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Refugee Crisis to Persist if Terrorism not Tackled: Iran

TEHRAN - Iran's envoy to the United Nations (UN) has described terror threats in the Middle East as the root cause of the ongoing refugee crisis in the world, saying the crisis will not be settled as long as countries fail to effectively root out terrorism and extremism.

Gholam-Ali Khoshroo, Iran's ambassador and permanent representative to the world body, made the remarks on Monday during a UN General Assembly meeting on "global awareness of the tragedies of



irregular migrants in the Mediterranean basin with specific emphasis on Syrian asylum seekers."

He said, "The issue of the displaced and refugees should be resolved fundamentally, since refugees are signs that a problem exists, they are not the problem itself." The Iranian diplomat added that the refugees in the Mediterranean region are fleeing violence in their home countries. Most of that violence, he said, is caused by terrorist groups and extremists. (PressTV)

3 Civil Activists Appoint in Selection Committee

KABUL - The selection body of election commission on Tuesday appointed Zarqa Yaftely as women representative, Naem Ayoub Zada as representative of electoral institutions and Fahim Dashti as representative of Media outlets. Seven members of the Selecting Committee have been completed and the committee is scheduled to start work in the upcoming days.

According to the government, what caused to delay the work of this committee was the delay in introducing of civil society representatives.

"The seven members of this committee have been specified and the civil society introduced its representatives," ... (More on P4)... (10)

Stanekzai to Stay Head of Taliban's Political Office in Qatar

KABUL - According to Pakistani Media, Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mansoor appointed Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanekzai as the head of Taliban's political office in Qatar and Abdul Salam Hanafi has been appointed as deputy to Stanekzai.

Stanekzai was deputy to Sayed Tayyeb Agha but after Agha's resignation over the appointment of Mullah Akhtar Mansoor as the Supreme Leader of Taliban he was appointed as the acting chief to the political office. Some other key members of Taliban also opposed the election but Stanekzai was one of those who pledged allegiance to Mullah Akhtar Mansoor. "We assure our full support ... (More on P4)... (12)

Pakistan Vowed to Not Create Trade Problems for Afghanistan

KABUL - Ministry of Finance Ekil Hakimi on Tuesday said that the Pakistan has promised to not create any trade problems for Afghanistan anymore. Ekil Hakimi who has just returned from a trip to Pakistan noted that he had effective talks with Pakistani authorities.



"Talks over the regional connectivity routes are ongoing with Pakistani officials and we are trying to provide an effective agreement for Afghan traders," minister of finance said. Meanwhile, officials in Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) are

trying to consider good relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan are beneficial for the economy of both the countries. In November, Pakistan prom-

ised faster clearance of Afghan cargo, greater access for Afghan traders to Pakistan's railway system and to set up 'parallel track' Afghan customs at Karachi. (ATN)

Militia Groups will not be Allowed: Security Officials

JALALABAD - As reports emerge about alleged calls to build militia groups against Daesh insurgents in eastern Nangarhar province, senior security officials on Tuesday declared that no illegal armed groups will be allowed to operate in any part of Afghanistan.

Addressing a press conference in Kabul, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) chief Rahmatullah Nabil, Interior Minister Noorulhaq Olomi and the Chief of Army Staff Gen. Qadam Shah Shaheem said Afghanistan has already suffered devastating results by militia groups. They declared that Afghanistan will not go back to the 1990s - the years of civil war in Afghanistan. "The defense sector should be regular and must be led by [legitimate] security force members," Nabil noted. In turn, the army chief warned irresponsible armed



groups could drive Afghanistan towards further insecurity. "We will not allow any force outside the National Police, the National Army and the NDS to defend the country," Gen Shaheem emphasized. "We will not allow anyone to force us back the past." These statements came after Nangarhar MP Abdul Zahir Qadir, who is also the first deputy speaker of the Wolesi Jirga, accused the National Security Council (NSC)

on Monday of supporting Daesh which he said will lead the country towards further instability. "What can we do? People within government and in the National Security Council support Daesh. If we do not stop Daesh today, tomorrow it will be a massive problem," said Qadir. Referring to his allegations, the interior minister said: "If he [Qadir] has evidence, he must present that so that they ... (More on P4)... (11)

US Report Afghan, Pakistan Elements a Major Source of Terrorist Funding



WASHINGTON - U.S Treasury Department in a report on Tuesday said that Unidentified elements in Pakistan and Afghanistan are major sources of terrorist bankrolling. "There is evidence that recently some funding via donations has been diverted from Afghanistan and Pakistan to terrorist groups

operating in Syria," claims a similar report by the British government. Terrorist financing was the focus of discussions at a White House meeting last week between U.S security officials and Pakistani defence team headed by Army Chief Gen Raheel Sharif. The report - "Terrorist Financing ... (More on P4)... (13)

Security Agencies Working on Next Summer's War Moves

KABUL - Security agencies said on Tuesday they are working on a strategic plan regarding military operations for next year's summer fighting season. According to them, they will focus on training and equipping troops during winter but will also be ready to fight if needed. Security officials say troops have had significant achievements in the past few months especially in their fight against Daesh.

