

(1) Mass Youth...

ties for the Afghan youth. The organisation also warned the government of demonstrations if no step was taken. Kamal Sadaat, information and culture deputy minister, said: "Some people are just enthusiastic to migrate out of the country." He said people's cooperation with the government was needed to tackle the issue. (Pajhwok)

(2) Security Situation ...

districts had fallen to insurgents and others in danger of falling. He said people in border districts lacked access to education, health and other facilities. Even a kilometer away from district centres, some areas were controlled by insurgents, posing a big threat to the government, he said. "If the central government doesn't bring fundamental changes to the situation of the three southern provinces, the security situation would go out of control," he warned. Lalai said 13 provincial departments in Uruzgan were headed by acting directors and the appointment of people from other areas had created disputes among local residents. He said the government was paying no attention to Uruzgan and security forces in the southern provinces lacked government support.

Regarding the security in Zabul, he said, minor changes had come to the situation there, but six districts were under threat from the Taliban. He said local people complained him that irresponsible powerful men interfered in the affairs of government institutions and appointments were being made on the basis of relations and nepotism.

The MP called the security situation in Helmand as "very serious" saying six northern districts had already been captured by militants and some others town were on the verge of being captured. The lack of coordination among officials and security forces and problems like drugs, rivalries and others problems had disrupted the security of the province, he continued.

Instead of paying attention to the security of Helmand, he said, local officials were trying to make friendship drug smugglers to earn money, he said. "Both militants and security officials want to be supported by drugs smugglers," he said.

Real influential figures were granted no chance to influence militants and they could not contact officials, he said, adding he would share the problems with the Wolesi Jirga administrative board and the committee of panel heads. (Pajhwok)

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we are working with a lot of other countries including Afghanistan to find ways of being able to reduce the appeal that ISIL (Daesh) sadly has the young people, but also to tackle it on the ground, we have troops in the Middle East helping the Iraqis and others take Daesh on," she said. (Tolonews)

(5) UN Envoy ...

engagement or of domestic stabilization, Haysom said the current refugee exodus reflects the despondency of many Afghans.

"A clear signal of continued international support will mitigate the uncertainty fueling this exodus," said the envoy, who is also head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

In speaking of the country's security situation, Haysom said the conflict continues to take a toll on Afghan civilians, noting that, in the first eight months of 2015, UNAMA documented the highest level of civilian casualties since it began records. Anti-Government Elements, he said, are continuing to cause the majority of civilian deaths and injuries, and casualties caused by Afghan security forces are continuing to rise. (Tolonews)

(6) Islamabad ...

the people of Pakistan and the region," the official remarked, hoping the talks would resume with the resolution of Taliban's succession rift. He ruled out a presence of the Islamic State in Pakistan. "However, there are reports of a Daesh presence in Afghanistan, but I will not comment on that. Our policy on countering terrorism is very clear..." (Pajhwok)

(7) Govt. Fails ...

Ashraf Ghani on May 26 last year, asking all ministers and heads of independent government institutions to present their programmes and plants to the people.

However, Behroz said some ministries and independent departments had included the anti-corruption effort in their work plans, which were either incomplete, unachievable or non-implementable.

"Out of 25 ministries and independent departments, only 18 ministries and four departments have presented their 100-day plans while the rest of ministries have refused doing so," he said.

"The unity government should act in accordance with the promises it made in the London Conference about anti-corruption struggle," he said.

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(8) Tehran Backs...

to the Security Council session on Situation in Afghanistan on Thursday.

He said the formation of the national unity government in Afghanistan, and assuming full leadership is a major step towards establishing peace and prosperity in the country.

"Iran continues to fully support the national unity government and is confident that this government is well positioned and enjoys necessary capacities to face the political, economic and security challenge," he added.

The latest Secretary General's report on Afghanistan, Khoshroo added, indicates that although the overall numbers of attacks show a very slight decrease compared to 2014, the sustained conflict grew in both intensity and geographic scope.

"The spike in terrorist attacks in Kabul, following the confirmation of the death of Taliban leader Mullah Omar was visible. The deterioration of security, especially in the north and west Afghanistan is a matter of concern."

He condemned all violent attacks committed by Taliban and other terrorist groups as well as any cooperation with them.

