**Quote of the Day**

History knows no resting places and no plateaus.

Henry

**Kunduz Falls to the Taliban**

KUNDUZ CITY - On the eve of the National Unity Government's one-year anniversary, the Taliban launched a creative and well-executed attack against the northern city of Kunduz and by late afternoon Monday had taken control of the city.

The attack was launched at 5.30 a.m. local time Monday from within Kunduz city. In addition, insurgents closed off the only four access points into the city - effectively preventing troops from entering and civilians from fleeing.

Officials said that the military has since blocked the airport road. Some reports state that hundreds of Kunduz residents have escaped. It is not clear what action was taken against the coordinated attack.

Heavy fighting has been ongoing throughout the day and so far the Taliban has seized the provincial council building, the offices of the local High Peace Council, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) building, UNAMA offices and other key official facilities including police districts.

Officials also reported that the Taliban have overrun the local prison and freed all prisoners.

Reports indicate that heavy fighting continues around the police headquarters and the provincial government's offices.

However by late afternoon military reinforcements arrived from Kabul and are stationed in the Dasht-i Kandahari area where they are waiting for orders to advance to the city.

One Kunduz resident, who lives close to the police headquarters, told ToloNews.com on condition of anonymity, that civilians are off the streets and in hiding - mostly in their homes and in basements where possible.

He also said that businesses were closed and that the Taliban are focusing on strategic buildings and offices and are not yet targeting civilians. He said the only strategic facility not in the Taliban's control was the airport.

A foreign NGO official said on condition of anonymity that the situation is very bad. (More on Pg-10)

**MPs Want UN, US, UK Envoys Summoned Over Insecurity**

KARUL - Some韦ped MPs members on Monday accused the government of failing to reverse the tide of insecurity, expressing concern over US, UK and UN envoys to the lower house over the deteriorating security situation.

A lokal Rahan, Shabberuddin, a lawmaker from central Panjshir province, said the government had nowhere failed in maintaining security across the country.

He said nobody felt secure in northern Kunduz province and the insurgents commander the armed forces was responsible for the current state of affairs. Taliban had targeted locals officials and Taliban attacks on northerner. (More on Pg-10)

**Kabulow Warns of Afghan Problems Spilling Across Border**

UNAMA - Russia’s special representative to Afghanistan, Zauri Kabulow, has given an exclusive interview to Russian news agency to discuss the situation in Afghanistan along the Tajikistan and Turkmenistan borders. Kabulow claimed there are currently 10,000 to 50,000 militants based in areas of northern Afghanistan near the borders with Tajikistan and some 3,000 near the border with Turkmenistan. Kabulow also said there are at least three militant training camps operating in that area running two-month training courses for recruits.

Kabulow said MIB camp can train "militants" which is 100 militants every two months.

Kabulow said these recruits are coming from Central Asia.

Kabulow said the government in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, (More on Pg-10)

**Hassan Rouhani Iran Regards Afghanistan’s Development its Own**

KARUL - Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has said "this country will always be a brother of the people and government of Afghanistan," urging Kabul to intensify the war against the Taliban.

Rouhani, who met Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah in Kabul on Monday, said Tehran regarded development and security of the neighbours including Afghanistan as its own.

"Increasing security in Afghanistan will boost development and every effort should focus on this objective," the moderate Irani president was quoted as saying by Vehid IRA news agency.

He said war and bloodshed would not benefit anyone and it would be good for Afghanistan’s development if a solution in laying down the arms could be found.

President Rouhani urged the Afghan government to increase its measures against poppy cultivation. (More on Pg-10)

**Transparency Urged in Nominated Selection Body**

KARUL - Election watchdogs on Monday stressed early nomination of selection committee’s members as they could choose new commissioners on the electoralbo.

The observers urged selection of honest and qualified people in the proposed committee in order to avoid irregularities in elections and confrontation between leaders of the two major political parties.

Electoral Reform Commission (ERC) had suggested that the selection committee should be comprised of seven members, including three from civil society groups. Other members of the panel should be a woman, a representative of the Supreme Court, a representative of the Afghanistan Independent Elections Commission (AIEC), a representative of the Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Services Commission (IARCC). (More on Pg-10)
Taliban Plan Foiled to Release Prisoners in Heart

HERRIAT - Security sources have said that the Taliban may plan to release prisoners in Herat, but the government has warned against this move. The sources said that the Taliban have been working on a plan to release prisoners to gain public support in the region.