Rahmatullah Nabil, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) chief, said: "Not even 10 members of Daesh in the country have direct contact with leaders in Syria and Iraq. As you all know, most of them are fighting in Nangarhar, 70 percent of whom are from Orakzai Agency (an area) in Pakistan."

Since summer is deemed fighting season in Afghanistan, the security forces are now busy working on strategies to tackle next year's insurgency. Interior Minister Noorulhaq Ulomi said: "We are fully prepared and our forces, either police or military, are ready for next year's fighting season." Army chief of staff Qadam Shah Shaheem said: "Our clearance operations are underway across the country. Successful operations are underway in Helmand and forces have had very good achievements there." Currently there is fighting in nine provinces in the country. There is however additional fighting going on in some parts of other provinces. (Tolonews)

Most of Afghans Affected Mental Diseases During Past Wars: MoPH



KABUL - Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) on Tuesday launched a research in several districts of Badakhshan that indicates the main cause of mental diseases is social instability. According to the new research by ministry of Public Health, depression and anxiety which are serious mental illnesses exist among the citizens in a high degree. The new findings show that 72 percent of affected people to depression are women and 60 percent of affected people to anxiety are men in Afghanistan. "Most of Afghan people suffer mental disease and that maximum of them are women," said Atuallah Sayed Zai, head of assessment and information of Health ministry. The new research by MoPH in cooperation with Agha

Khan Foundation (AKF) reveals some results which are as follows: Around 94 % of people under studying in districts agreed that mental illnesses is curable. 88 % of respondents have found that the use of drugs and alcohol are the most common cause of depression. 68 % of people rejected that the main cause of mental diseases is superstition. 60 % of people consider the rights of mental patients are equal to the ordinary citizens while this group was 48 % under control. In the meantime, officials in ministry of Public Health are said to consider that more than 50 percent of people suffer only one problem but also consider that 20 percent of Afghan people are affected with mental diseases. (ATN)

6 Children Participate in NCAIC

KABUL - To further promote people to people contact between India and Afghanistan, Indian Embassy in Kabul facilitated the participation of a 6 member Children's Delegation from Habibia School, Kabul in the National Children Assembly & Integration Camp-2015 (NCAIC-2015) organized by National Bal Bhavan in New Delhi, India from 14-20 November, 2015. National Bal Bhavan is an institution which aims at enhancing the creative potential of children by providing them various activities, opportunities and common platform to interact, experi-

ment, create and perform according to their age, aptitude and ability. It offers a barrier-free environment with immense possibilities of innovation, minus any stress or strain. Every year, to commemorate the occasion of National Children's day which falls on the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India as a day of fun and frolic, a celebration of childhood, children and Nehruji's love for them, National Bal Bhavan organize a National Children Assembly and Integration Camp. This year, the theme of the ... (More on P4)... (14)

Armenia will Participate in NATO Mission in Afghanistan until the End



YEREVAN. - Despite the security challenges along its borders, Armenia is determined to continue with the same volume its engagement in the NATO-led "Decisive Support" mission in Afghanistan, until the mission is completed. Minister of Defense Seyran Ohanyan on Monday noted the aforementioned at the ongoing Berlin meeting of the defense ministers of the countries that are engaged in the Northern Command of the

above-said mission. The Ministry of Defense of Armenia informed Armenian News-NEWS.am that Ohanyan, speaking at the event, expressed the hope that thanks to active support of the international coalition, new accomplishments would soon be achieved toward lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan. In Berlin, the Armenian defense minister also met with chairman of the Defence Committee of the German Bundestag, ... (More on P4)... (15)

Afghan Students in Peshawar Demand Reopening of University

PESHAWAR - Afghan students have asked Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government for the reopening of a medical university in Peshawar. The closure of the private university was a threat to their future, the students told a news conference in the provincial capital. Higher Education Regulatory Authority (HERA) and district administration officials had sealed the Imam Ghazali Medical University, they said. Pak-Afghan Stu-

dents Federation President Naik Muhammad said students had already paid high admission and tuition fees over the past five years. He added: "We have asked the Afghan Consulate in Peshawar several times for registration of the university but nothing was done." As a result, the district administration conducted a raid two days ago and sealed the university, endangering the future of many students. (Pajhwok)