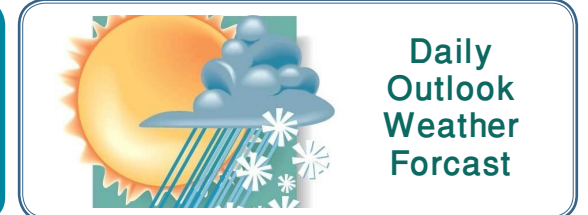


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Religious Scholars Term Taliban Acts Un-Islamic

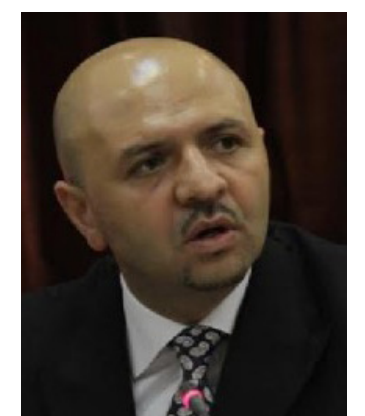
KABUL - At a gathering in Kabul, a number of religious scholars stated the Taliban's acts over the past few years are against the teachings of Islam. The religious scholars said the Taliban - who they say take orders from Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) - kill government forces, civilians and children. The clerics said these acts are not acceptable. Condemning the acts of the Taliban, the clerics called upon the people of Afghanistan to unite against insurgency. The religious scholars meanwhile praised the performance of Afghan security forces, and said they them-



selves support the Afghan troops wherever they are serving in the line of duty. Condemning Taliban's acts, Haqqani, a religious scholar, said: "Taliban, after taking orders from ISI, term the killing of civilians and even children as legal." "The Taliban militants receive weapons from this organization [Pakistan's ISI] and are trained and financed by this agency," he added. However, one of the primary calls by the clerics on Wednesday was to the nation - calling on them to unite against insurgents and plots by enemy and to stand by the government and security forces. (Tolonews)

Decades of War Damaged Land Management System

KABUL - The Minister of Urban Development Affairs and Housing said that the decades-long war in the country has damaged the land management system especially of the urban land. Sayed Sadat Mansoor Naderi who was talking at Afghanistan's first conference over land management in Kabul said that there are troubles in expropriation process which has resulted in a deadlock in front of the urban development and other infrastructure projects including roads and power. Naderi said that several provinces of the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing face difficulties because of the unplanned settlements



and the current expropriation law. He said more facilities need to be considered for unplanned settlements and private sector that plays a vital role in the reconstruction, and as well the period of the ... (More on P4)... (8)

Nowhere to Go for Orphan Girls after 18

KABUL - Officials from orphanages housing girls have raised concerns over the lack of housing for them once they turn 18. Head of Allauddin Kabul city orphanage said with Afghanistan being a traditional society, girls leaving the safety of orphanages may not live alone - which is a serious problem for officials. "When the girls graduate from orphanages, the girls don't have a place to live after 18. It would be really good if there could be housing provided for them," said Mawa, the head of Allauddin Kabul city orphanage. Meanwhile Shahla, a young girl who has been living in the Allauddin orphanage for 11 years says she can stay for only one more year before she has to leave. "Once I finish school and leave the orphanage I don't have any place to live. I just ask that someone can provide me with a place to live once I graduate from the orphanage," said Shahla. Officials said that all orphanages across the country face similar problems, but that those in the provinces were below standard. In addition, the head of Afghanistan ... (More on P4)... (10)

UN Urges EU to Speed Registration, Relocation of Refugees



GENEVA - The European Union must quickly establish adequate centers to receive and register asylum seekers in Greece and Italy and then distribute them across the bloc before winter sets in, the United Nations said on Friday. More than 591,000 people have crossed the Mediterranean by sea this year, including 450,000 to Greece, and this week 85 boats have been arriving daily on the island of Lesbos, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said. "We don't know the full reasons for this surge in arrivals: it could be the result of a temporary improvement in the weather, a rush to beat the

'Time Has Gone when Taliban was Imposed on Afghan People'



ISLAMABAD - A prominent Pakistani politician Asfandiyar Wali Khan has said time has gone has gone when Taliban was imposed on Afghan people, insisting that peace in Afghanistan was inevitable for peace and prosperity in Pakistan. The President of Pakistan's Awami National Party criticized the failure to maintain a spirit created by President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani following his visit to Pakistan, saying Kabul and Islamabad were on the path of reconciliation. Addressing the Awami National Party provincial executive council on Wednesday, Asfandiyar said "It seems that some quarters have re-adopted their previous policies regarding Afghanistan," according to the local media reports. Insisting on elimination of

