Obama is Reconsidering Troop Withdrawal from Afghanistan

WASHINGTON — President Obama is reportedly weighing the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan because of the recent gains made by the Taliban in that country.

The New York Times, quoting senior officials, reports Obama appears to be willing to retain a military force strong enough to tackle Taliban and al-Qaeda. The president had wanted to withdraw the remaining 33,000 U.S. troops from Afghanistan by the time he leaves office next year, and, in fact, most combat troops left the country last year.

The apparent White House rethink has been prompted by a confluence of factors. The Taliban’s capture of Kunduz last month, the group’s biggest prize since it was removed from power by the U.S.-led invasion in 2001, is one of the reasons. Another is the fact the militants are more spread out across Afghanistan than at any point since 2001: the continued presence of al-Qaeda in Afghanistan’s mountains, and threats being made by the Islamic State, a group whose tactics and brutality the world is becoming increasingly familiar with in Iraq, Syria, and elsewhere.

The very least, those pursuing a more focused mission after 2017 would like to see the United States and its NATO allies maintain at least two or three bases from which drones could be flown and Special Operations Forces could readily strike at militants. The Central Intelligence Agency also wants a larger presence to help protect its assets in Afghanistan. For now, the... (More on P6-D)

Ghani Vows to Boost Agricultural Sector

KAIRUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Wednesday opened the 36th exhibition of agricultural products in Kabul, where he said despite being an agricultural country, Afghanistan imported over $5 billion USD in fresh produce and dairy products every year.

He said the ministry of Finance and Agriculture must in their next 100-day plan work to remove marketing obstacles to boost the sale of local products. Ghani said no attention has been paid to improve the agricultural sector in the past few years.

He said the reason for the huge import demand was because of low quality grain, lack of support to farmers, lack of farming facilities and the lack of fertilized seeds.

"Currently, we import agricultural and dairy products worth $5 billion annually. We will work at improving the quality of... (More on P6-D)

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Taliban Insurgents Execute 29 Afghan Border Guards

KABUL - The Taliban stormed two checkpoints in the southern Helmand province, killing at least 12 Afghan army soldiers, an official said. According to a provincial council member Babir Ahmad Akhundzada, the Taliban fighters were out in a coordinated attack that killed seven soldiers. They killed the leaders of Afghan National Army (ANA) in two different checkpoints in the United Nations indicated that the Taliban has been the next move in Afghanistan since US forces formally ended their military role.

Group of Azerbaijani Peacekeepers Leaves for Afghanistan

Baku - A group of Azerbaijani peacekeepers has been deployed to Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defense said yesterday. The military unit of 25 peacekeepers operating under the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has arrived in Kabul. The 25 peacekeepers, who are deployed to the capital of Afghanistan, have been trained in various peacekeeping missions in the country.

Security Forces Re-Collect Aberdeen District Governor's Office

KANDAHAR CITY - Security forces have re-collected Aberdeen district governor's office of Kandahar province from Taliban fighters, an official said on Wednesday. The Taliban had occupied the office and were controlling it for several days. The security forces have recaptured the office and have expelled the Taliban fighters from it.

NDS Arrests Nine Terrorists on Kabul-Jalalabad Highway

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - has arrested nine terrorists on the Kabul-Jalalabad highway from the jurisdiction of Northern provinces.

Roadside Bombs, Claim 4 Lives, Wound 12

KABUL - Kabul-linked violent incidents in the shape of roadside bombs and shootings have claimed four lives and injured 12 people in different parts of the country, security sources said. These attacks are part of a broader strategy to escalate the security situation in the country and disrupt peace talks.

IRANian Official hairs Russian Anti-Terror Effort

MOSCOW - An Iranian official has expressed support for Russia's anti-terror efforts, saying that Tehran has always stood by Moscow's position on counter-terrorism. The official highlighted the close cooperation between the two countries in combating terrorism, and emphasized the importance of regional and international efforts in this regard.

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr.20)
You might be convinced that someone else is getting a raw deal. They may be invoking you in the very same emotional degree that they are doing in front of you. But your feelings are already aroused and it's more challenging to shut them all off after they have been stirred. You may not be able to prevent an interaction from turning sour today.

Taurus (Apr.21-May.20)
You want to make your move, but you're not sure if your allies will also be lining up to help you. You're stepping on the wrong toes, and you're forcing others to back down. You're a bit too rigid, and your approach may be getting more unrestrained emotions. This is not the time to be too shy about your principles. Demonstrating your flexibility could help everyone.

Gemini (May.21-Jun.21)
You might worry that you're too involved in something, but it won't stop you. You're not interested in anything that distracts you from making tangible progress toward your goals. You may experience a sense of pride in your ability to maintain your focus, even when things aren't going as planned. Keep your focus on your mission, and you'll get more accomplished than you might think.

Cancer (Jun.22-Jul.22)
You're quite preoccupied with making a decision, but don't worry about wondering if you're in the right path. You may be reluctant to help people because you're afraid of getting hurt. You might be feeling indecisive in a way that's pushing you closer to your goals.

Leo (Jul.23-Aug.23)
You're currently going through some difficulties and are considering your options before making a decision. You're not only thinking about what's going on in your life, but also what others think of you. This is the time to evaluate your current situation and determine what steps to take next.

