SIGAR Expresses Concern about ANSF Capability

WASHINGTON - Expressing concerns about the capability of the Afghan National security Forces (ANSF), the office of its personnel members, and its ability to conduct operations, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), John T. Sopko, on Wednesday said he is encour-
gaged by the current US military leadership’s approach to recon-
simulation and oversight in Af-
ghanistan.

"Optimistic assessments of Af-
ghan National Defense and Secu-
ritiy Forces (ANDSF) progress,
only tell part of the story and
downplay long-standing
problems such as high attrition, questionable capability reporting,
and untrained personnel corps," Sopko
said in his address to the Center for
Strategic and International Studies - a
top American - (More on Pg.41).

Italy Pledges Continued Support to Afghanistan

ANTALYA - Afghanistan and Italy signed an agreement to establish a joint commis-
sion during a meeting to be held in Kabu-
later this year, a statement said Friday. Ital-
ian Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni and Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Salah-
din Azadi signed an agreement to recently Nato meeting held in Antalya, Turkey.

Azadi appreciated Italian assistance support and assistance to Kabul during the last 14 years in different sectors. Bal-
also expressed his satisfaction with the discussions as a significant step in strengthening bilateral relations.

In a press conference, the Italian Foreign Minister, announced that the commission will be formed to support Afghan government and its efforts in the peace process.

Public Works Minister Identifies Priorities for First 100 Days

KARUL - Minister of Public Works Mahmod Bar-
lah has submitted his policy plans for his first
100 days in office, and promised that at least half of the minist"s existing projects will be completed within the timeline.

We cannot achieve the goals we have set unless the ministerial teams are among Bahadur’s top priorities, along with establishing a fund for the ministry to gather enough funding for the projects,

Badakshan Residents Blame Govt., MPs for Deteriorating Security

FAZABAD - Residents of northern Badakshan province, along with inde-
pendent political analysts and journal-
ists, on Thursday gathered in Kabul to discuss deteriorating security condi-
tions. Although the explanations of solutions to the growing violence and instability in the remote province var-
ed, all gathered at the event seemed to agree that some lawmakers in Parlia-
ment and other government officials were largely to blame for the situation.

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Pakistan President Mamnoon Hussain also condemned the attack.

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Work on Paktika Township Scheme for Teachers Launched

KUST CITY - construction work

on the project has been kicked-off in

Southern Kust City.

The project, which is expected to benefit over 3,000 teachers, started on Monday with the participation of the Kust City Teachers’ Community.

The first phase of the project will involve the construction of 800 houses, which will be allocated to the teachers. The remaining 2,000 houses will be built in subsequent phases.

In his speech, the chairman of the Kust City Teachers’ Community, Mr. Alpha Musa, urged the teachers to cooperate with the government and the construction company to ensure the smooth completion of the project.

In response, Mr. Ali Abubakar, the project manager, assured the teachers that every effort will be made to ensure the timely completion of the project.

The project is expected to be completed within 18 months. Once completed, it will significantly improve the living conditions of the teachers in Kust City.

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ANA Soldiers Dead in Helmand Fighting

LASHKARGAH - At least eight Afghan Army soldiers were killed

and four wounded in an attack on their

base last night in southern Helmand province, an official said.

The attack took place at the Dodge district of Lashkargah city, according to a police

spokesman.

He said that 17 Afghan soldiers were killed and 27 wounded in the attack, which started late last night.

The spokesman said that the Afghan soldiers were attacked by Taliban fighters, who used heavy artillery.

He added that the Taliban fighters had used six heavy mortars and three rockets to attack the soldiers.

The attack is the latest in a series of attacks on Afghan military bases and checkpoints in the southern province, which has been the scene of intense fighting between Afghan security forces and Taliban fighters.

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Rebels, Civilian Dead in Badghis Airstrike

QABUL - Four militants and a civilian killed and 14 others wounded

in an air strike in western Badghis province.

The attack was carried out by Afghan security forces after militants attacked a convoy of vehicles carrying local government officials.

The security forces retaliated with a air strike, killing four militants and a civilian, according to a police official.

The attack is the latest in a series of attacks on government officials and security forces in the western province.

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Civilian Among 7 Dead in Kunduz Violence

KUNDUZ - Seven people, including a civilian, were killed and 27 others wounded

in a suicide attack in Kunduz city.