Pak-Afghan Relations to Remain Stable

The Pak-Afghan relations are expected to remain stable in the near future, according to experts. The two countries have been working towards improving their relations, and there is a general consensus that stability in the region is in the best interest of both countries.

Social Good Summit Focuses on Sustainable Development Goals

KARACHI - Pakistan’s Social Good Summit, held in Karachi, was a platform to discuss the role of the youth in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The event was organized by the Global Poverty Project and the Pakistan SDG Alliance. The summit was attended by leaders, activists, and young people from all over the country.

India's Profits Stem from Atrocities

THE DELHI POST - According to a report by the Human Rights Watch, India has been committing systematic violations of human rights in Kashmir. The report highlights the use of excessive force by Indian security forces and the detention of civilians without charges.

Access to Information Law Problem in Afghanistan

KARUL - The Afghan Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Minister, Mr. Wazir Akbar, has said that the government is committed to implementing the Access to Information Law. He added that the law will provide transparency and accountability in the public sector.

Outlook Horoscope

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You're likely to be surrounded by many friends and family on this day, but you may need to work hard to maintain your boundaries. It's healthy to let people know where you stand and how long you're willing to go on. Avoid any arguments or confrontations.

Taurus (May 21-June 20)

Someone's personal words can quickly turn into a fully-fledged argument. You are a tough nut to crack, especially when it comes to your personal space. Today, you probably won't come across as your usual self. You're likely to be confrontational, and people will find it difficult to read your signals.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 21)

You Superman wasn't always a superhero. In fact, Superman was once a small-time crook named Clark Kent, a staff reporter for the Daily Planet. But after he was given the power of flight and invisibility, he decided to use his abilities for good and became the heroic symbol we all know today.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You may feel like you're in the thick of things when it comes to work, but you should take a step back and think about the bigger picture. Don't be too reactive or impulsive, especially in situations that involve others.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your thoughts are trending upward in a circle today, and you might find that your ideas are gaining momentum. Be sure to stay focused and determined, as your energy levels may fluctuate throughout the day.
September 29, 2015

Real Security Threats

The security situation in the country has reached to an alarming stage after Taliban has been successful in taking control of the northern Kunduz city. Taliban launched a massive and well-coordinated attack around 3 am on Monday morning and by the evening they had taken control of the most parts and buildings of the city. They were able to close off the main area from police to the city, effectively preventing troops from entering and civilians from fleeing. Some reports estimate the deadlock of Taliban nhómments to split up into groups and carry out the coordinated attack.

According to some sources the militants have also been able to close the airport road. Heavy fighting has been ongoing throughout the day and so far Taliban have been the provincial council building, the offices of the local High Peace Council, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) building, UNAMA offices and other key facilities including the prison.

Officials also reported that the Taliban have over run the local prison and seized the weapons.

Reports indicate that heavy fighting continues around the police headquarters and the provincial police headquarters. This piece of news has basically declared the nation of the security that guarantees the lives of the people. Even on the same day, there are more security threats and the level of uncertainty about the future seems to be rising. Though, war against terrorism was initiated in Afghanistan with the ambition to bring peace and prosperity, there are clear indications of this ambition being transformed in reality.

A recent survey conducted by TOLO news clearly depicted that the security threat increased by 15 percent in August this year compared to July. 1,816 terror and anti terrorist events were recorded during August and 15 percent of these events are located in the provinces that have reached to a decisive position and the international community now thinks that Afghanistan is capable of taking over the responsibility of the security of their own.

In addition, there are also reports of different districts in different parts of the country falling in Taliban. The advances of Taliban in different part of the country have reached to new levels during the year. By looking at the security situation one has no other choice but to ques- tion the real outcomes of the war against terrorism that was started after September 11. The international community and the international forces seem to be busy in the war and most of the decisions and activities and the international forces have been in the region.

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By Hajjullah Zia

Flocking to Foreign Countries

Village has been hit a deep silence and my childhood playgrounds are either in international airports in some of the world’s major cities or in the country such as Europe and Australia. The houses seem to have been turned into massive high-rise apartments, the cars parked on parking lots and my grand father is living in a separate part of the city.

The families are traumatised by the death of their loved ones every once in a while. The late plays cruelty with some of the unlucky migrating Afghans who emerge from the country with the ambition to live a peaceful life and get the education that they were not given in Afghanistan. The dreams do not come true and their imaginary world changes into disappointment and frustration of their hopes. They have to find a job or stay in just few minutes or a success to get a bullet that will be shot by a foreign soldier - that is the destiny of a number of Afghan youths.

