Quote of the Day

We can draw lessons from the past, but we cannot live in it. Lyndon B. Johnson





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Twin Blasts Kill 86 People in Turkey

ANKARA - The death toll from twin blasts in the Turkish capital Ankara on Saturday rose to 86, while 186 others were injured, the Turkish Health Ministry

The explosions hit a train station where several unions, civil society organizations and pro-Kurdish People's Democracy Party were due to hold a rally, private Dogan news agency reported.

The rally aimed at protesting conflict between the state and Kurdish militants in southeast Turkey.

There were no claims of responsibility for the attack.

Witnesses said the first blast took place in front of a train sta-



tion and the second occurred across the station.

Turkish President Recep Tayip Erdogan condemned the attack, which he said targeted the unity of the country.

Turkey is set to hold snap elections on Nov. 1 amid increased tension and polarization among major political parties that failed to form a coalition government in June elections.

Turkey resumed offensive against the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) in late July after two policemen were killed by the terrorist group, apparently in retaliation for a suicide bombing in the Suruc district ... (More on P4)...(1)

US, Russia to Hold **New Syria Air Safety** Talks: Pentagon



WASHINGTON - Russia and the United States are set to renew talks to avoid accidents in Syrian air space as the two countries conduct separate bombing campaigns, a US official said.

The Pentagon expressed alarm this week after Russia failed to quickly answer proposals made during initial talks, even as it launched cruise missiles from the Caspian Sea and repeatedly violated Turkish air space.

But on Friday, Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said Moscow had filed an appropriate response.

"The Department of Defense has received a formal response from the Russian ministry of defense regarding DoD's proposal to ensure safe air operations over Syria," Cook said.

"Department leaders are reviewing the Russian response and talks are likely to ... (More on P4)...(2)

Security Situation Still Catastrophic in Kunduz: MPs



KABUL - A number of MPs in the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) said at Saturday's session that the SECURITY situation in Kunduz is still "catastroph-

Abdul Rauf Ibrahimi, the Speaker of the House, called on government to review military operations in Kunduz and said the current operation "is not enough"

to eliminate the threat. Other MPs said that Taliban and Daesh insurgents are carrying out crimes in Afghanistan "under the name of Islam."

An MP, Mirdad Khan Nijrabi said that "Afghan commandos should seriously launch military operations in different parts of Kunduz city". Ibrahimi has appointed a ... (More on P4)...(4)

Air Strikes Should be Intensified over Kunduz: Danishi

KABUL - Acting Provincial Governor for Kunduz Hamdullah Danishi on Saturday has demanded more air strikes to be launched by International air forces on Kunduz to clear and demoralize terrorists out of Kunduz city.

The following local officials urged that after Taliban were bombed in Doctors without borders Hospital in Kunduz city they have lost their high profile moral of war in Kunduz and decreased their activities in Kunduz city since that

3000 militants had participation on Kunduz attack where 500 of them were killed and hundreds others were injured added Danishi.

Acting Provincial Governor Hamdullah Danishi during a special interview told to Ariana news that militants have failed to implement their strategy in Kunduz, this would remain as bitter memory for them. ...(More on P4)...(5)

U.S Congress Members Call for Troop Levels to be Maintained

WASHINGTON - Twenty three U.S Congress Members signed a letter and sent it to President Barack Obama this week urging him to reconsider his drawdown plans of troops in Afghanistan and instead maintain the current levels through 2016.

The congress members said in their letter that while they felt the U.S had achieved



considerable progress in Afghanistan, the country will once again become a safe haven for terrorism if the United States abandons their investment.

"Al Qaeda and its affiliates, the Taliban, the Haqqani Networks, as well as the rise of ISIS (Daesh) continue to present persistent and multifaceted ... (More on P4)...(3)

Abdullah Urges Massive Response to Aid Kunduz Residents

KABUL - Presiding over the first meeting of Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) on Friday, Abdullah Abdullah, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National

Unity Government (NUG) issued the area after insurgents seized instructions to relevant bodies to control of the strategic town last provide necessary aid to victims of the Kunduz war.

Statistics show roughly 12,000 families have been displaced in of Red ... (More on P4)...(6)

At the meeting it was also decided that the International Committee

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