The attack was carried out by a suicide bomber who detonated a car bomb at a local government office.

The attack is the latest in a series of attacks on government officials and security forces in the northern province.

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Youth Killed in Jalalabad Gunfire

JALALABAD - A young man was killed

in a gunfire incident in Jalalabad city.

The cause of the incident is not yet clear.

The attack is the latest in a series of attacks on civilians in the eastern province.

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A Mother in Quanzhiquan Finally Gets Her Son Back

MAZHAR-I-Sharif - After giving birth to a girl baby, an 18-year-old Afghan woman delivered a baby boy to her husband.

The woman was finally able to reunite with her son after a long separation.

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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 21-April 20)

You have a strong desire to make things seem

better and things are not as bad as they seem.

You might not be able to do that cooperation when it comes to on the defensive side. Although you attempt to use the art of persuasion, there’s no

more path to your agenda today. The first step is to ac-

knowledge your changing emotions without feeling like you stand out at any time.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)

You are likely to have a hard time in your love

life today. The tension between your love partner and

yourself seems to be increasing day by day. Fifty

percent chance that your love partner may start to see

you as a threat and react accordingly.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Someone is very much interested in your

friend, but first you must be selling him the

idea of introducing you to your friend. In no way that

the two parties should be separated and the

relationship should be like that. The only solution is to

trust your heart and try to accommodate your friend.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You can adopt a distinctive approach

because you’re busy distracting

about a perfect partner. You are trying to

put your defence in disguise. Unfortu-

nately, interactions with others

are likely to leave you in the depth of your

feelings. Nevertheless, don’t give up hope and

remember your love is a journey of relationships.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your power and influence are in a

favorable position, but be careful. You might

be too confident in your abilities and grey

haze over you is likely to be caused by your

friends.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Your self-confidence is likely to be

affected and you have to be careful.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

A long journey may occur to you in

yourself. You have to be cautious and

keep your self-esteem high. You

must be prepared to face unexpected

challenges.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You don’t like the idea of letting yourself

be swayed by others. You want to

make your decisions on your own.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You want to surround yourself with

the ones who are doing things

in your life. But it’s tough to find

the perfect mix of people for

everyone. So, be patient.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You are very much interested in

a partner who is influential and

can be your mentor.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

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Women and the Basic Rights

The legal Rights of Women refers to the social and human rights of women. There are a large number of women's rights declarations, the Declaration of Human Rights. Among women's rights, the right to work is of particular importance for women in Afghanistan and other under-developed countries. Physical injury or sexual torture are more in places where illiteracy rate is high. At some places, women are regarded as man's property, and as such their basic human freedom over them is often violated.

In regard to violations on women folk. In December 1996, the United Nations General Assembly designated 25 November as the international day for the elimination of violence against women. The UN announced governments, international organizations and political parties. The UN has designated to realize public aware- ness of the problem on this day as an international observance. Despite resolutions passed by the United Nations, real implementation over the said matter is observed around.

The women's movement is in part a struggle for the recognition of equality of opportunity for men and for equal rights irrespective of sex, even if special relations and conditions are still widely accepted under the form of partnerships in- volved in marriage. The difficulties of obtaining full equality are due to both social factors combined with the habits and customs, history has produced. Through a combination of economic changes and the efforts of the foreign move- ment in recent decades, women's movements have now come to centers beyond the traditional one of "home-made". Despite these advances, modern women are still confronted with the fact that women still face challenges in the workplace as well as with the attitudes of education, violence, health care, and motherhood to a lesser extent.

In all societies, with few exceptions, women are subjected to discrimination. Women are involved in human rights violations, both directly and indirectly. Women suffer from educational, societal, political discrimination are still many in number. Most of the kids with better salary, position and career are specified for men class. It is still hard for woman especially in a country like Afghanistan to come out of the house for putting her share in the whole process of the society. Ignorance rules society with the restrictions imposed over women who are pre- mised to see them contributing in the reconstruction process of their home-based. Conditions may be the women may only want to conform to the traditions in differing ways of life but on account of societal and religious parochial, they are often bound in this respect. The herbal facilities bestowed by God Almighty all geared on women's status, put women unfairly on the edge of the benefits of the society. Officials, politicians, front the decision-making, and societal equity. The status of women is population is very low.