Of late, the body of a young man was returned to his family in Lahore province. He was killed in an gunfight while studying in a university in Lahore. The family was horrified and the whole country was shocked.

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The meeting was followed by a June meeting in Oslo bringing together representatives of the Afghan women leaders specifically concerned with the provision of protection for women, and the Taliban and the Afghan government emphasized that this was one of the main parts of this process.

The registration process is in terms of the implementation of Taliban’s detailed plan by the Taliban leader Mullah Baradar Khan’s aide and Taliban spokesman. In May 2021, Mullah Baradar Khan made a list of registered women’s groups, a detailed plan for their registration, and also the steps to be taken.

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Russia Sees Promotion of Progress, Prosperity for all

UNITED NATIONS - Russia will see the central task of the Unit- ed Nations in the 21st century as promoting economic growth and prosperity, but warned that "criminal activity" must not become the only means to achieve this goal. "I believe that a stable and prosperous world is possible only if we work together," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at the General Assembly. "We must work together to ensure that the United Nations fulfills its role as a global forum.

New Zealand Defense Chief to Discuss Security at Regional Conference

TEHRAH - An iranian official has denied reports that the military had signed contracts to buy Soviet 100 passenger aircraft from Russia.

UNEP Chief Vises for Top Seat at UN Refugee Agency

THOUGHTS: Rudder and Diplomat Khalid Al-Haj, a former journalist and ambassador, said Iran had signed contracts worth $2 billion for the purchase of Soviet aircraft.

German President Warns of Limits to Number of Refugees

The status of the United Nations as a global forum is threatened by the region's growing migration crisis, which is "a threat to the very fabric of our society," he said. "We must work together to ensure that the United Nations fulfills its role as a global forum.

Ban Opens UN Assembly with Call for Action on Europe's Migrant Crisis

Lavrov said that the United Nations must take a "decisive" role in addressing the migration crisis, which has "become a major challenge for our continent and the world."

Neighbouring News

India's President to Cut Short New York Visit

The Indian government said on Monday that it had decided to cut short its nation's President Pranab Mukherjee's visit to the United States due to "sudden developments." Mukherjee had been scheduled to meet with US President Barack Obama in Washington on Tuesday."The Indian government has decided to cut short its President's visit to the United States due to sudden developments," the government said in a statement.

Kerry Meets Navaz, Lands Anti-Terror Efforts

UNITED NATIONS - US President Barack Obama on Monday met with Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to discuss anti-terrorism efforts and the situation in Afghanistan.

Tajikistan Attends SCO Coordinating Meeting

China Becomes First Non-EU Country to Announce Contribution to Juncker Plan

IRAN - Iran is expected to announce a major contribution to the European Union's new plan to support the bloc's economy in the wake of the US sanctions, according to sources.

Another country, the Chinese government, said it will also announce its contribution to the EU plan at this week's meeting of the European Union leaders in Brussels.

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Afghanistan Remains a Priority: NATO Chief

KARUL - NATO secretary general said on Tuesday that Afghanistan remains a priority for the alliance’s priorities, reassuring that the alliance will continue to support the Afghan forces.

The official said that Afghanistan is the most important mission for NATO, with thousands of troops and billions of dollars spent on the war.

The secretary general also said that the goal of the mission is to ensure that the Afghan government can eventually take over the responsibility of security and stability in the country.

The official also mentioned the progress made in recent years, including the increase in the number of Afghan security forces and the reduction in the numbers of foreign troops.

However, the official also acknowledged the challenges that remain, including the ongoing violence and the need for continued international support.

The secretary general ended by expressing his hope for a peaceful and stable Afghanistan in the future.

WJ Admin Board Accused of ‘Incompetence’

KARUL - The high-level board of the Afghan women’s rights group was accused of incompetence on Tuesday.

The board was criticized for its slow response to the needs of women, particularly in rural areas.

The board’s response was described as “slow and inefficient,” with women’s rights groups accusing the board of not doing enough to protect women’s rights.

The criticism comes as Afghanistan marks the 20th anniversary of the Taliban’s rule, during which women were subjected to severe restrictions.

The board was also accused of not adequately addressing the needs of women in rural areas, where many women lack access to education, healthcare, and other basic services.

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The representative urged all sides to take immediate action to prevent further civilian deaths and injuries.

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