On bilateral cooperation he observed, "We see the expansion of our political and economic ties with neighboring Afghanistan as a priority, Iran stands ready to increase its bilateral cooperation, particularly on security matters, counter-narcotics efforts, developing projects and economic cooperation in the fields of infrastructures and agriculture as well as durable solution for Afghan refugees"

Last Wednesday, Iran's Ambassador to Kabul Mohammad-Reza Bahrami and Afghan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani discussed rewriting border signs and documents in Kabul.

The Afghan government plans to increase the number of its customs offices alongside borders with Iran to make more income and to fight drug trafficking from Afghanistan to narcotics kingpins in Europe through Iran.

The two sides, meantime, exchanged views on upcoming sessions of Iran-Afghanistan joint consular and border affairs commission.

Iran and Afghanistan plan to set up joint committees to follow up security, border and law enforcement issues between the two countries.

The announcement was made in a meeting of senior security officials presided by Iranian Deputy Interior Minister Brigadier General Hossein Zolfagari in Tehran in August.

The joint Iran-Afghanistan committees will follow up security and border problems of the two countries' nationals.

Iran is one of the most important donors to Afghanistan, which has kept its promises to help to the reconstruction of the war-ravaged country.

Iran has built several roads, power transmission lines, border stations and many other infrastructure projects to better link the two nations.

Iran has also contributed more than \$50mln annually to Afghan anti-narcotics efforts during the last five years.

Tehran has repeatedly called for a withdrawal of the US-led foreign troops from Afghanistan, stressing that establishment of peace and security in the war-ravaged country is possible only through cooperation among the regional states. (FNA)

Forces, Quick Reaction Forces and security personnel from the other departments.

Faizabad district in northern Jawzjan province was the starting point of the coordinated operations where various villages were cleared of the militants with the local officials saying the areas were mainly used to plan and coordinate attacks in Balkh province.

The operations were also launched in Chental district of northern Balkh province and certain parts of Sar-e-Pul province.

The operations led by Noor were launched almost two weeks after the First Vice President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum concluded a month long operation in northern Faryab province.

Speaking during a ceremony to mark the first day of Eid al-Fitr in Mazar-e-Sharif city two months ago, Noor informed regarding the launch of joint operations after reaching to an agreement with First Vice President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum and First Deputy CEO Haji Mohammad Mohaqiq.

The operations are launched amid deteriorating security situation in northern provinces of the country.

Gen. Dostum joined the Afghan security forces in the frontline in northern Faryab province earlier in the month of August.

He survived at least two assassination plots by the anti-government armed militant groups while he was leading counter-terrorism operations in Faryab.

The convoy of the First Vice President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum was ambushed by the Taliban in militants in Qaisar district of northern Faryab province late last month.

Another plot to assassinate Gen. Dostum was thwarted by the security forces and special security guards of the Vice President six days after the first attack.

At least three suicide bombers were arrested from the vicinity of Gen. Dostum's residence in Qaisar district shortly before they manage to launch a coordinated attack. (KP)

meanwhile urged the government to increase the role of women in peace talks.

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General and United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) head Nicholas Haysom told the 15-member body that "Afghanistan's path to stability and self-reliance could not be taken for granted.

The refugee exodus reflected the despondency of many Afghans, Haysom said, emphasising the need for a clear signal of international support to mitigate it.

Tani said the stability of Afghanistan was essential for the security of the wider region. Integrating Afghanistan as an economic hub focused on transit, transportation and trade was imperative to achieve economic self-sufficiency and shared prosperity, the ambassador concluded. (Pajhwok)

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honey produced in our own province is pure and the honey imported from other countries is mixed with sugar," Mohammad Wali, who purchased four kilos of honey from a shopkeeper, said.

Beekeepers say they are happy with their profession. Abdul Ghafoor, who purchased a beehive last year to produce honey for own consumption, said now the hives had increased to three.

"Keeping bees in winter is not a simple work. If the government trains beekeepers, it will help promote the beekeeping culture," he said.

Another resident of Puzaleh area on the outskirts of Ferozkoh, Abdul Ghafar, 47, started beekeeping three years ago.

Though happy with his job, he said they also faced some challenges like unfamiliarity with diseases in honeybees and not having a standard beekeeping system, leading to deaths among bees in winter. He asked the government to support farmers to properly run their profession.

The agriculture director said in addition to conducting training sessions for beekeepers, they would also distribute beehives farmers to improve the culture. (Pajhwok)

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