At present, in many countries of the women face false frontier to their participation in different kinds of economic, social, political, intellectual, and cultural activities. The status of women is improving gradually in recent years, minimal progress made that the idea of total equality will still remain a difficult goal.

Increasing the level of female representation and participation in decision-making bodies require well-developed strategies and information on what means have successfully worked in different countries with different political systems.

In this respect, Afghanistan with rather good number of female representatives who have been included in the present government is an encouraging example of improvement irrespective of gender. Among the radical rights of women, access to health care is also a priority. The women in Afghanistan have different filters to access the health care. Instead of females, women have a single woman in these filters. So, culture-dominated societies in the country will not value a woman's health.

More than one million of Afghanistan's primary school-age girls are not enrolled in school. The education is the right to education. For a nation endeavoring to rebuild itself, to grow, to become more stable, and to meet the challenge of the one of the 1.5 billion girls represents a wasted potential for the country.

Any how, only and only earnest measures taken by the government and the world community in this respect can mitigate their suffering and distress which are reflected because of the gender.

By Asmatullah

Afghanistan. A women's association launched a United Nations Security Council during its tenure, made a major contribution to criminal issues in Afghanistan. This association is known for taking action on issues related to women, particularly on the right to work.

According to the association, "Efforts is knowing the difference between- "They are women" and "They are not," which means that women need to be included in all areas of society. They are the only ones who can see the reality of the situation. Women are the ones who are facing the realities of war and violence every day. The women of Afghanistan have been victims of war and violence, which has had a serious impact on their lives. They are the ones who have the ability to make a difference in the world." The association also emphasized that women must be included in all areas of society, from politics to education, to ensure that their voices are heard.

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9/14 Maw Lay (J) told The Irrawaddy in Mandalay on Saturday that the government's real aim was to suppress opposition activities, but said the new security laws would also impact on journalists, human rights activists, lawyers and others who engage in criticism.

The watchdog also said the new laws make it easier for the military to justify censuring media and other groups as spreading false rumors or misrepresenting facts.

Military leaders and officials have on numerous occasions cited "national security" as a reason to suppress media and block political discussions, the report said.

The new laws come at a time when the military is preparing to hand over power to a civilian government, though military leaders have repeatedly stated that full civilian control of the defense and security forces will not be possible immediately.

The new laws follow a series of legal reforms that have been presented to the country's parliament over the past year. The military has been widely criticized for stalling reforms aimed at transitioning the country to civilian rule.

The new laws were also introduced after a series of recent incidents that have heightened tensions between the military and civilian opposition leaders.

Maw Lay, who heads the Reutersurg, said the military has been trying to block the spread of information about the power transition and the upcoming elections.

The military has also been cracking down on media outlets that are critical of the military's role in the country's politics.

Maw Lay said the new laws are intended to "legitimize" the military's role in political affairs.

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No Warships

Escorting Yemeni-Bound Cargo Ship: Pentagon

WASHINGTON -- Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps' attacks on ships in the Red Sea continue to escalate. The latest incident involved a cargo ship carrying humanitarian aid for Yemen. The attack occurred while the ship was en route to the port of Aden. The United States has condemned the incident and expressed solidarity with Yemen in its efforts to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in the country.

IS Seizes Government HQ in Iraq's Ramadi

BAGHDAD -- Armed ISIS fighters seize government compound in the city of Ramadi and declare it an Islamic State city. The move comes amid a wider offensive by the group against Iraqi forces, who have been retreating in recent weeks.

France Offers Russia Euros 785 Mn to Ditch Warship Deal: Report

MOSCOW -- France has offered Russia in terms of a new deal to replace the ships, valued at around 200 mn (Euro 200 million) for a Black Sea flotilla, a source close to Russian officials told Reuters. The source said that the French government was committed to maintaining the shipyard in Saint-Nazaire. The plan is reportedly aimed at providing a modern fleet to Russia. The French offer includes modernization of the ships. The sale of the ships will also help boost trade relations between France and Russia.

Syria Sends Reinforcements as IS Closes on Ancient City

BEIRUT -- Syria's army deployed reinforcements to the region to push back the last pocket of rebel fighters. The reinforcements include tanks and other military equipment. The government forces have been under pressure to keep up the momentum after recent setbacks.

