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Pakistan Trying to Hide Its Global Isolation: Waziri

The Ministry of Defense (MoD) on Sunday rejected Pakistan foreign minister's remarks regarding the Afghan security forces, saying "the entire world has recognized Pakistan a state sponsoring terrorism."

KABUL - Pakistan Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif during his ongoing trip to Washington had alleged that the Afghan security forces were unable to take security responsibility of their country. He had said around 40 percent of the Afghanistan territory was under Taliban control and also alleged that widespread corruption in the security sector of Afghanistan hampered the abilities of Afghan forces.

MoD spokesman Maj. Gen. Daulat Waziri told Pajhwok Afghan News that the international community recognized Pakistan as state supporting terrorism and had changed relations with Islamabad.

He alleged Pakistan played a key role in training, equipping and supporting terrorists who carried out attacks in neighboring countries.

Waziri said the Pakistani foreign minister accused Afghanistan in order to hide his government's "double standards" and "regional and "global isolation." (Pajhwok)



Free Modern Education Centre Opens in Kunar

ASADABAD - A modern educational institute was inaugurated on Sunday by an NGO to enroll hundreds of poor students for free education in eastern Kunar province.

The educational centre named "Kunar Opportunity" has been built by the "Afghan Debt Foundation" to teach computer and English languages and other subjects to students from poor families in Jalalabad, the provincial capital.

The Afghan Debt was founded by Shaukat Zaman, grandson of Ghazi Mir Zaman Khan, who is currently living in Europe.

Afghan Debt leader Hikmatullah told Pajhwok Afghan News the youth who wanted to get education but were unable to do so because of poverty, they would be provided free of cost modern education.

He said about 800 male and female youth would be educated every year in the centre. The students would learn computer, English language, ... (More on P4)...(6)

Afghan 'Mr. Muscles' Becomes World Champion



KABUL - Afghan bodybuilder Ahmad Yasin Salik Qaderi on Sunday won a gold medal in the 9th World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships (WBPF) in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia.

Afghanistan National Olympic Committee spokesman Monawa Shah Shezad said over 400 athletes from 40 countries took part in this year's week long Ulaanbaatar contests, where Qaderi had won two championships. Shezad said the Afghan National Bodybuilding team member Qaderi also known as 'Mr. Muscles of Afghanistan' won the gold medal in the 90kg bodyweight category and also got the title of the "champion of all champions" in contest among all champions. Qaderi has recently won the 90kg weight category contest in the 51th Asian Bodybuilding and Fitness Championships in South Korea. (Pajhwok)

MRRD Executes 41,000 Projects in 3 Years

KABUL - The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) on Sunday announced executing nearly 41,000 projects at a cost of \$916 million over the past three years across the country.

Akbar Rostami, MRRD spokesman, told a press conference in Kabul that about 40,967 development projects in total were implemented during the period. He said the schemes were related to transportation, irrigation, electricity, education, health, rural development, capacity building and employment for peace, water supply and sanitation.

The total cost on the projects was more than \$916 million and the projects benefitted more than 11 million and 300 people in 18,600 villages in 381 districts of the 34 provinces.

Rostami said among the projects implemented, nearly 8,000 projects were road schemes.

About 60 percent of rural people have access to roads and the remaining 40 percent lacked access to the facility, said the official, who claimed efforts were ongoing to reduce the problem over the next four years.

He complained militants were preventing projects from being



implemented, which showed their enmity with people's welfare. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Reacts in Panic as Black Hawk Helicopters Handed Over to AAF

KABUL - The Taliban group reacted in panic regarding the handover of the first batch of the modern UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters to the Afghan Air Force (AAF).

The Taliban group spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid in a statement said "US commander & Ashraf Ghani must remember that our fight is not based on technology but is an ideologically motivated fight."

Mujahid further added "When

Soviet and Communist government fell, they left 100's of aircraft in airbases. US also tested 100's of various aircraft here 16 years ago."

