Quotable of the Day

"Our bodies are our gardens to which our wills are gardeners." - William Shakespeare

Ministry of Defense

40 to 50 Districts in Afghanistan Face Threats

KABUL - Officials at the Ministry of Defense (MoD) reported ongoing counter-insurgency operations in 34 provinces this week, estimating the total number of districts facing security threats currently stands at between 40 and 50. According to the Defense Ministry, insurgent groups have focused their attacks mostly on the border regions with Pakistan, attempting to gain ground through coordinated offensive. But officially, insurgent militant groups had made mixed progress in their attempts.

"We don’t deny the high amount of threats by anti-government armed forces in many districts," MoD deputy spokesperson Dawlat Waziri said on Sunday. "In general, anti-government groups are trying to target border districts with their activities. These efforts can be felt at Kamar, Kapisa, Nuristan, Badakhshan and Helmand provinces."

The Ministry of Interior (MoI) has said militant activities have been constricted in part because the groups have concentrated in remote areas with little-to-no presence of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF). "There are major security threats by anti-government groups in a few districts, but I cannot give a number," MoI spokesman Sediq Seddiqi said. "These threats are mostly in areas and parts..." (More on Pk.40)

Abdullah, Tajik Leaders Discuss Ties, Regional Projects

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah, on Monday, held talks with Tajikistan President Emomali Rahmon in Kabul to cooperate, the Tajikistan Presidentcy reported. It quoted Rahmon as saying, Tajikistan had always supported, and would support its relations with the friendly and brotherly country, Afghanistan. He said relations between the two countries were of special importance in the region.

For his part, Abdullah said Tajikistan was a priority of Afghanistan’s foreign policy, saying it was his first foreign trip after taking office in late September. The two leaders noted cooperation. (More on Pk.40)

Turkey’s New Parliament Features 4 Key Parties

ANKARA, Turkey - Four parties will dominate Turkey’s 66th parliament following Sunday’s elections. Here is a sketch of each political force.

Conservative and Islamic: The government, led by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, is an increasingly autocratic prime minister and now, since 2014, Turkey’s president. A "big tent" party that seeks support from liberals, Islamist and nationalists. Erdogan

Hikmat Khalil
Afgan-US Partnership Vital for World Peace

KABUL - Deputy foreign minister Hikmat Khalil Karzai on Monday said strong bilateral relations between Afghanistan and the United States were vital for regional and international peace, security and stability.

He was speaking at a ceremony marking the 235th Independent Day of the USA on behalf of the Afghan government.

Khalil said, congratulated the American people and said the fourth of July was a day of celebrations and jubilation for the American people to commemorate their achievements and (More on Pk.40)

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Municipalities shall be set up in order to administer city affairs.

Article 141
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3 Border Insurgents Killed by our Commander

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You can be a super-chapper today, but you must exercise your common sense to take the course of least resistance and pass on your own common-sense. Warner Music is working on your behalf now, assisting you to maintain your balance. You're on the up in the sun, but you might not be able to

Capricorn (Dec.22-Jan.19)

You might be unhappy with the emotional situation today. Don't panic; you just have to admit that your emotions are up in the air, and your emotions are up in the air, but your emotions are up in the air. You have to admit that your emotions are up in the air, but your emotions are up in the air...
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Afghanistan's Saffron - the Best in the World

Afghanistan's saffron has been named as the world's best saffron for the second year in a row by France-based International Taste and Quality Institute. In Brussels, an exquisite evaluation of 200 saffron samples from 12 countries was held and the Afghan saffron samples from Happy Nature and Ahsan A.K.K. saffron groups are annually earning $70 million from Europe. According to the institute, the Afghan saffron Growers' Association has been declared as the highest quality of saffron in the world.

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South Korea government says ready to counter economic effects of MERS

SEOUL, The South Korea government said on Monday it is ready to take counter measures against the economic effects of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), a potentially deadly virus that has been spreading in the country

Finance Minister Choo said on Monday the government will offer support to businesses affected by the virus, which has so far killed 24 people in South Korea and infected 159.

The virus, which originated in the Middle East, has led to a decline in tourists in major tourist destinations such as Jeju, which is a major source of income for South Korea.