US Senator McCain Turns Down Ukraine Advisor Role

KIEV -- Republican US Senator John McCain has turned down an offer to serve as advisor to Ukraine's pro-Western President Petro Poroshenko, saying he was not ready to abandon his responsibilities as a senator. McCain is one of the most vocal supporters of Western policies in Washington. His decision not to accept the offer comes amid ongoing tensions between Ukraine and Russia. The situation remains tense as Russia continues to support separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine, who are still launching attacks against Ukrainian forces.

Ukraine's territorial integrity and security are integral to the country's future. The senator's decision not to accept the offer shows his commitment to his role in Congress and to supporting the government of President Poroshenko. His absence from the US Congress will be a loss for Ukraine, which is facing significant challenges in its fight for independence and self-determination.

International

Neighbouring News

China Highly Values Sino-Latino America Cooperation

BEIJING -- Chinese Premier Li Keqiang has expressed the country's strong support for Latin America and the Caribbean, saying that the region is an important part of China's foreign policy. Li said that the Chinese government values the cooperation with the region and that it is committed to advancing the ties.

The Chinese premier noted that the country's commitment to Latin America and the Caribbean is based on the principle of mutual respect, mutual benefit, and win-win cooperation. He also emphasized the importance of respecting the region's national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The Chinese government has been actively engaging with Latin America and the Caribbean in various fields, such as trade, investment, and cultural exchange. The Chinese government has also been expanding its presence in the region through various means, including the Belt and Road Initiative and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.
KANDAHAR CITY: Red Crescent treated hundreds of people every month through special nutrition programs to control malnutrition among the worst-hit population in the region, the chief of the charity said in an interview with Reuters on Friday.

Malnutrition is one of the highest rated malnourished districts in southern Kandahar province, where 14 percent children were malnourished due to support poverty, lack of awareness of parents and inef- ficient negligence. Fetal malnutrition led to other dis- eases among children such as lung, heart and rene- vorol on the side of the country. They have been working day and night to provide health care services to the Afghan people. The statement said that the group was backed up by their commander, Mr. Rehman.

KARUL - As President Ashraf Ghani visited the Emergency Hospital in capital Kabul on Friday to inquire about the health of those wounded in the Park Pul-e-Akhtar attack. Several people were killed, including nine foreigners, after a suicide attacker on a police vehicle drove into the Park Pul-e-Akhtar hospital as it was being repaired. The Afghan president and his foreign colleagues were also injured in the attack.

A music concert had reportedly been planned at the hotel when it was attacked, started with a sandal with the guards before security forces sealed off the Kholous Pul-e-Hadi neighborhood in Kabul.

A statement from the President's office on Friday said that the president directed health officials to take every step to provide the injured with best care.

PAKISTAN ACCUSES INDIA'S RAW OF USING AFGHAN TERRITORY

KARUL - Pakistan's foreign mini- nstry has expressed concern over what it claimed that India's external intelligence agency (RAW) was using Afghan territory against Pakistan's interests. Pakistan's foreign office spokesperson, Mr. Khiald Ishaque, in a weekly media briefing urged the Indian government to not use Afghan territory against Pakistan.

Pakistan's foreign ministry expressed its concerns that India's RAW was using Afghan territory against Pakistan. The spokesman urged the Indian government to use Afghan territory to stabilize the region.

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MASSOUD URGES KABUL CITIZENS TO PROTECT ROADS

KARUL - President's special repre- sentative for re- forms and good governance, Ahmad Zia Massoud, assured Kabul residents of the capital Kabul to play their part in protecting the city's environment and infra- structure.

Massoud, who inaugurated asphalt works on a 5-kilo- meter road in Kart-i-Pawon locality of Kabul, said the project would benefit people and would cost $2.5 million. Afghanistan's government's duty was to execute development pro- jects and people's responsibility was to protect them. Massoud also asked people to cooperate with the government in maintaining the law and order.

Acting Kabul mayor Abdul Abubakar told the road was being reconstructed by the Ministry of Public Works and the company in the stipulated time. He said about 160 km of roads were rehabilitated in Kabul. (Pajhwok)