He went on to claim "Learn from history; your aircraft will strengthen us and shall work for our interests and goals just like your Humvee and Ford Ranger trucks."

The first batch of the Black Hawks were handed over to the Afghan ... (More on P4)...(7)

Gen. Raziq Confirms Taliban Chief's Visit to Helmand

KABUL - The provincial police chief of southern Kandahar province Gen. Abdul Raziq confirmed the Taliban supreme leader Mullah Hebatullah Akhundzada visited southern Helmand province nearly ten days ago.

Gen. Raziq said a number of the members of the Quetta Council of the Taliban as well as some operatives of the Pakistani intelligence were also accompanying Mullah Hebatullah during his visit.

He said the Taliban chief arrived to Musa Qala district where he summoned a meeting of his local commanders and leaders to discuss the ongoing situation.

According to Gen. Raziq, the Taliban commanders and leaders were summoned from the southern and western provinces



of the country for the talks. The Kandahar police chief believes the main topic discussed during the meeting included the growing pressure, including increased airstrikes that have badly interrupted the operations of the group. This comes as a source in South of Afghanistan ... (More on P4)...(9)

Freed Taliban Governor Fuelling Insecurity in Bamyan

BAMYAN CITY - The administrative chief for the Shaibar district of central Bamyan province claims Taliban's shadow governor freed from Pul-i-Charkhi prison is behind insecurity in the area.

Shaibar district chief Mohammad Azeem Farid, in an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, said Maulvi Burhanuddin had been detained in 2009. But he was released from prison after five years.

Burhanuddin was captured on the battlefield with documents that proved his identity as Taliban governor for Bamyan. "We have submitted all documents to the attorney office," he said.

The militant leader stormed security check-posts in the district at least three times in a week, fuelling insecurity in Shaibar, the official alleged.

At least two policemen were killed and as many injured in last week's attack. However, no casualties were inflicted on security personnel in this week's attack.

Security forces in Shaibar were not fully equipped and hence their inability to stabilise the district, Farid said. "The judiciary should answer the question why the top Taliban ... (More on P4)...(11)

Nangarhar Governor, Alokozay Company Trade Blames

JALALABAD - The owner of the company that built the second Behsud bridge in eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday said he was arrested as part of a conspiracy hatched by the provincial governor, requesting for his dignity to be restored.

However, the governor accused the company of corruption during implementation of the bridge

project in Behsud district.

Noor Mohammad Alokozay, head of Alingar Alokozay Company, was arrested on the governor's order after the second bridge in Behsud district partially damaged before its inauguration. Photos of the damaged portion of the bridge went viral on social media, prompting the governor to take action. ... (More on P4)...(8)

Increasing Civilian Casualties Worries AIHRC

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Qadrya Yazdanparast, AIHRC commissioner, expressed these views during a meeting with families of war victims in Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province, on Sunday.

"According to a recent report, the number of civilian casualties in the ongoing conflict has surprisingly risen," she said, expressing her concern over the economic situation of some families affected by the war was.

Mohammad Reza, a resident of Balkh province, said his brother was killed in a mine explosion, leaving behind three children and their mother.

He said he approached the Martyrs and Disabled Department



for help but his efforts yielded no result.

His brother breathed his last at a private hospital thus he was denied the government compensation he was not unregistered in the civil hospital there.

According to AIHRC, Taliban, unarmed militias and Daesh are mainly responsible for the growing civilian casualties as these groups pay no attention to common people during their operations. (Pajhwok)

Tribal Elders Call for Development Projects in Sayed Abad

KABUL - Tribal elders from Sayed Abad district in Wardak province held a meeting with security officials on Sunday and said although their district has been one of the most insecure districts in recent years, government has failed to implement any major development project in their area.

Residents meanwhile said some improvements have been made in terms of security but they also claimed no real development activity had been undertaken by government. The total population of the district numbers 20,000, of which 4,600 live in the district center. ... (More on P4)...(10)