure closer checks on EU citizens crossing Europe's external borders. "We need to act firmly, we need to act swiftly and with force," Cazeneuve said after the Luxembourg minister who chaired the meeting confirmed the formal approval of an agreement reached among officials earlier in the week. Those draft conclusions, seen by Reuters on Thursday, included agreement to "implement immediately the necessary systematic and coordinated checks at external borders, including on individuals enjoying the right of free movement". Citizens of the 26 Schengen countries have their documents visually checked by security forces when they leave or enter the area. The new proposal is likely to upgrade the controls so documents are systematically checked against criminal and security databases. (Reuters)

Afghanistan Reviews Gas Development Potential

KABUL - The Afghan government said it's closer to finalizing a deal with a consortium of energy companies that could pave the way for gas exploration and production.

A consortium of Turkish and Afghan energy companies reached a preliminary agreement with the Afghan Ministry of Mines and Petroleum to

review the potential for natural gas work in the northwestern provinces of Faryab and Jawzjan. "We have reached a favorable and equitable agreement that will create jobs and revenue for our country, while decreasing our need to import energy," Afghan Minister of Mines and Petroleum Daud S. Saba said... (More on P4)...(9)

German Minister Warns Paris Attacks 'Probably not the Last'

BERLIN - The jihadist attacks in Paris may be part of a wider series of strikes the Islamic State group plans in Europe, Germany's interior minister warned.

"From everything we know so far, Paris was the result of -- or part of -- a coordinated series of attacks by the so-called Islamic State," said Thomas de Maiziere at a police conference in the western city of Mainz.

"If this were confirmed, this would be first IS attack in Western Europe, but probably not the last", he said, adding



that last Friday's attacks revealed "well-trained perpetrators and lengthy, highly con... (More on P4)...(10)

MoF Deems Mohammadi's Letter Illegal

KABUL - The Ministry of Finance on Thursday said the memorandum sent to them by the president's suspended legal advisor Abdul Ali Mohammadi, instructing them to advise government offices to forge agreements with Khalili Frozi's Gas Group, was illegal and in contravention of the procurement act. MoF spokesman Ajmal Hamid said that Mohammadi did not have the executive authority to give such an order and even if he had this authority it would be illegal for him to take such a decision. They also said they had not sent out his suggested



advisory to government offices. Hamid said: "Advisors are not executive positions. We also did not take any moves in this regard. We follow the law, especially the procurement law." This comes after President Ashraf Ghani suspended Mohammadi on Tuesday night and directed the head of the high office of oversight and anti-corruption to investigate the Smart City Township contract that Mohammadi allegedly facilitated between

convicted Kabul Bank CEO and defaulter Frozi. Mohammadi vehemently rejected claims on Wednesday at a commission meeting that he had been involved in the recent signing of the... (More on P4)...(7)

Ex-Interior Minister Stresses on Holding Loya Jirga

KABUL - The former interior minister, Ali Ahmad Jalali denies the scheme of holding early presidential election and formation of an interim government. Ali Ahmad Jalali in an interview with Ariananews said that election or interim government is not the solution in the current situation. According to the former interior minister, the only way to get out of the current challenges is holding a Loya Jirga which has also listed in National Unity Government agreement. Jalali stresses that the way of government policy



should have a Fundamental change and all Afghans must equally have role in government.

He pointed to Pakistan's role in bringing stability in Afghanistan; citing China, America and other countries to pressurize Pakistan.

International affairs analysts have always emphasized that Pakistan's role in bringing stability in Afghanistan is essential but since the formation of National Unity Government, ties between the two countries went to dark (ATN)