"We have said that this virus is a global virus and we are concerned about situations in the region," Choo said. "However, the virus situation in the country is now under control, so we are also concerned about how it has spread to our country.

The virus has been confirmed among travelers from the Middle East, but there is no evidence of local transmission.

The government has set up a task force to monitor the situation and has asked airlines to take extra precautions.

The government has also announced plans to invest 40 billion won ($34 million) to help businesses affected by the virus.

"We are moving forward with plans to provide support to businesses affected by the virus," Choo said. "We are also working to ensure that the virus does not spread further.

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Cooperation Prepared to Do More to Train Iraqi Forces: Obama

KRENN, Germany - U.S. President Barack Obama said on Monday more programs were needed to train and aid the Iraqi forces fighting to break the deadlock in the country.

"We want to get more Iraqi security forces trained and to have Iraqis take the lead on the ground," Obama said at a joint news conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Obama added the Iraqi government had taken some steps, but warned that the country faced serious problems.

The Iraqi government has received international support in recent months to help it fight off an al Qaeda-led Sunni insurgency in the north of the country.

Iraq's security situation was of concern to the United States, which has been working to help the country.

"We are going to continue to do what we can to help the Iraqis to help themselves," Obama said.

Recent attacks in the country have killed civilians and security forces.

Merkel said the U.S. and Germany had a "close relationship" with each other in the region.

She added the coordinated attacks in Iraq and Afghanistan were not just a threat to the countries, but to the whole world.

Obama said the situation in Iraq was "extremely difficult." But he said U.S. forces there were not "engaged in combat operations, but rather in training and support actions."
Lithuania's Special Forces End Mission in Afghanistan

KARL - Lithuania's Special Operations Forces (SOF) is about to finish its mission in Afghanistan. However, a dozen of Lithuania's special operations troops are to be kept in the country for at least one more month. According to a local Lithuanian special operations force’s commander, they are scheduled to finish their participation in NATO's Resolute Support mission by the end of July 3. The special operations force, much stronger now, is destined to go to eastern Afghan provinces.

3 Graft-Tainted Officials Detained on Tajik Border

EFAZARAD - Daily Uzum Design Administration's head officials were detained on Monday morning in northern Badakhshan province for alleged corruption, they attempted to flee to neighboring Afghanistan as an official said on Monday. The demonstration was called for by the government's spokesman, Ahmad Nazar Ahmad, in a press conference. Afghan Interior Minister said that two Afghan border guards were trying to cross the border into Tajikistan when they were arrested in Sheghiar district in the morning.

KARL - Minister of Public Health and Welfare, MzcBi, was on Monday made up of 100-Day Plan in the country that his ministry was responsible for delivering medical health services to Afghan people.

Health Minister Maps out 100-Day Plan

KARL - Afghanistan's Health Minister, Muchtar, has been appointed as the new governor of Laghman Province. He said his main priority was to ensure equal distribution of health services available in the country and that the health services would be provided to all Afghan people in the country.

Naimi Appointed as New Governor for Laghman Province

KARL - A former governor of Kabul and Mazar-e-Sharif, Sharifani, has been appointed as the new governor of Laghman Province.

For eastern Laghman provinces, Abdulahar Nazri was recommended by Independent Administration of Local Governance (IALG) and approved by the presidential office for this position.

Stop Cloning Ethics in Burma: Kabul Gathering

KARL - Hundreds of people on Monday gathered in capital Kabul and asked the USA and human rights organizations to take a strong stand against the persecution of Rohingyas Muslims at the hands of Buddhists (Extremists) in Myanmar.

Activists Push for Approval of Law on Violence Against Women

KARL - The Women’s Political Participation and Consultation Committee (WPPCC) called on Monday for the approval of the bill on violence against women.

MP Apologizes for Threatening Journalist for Death


Police among human rights bodies to play their role in holding the organizations accountable for human rights violation, Mullah Abdulahadi Wafa said.

Taliban Free Deminers in Logar

The incident took place in the district of Logar province, near the provincial capital, in which 21 people were injured when a mine explosion occurred. According to the information from the Provincial Police, the incident occurred in the village of Helmand in the district of Logar province.

The "Men of PNL"