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UNICEF Concerned About 'Child Soldiers' in Afghanistan

KABUL - The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has voiced concerns about the use of child soldiers by insurgent groups in Afghanistan. The UN office has called on all parties to the conflict to avoid using children in their battles. These statements came after TOLOnews received footage showing alleged child soldiers arrested by security forces in north-eastern Badakhshan recently. "Involving children in the conflict, no matter by any group, is cause for concern," UNICEF press officer Sayed Maroof Hamdard said. The acting governor of Badakhshan,



Shah Waliullah Adeb, confirmed that child soldiers are being used by Taliban in the province. "Unfortunately, Taliban use children as their soldiers and bring them to fight," Adeb said. The Ministry of Interior Affairs (MoI) meanwhile admitted to the existence of child soldiers, saying Taliban bring these children from Madrasahs to the battle field. "Taliban are recruiting children in Kunar, Nangarhar and Kunduz provinces," MoI spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said, adding that these children are being deceived by the Taliban in Madrasahs. The use ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

Number of Refugee, Migrant Arrivals to Greece Hits Half Million: UNHCR



GENEVA - The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) on Tuesday said the number of refugee and migrant arrivals to Greece hit half a million, warning of continued chaos unless migrant reception in Greece is strengthened and relocation is expedited. "In Greece, the number of sea arrivals this year has now passed the half-million mark with the arrival yesterday on the ...*(More on P4)...*(9)

Dunford Plays down Chances of Russia Joining Air Campaign in Iraq



ERBIL - U.S. Marine General Joseph Dunford played down the chances of Russia joining the U.S.-led air campaign against Islamic State in Iraq in the near future as he made his first trip to Iraq as top U.S. military official. Russia's military intervention in Syria and its participation in a new Baghdad-based

intelligence-sharing cell with Iran, Syria and Iraq has raised concerns in Washington that its Cold War rival is gaining influence in the Middle East. Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said on Oct. 1, the same day Dunford took over as chairman of the Joint Chiefs ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

Ghormach Police Chief Captured by Taliban

MAIMANA - The Police Chief of Ghormach district of northern Faryab province and 18 of his officers have been captured by the Taliban, local officials said Tuesday. Abdul Baqi Hashemi, head of the local provincial council said the incident happened late Monday and that so far more than 20 Afghan security force members have been killed in Ghormach clashes.



However, local security officials have not yet commented. Meanwhile, Naqibullah Faye, MP from Faryab has also confirmed that the police chief ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

Missing Ghormach Police Chief Sparks Senators' Anger

KABUL - A number of Afghan senators accused National Unity Government (NUG)

leaders of inability and negligence, citing the Ghormach Police Commander will be shot dead by Taliban. The Afghan legislators noted that ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

Pakistan Welcomes Afghan Traders and Businesses

KABUL - The Embassy of Pakistan on Monday in response to the media reports that, Pakistan has blocked the entry of Afghan trucks into its territory, said that the process of issuance of Road Passes to

the Afghan traders has, temporarily, been discontinued because of unavailability of officials of the commercial section whose visa request is pending till date with the Afghan ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

Trump Still Leads CNN Poll, Reverses View of Afghan War



WASHINGTON - Another poll shows Donald Trump and Ben Carson well ahead of the Republican presidential field, while Trump reversed his earlier criticism of the war

in Afghanistan during an interview on Tuesday. Trump maintains the top spot in the CNN/ORC survey at 27%, followed by Carson at ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

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