Rahmon Calls on CIS Leaders to Step up Fight Against Int'l Terrorism

BURABAY - Tajikistan President Emomali Rahmon expressed concern about the situation in the region and on the Tajikistan-Afghanistan border and called on the CIS leaders to step up efforts to eradicate international terrorism. He made the statement at the session of the CIS Heads of State Council in Kazakhstan on 16 October. "Taking into account the unstable situation in the world, aggravating regional conflicts in the world, we have an opportunity to discuss these problems and find solu-

tions, including regarding the fight against the Islamic State and other international terrorist organizations, in the Commonwealth," Emomali Rahmon stressed. The Tajikistan head of state also pointed out the importance of closer cooperation of the CIS member states in crime prevention, protection of borders, mitigation of emergencies and other issues. The Tajikistan leader expressed concern about the strengthening of extremist groups in Tajikistan, involvement of part of young people

US, Turkey Agree to Step up Cooperation in Fight Against IS

ANKARA - Turkey and the United States agreed to step up their campaign in fight against the Islamic State (IS), Daily News in Turkey reported on Friday. In the wake of Saturday's twin blasts in Ankara that killed 99 people, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his U.S. counterpart Barack Obama discussed on the phone ways to strengthen cooperation in fight against the IS and what could be done regarding Russia's military activities in Syria, according to the



report. The Russian air force began its air campaign in Syria on Sept. 30 following a request of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The Kremlin said the air raids have significantly diminished the combat capabilities of the IS.

Both presidents agreed on the necessity to immediately halt the attacks staged by the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) in Turkey, especially in southeastern and eastern Turkey, said ... (More on P4)... (11)

NATO Welcomes Obama's Decision

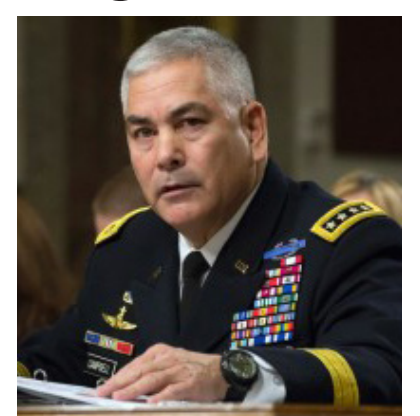


KABUL - NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg on Thursday welcomed U.S. President Barack Obama's decision on delaying the troop drawn down in Afghanistan. In a statement, Stoltenberg said: "I welcome President Obama's announcement that the United States will maintain its current troop levels in Afghanistan through 2016 and will retain a substantial presence beyond 2016." "This important decision paves the way for a sustained presence by NATO Allies and partners in Afghanistan. It demonstrates the continued commitment by NATO Allies and our partners towards Afghanistan. In the coming weeks, the Alliance will take key decisions about the future scope of the Resolute Support Mission. The significant US contribution will be an important factor as we consider the way ahead," he said. "The Afghan security forces continue to carry out their security responsibilities across the country, in a very challenging ... (More on P4)... (14)

Gen. Campbell Welcomes Obama's Decision to Keep More Troops in Afghanistan

KABUL - The commander of the US forces in Afghanistan Gen. John F. Campbell welcomed President Barack Obama's decision to keep more troops in Afghanistan through and beyond 2016.

"We welcome President Obama's decision today, which provides us the ability to further develop a lasting strategic relationship with our Afghan partners and allows us to counter the rise of violent extremism in a volatile part of the world," Gen. Campbell said. Calling on insurgents to renounce and joint political process, Gen. Campbell said "This decision also serves notice to our common enemies: their war against the legitimate Afghan Government, the Afghan people, the international community, and our shared values, remains futile. It is time for them to lay down their arms and enter the political process." Gen. Campbell further added "Our continued efforts to stabilize Afghanistan will benefit the entire



region, and in turn, offer greater security for the U.S. homeland and Americans abroad and at home." He said "We remain committed to assisting our Afghan partners in achieving sustainable security and stability as we work to solidify the gains made by our coalition over the last 14 years." Nearly 10,000 US troops will remain in Afghanistan through most of the next year with 5,500 to remain in the country beyond 2016, according ... (More on P4)... (15)