Virgo (Aug.24-Sep.22)
You might be feeling a bit overwhelmed or completely cloudy today. Although you might feel a bit overwhelmed, it's important to stay focused on your goals and work through any obstacles you face. Remember, you have the strength and resilience to push through tough times.

Libra (Sep.23-Oct.22)
You're likely to be put off by things that are not according to your own expectations. You might be feeling a bit disconnected from reality, but don't let that stop you from pursuing your goals.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)
Your leadership skills have been under scrutiny, but you're doing your best to handle the situation. You're likely to be feeling more confident and prepared for any challenges that come your way. You're also showing a lot of determination and resilience.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.21)
You might think that it's a good time to be ambitious and take action, but you're not sure if you have the right plan. You might be feeling a bit uncertain about your next steps, but don't let that stop you from moving forward.

Capricorn (Dec.22-Jan.19)
People put you on a pedestal, especially when you're showing off your best work. You might be a bit too critical, and you might find it hard to accept compliments. However, you have a lot to be proud of, and it's important to acknowledge your achievements.

Aquarius (Jan.20-Feb.18)
You might not want to talk about your past, and you might think that you're being uncooperative. However, you have a lot to be proud of, and it's important to acknowledge your achievements. You might find it difficult to share your past, but don't let that stop you from moving forward.

Pisces (Mar.19-Apr.20)
It's surprising how quickly you're able to adapt to new situations and technologies. You might be surprised by the results you achieve, and you might be able to do more than you thought possible. You have a lot of potential, and you have the ability to achieve great things.
Unconditional Threat Pursues Afghan Media!

By Asmatyar

Violence, intimidation and intimidation by extremist elements, seeking a right portrayal to their wrong deeds. In the Afghan history, such things are observed. The government is not able to do its job properly because of the ongoing conflict and violence. The government's inability to provide security services in the country, which are necessary for the implementation of the peace process and the formation of a new government, is a serious concern. The media is therefore crucial in ensuring security and stability in the country.

In modern democratic society, the system of governance requires well-informed citizens, who are known of most if not all developments and decisions that impact their daily lives. This is achieved through a free and independent media, which plays a vital role in the democratic process. The media is responsible for informing the public about the actions of those in power, and for holding the government accountable.

The Afghan media has been under constant pressure, with threats and attacks from various groups. This has resulted in a situation where the media is under threat, and the freedom of expression is being restricted. The government must take steps to ensure the safety of the media, and to prevent violence against journalists. Only when the media is free to operate, can the Afghan society move forward towards a more democratic and secure future.
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Clinton Wins Main Rival’s Support on Email Scandal in 1st Primary Debate

WASHINGTON - US Democratic presidential primarierunner Hillary Clinton on Tuesday got some welcome backing from her main rival in the primary contest as she tried to contain a controversy over her private email server and communications. In a rare move, Bernie Sanders, the left-of-center senator from Vermont who is running as an independent in the general election, came out in support of Clinton, on what is the biggest logistical test for the Democratic Party as it seeks to unify behind a single candidate.

"I think the American people are sick and tired of hearing about your dysentery," the emails talk, "about the real issues facing America," Sanders said in a statement. AFP

126 German Politicians Sign Urgent Letter Against Merkel’s Refugee Policies

BERLIN - A total of 126 German politicians of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), led by their conservative Christian Democratic leader Angela Merkel, called on their party leader to change his refugee policies, German newspaper Bild reported on Wednesday.

The rebellions in the CDU against Merkel’s refugee policies is widening, according to the report. Last week, the opposition to the German government’s refugee policies in the CDU increased as 33 CDU politicians resigned from the CDU.

The CDU is the older partner of the Christian Democratic Union, which is the center-right party that rules in the federal government.

Merkel, 59, has been in office since 2005, and she is the first woman to hold the office. Merkel is widely respected and has been praised for her leadership during the European debt crisis.

But the political landscape in Europe is changing, and Merkel’s popularity is falling. She is facing growing criticism from her own party and the opposition.

Kerry to Travel to Mideast Amidst Mounting Tension Between Israel, Palestinians

WASHINGTON - Kerry arrived in Israel on Thursday for a round of meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Kerry said on Wednesday that the United States would not be Comments: 5

Russian FM Hails Integration of Russian, Chinese National Strategies

SOUTH BEND - Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Thursday that Russia and China had agreed to strengthen their cooperation on a range of issues. Lavrov said that the two countries had agreed to deepen their cooperation on issues such as counterterrorism, security, and energy.

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EU Confirms Support for IPCC in Run-up to Paris Climate Talks

The European Union (EU) confirmed on Tuesday its support for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in the run-up to the Paris climate summit (COP21) in December.

The EU confirmed its support for the IPCC, which is responsible for assessing the scientific basis for the understanding of the climate system.

The IPCC is an international body of the United Nations, which assesses the scientific, technical and socio-economic information relevant for understanding the risks and impacts of climate change.

The commission plans to release a report on the future of the planet in December.

The United States has also expressed its support for the IPCC.

Iran’s Guardian Council Passes Nuclear Bill into Law

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran’s conservative Guardian Council passed a bill on Tuesday approving the nuclear deal that was signed by Iran and six world powers.

The bill was approved by the council, which is composed of six clerics and six jurists, and was then referred to the parliament for final approval.

Pakistan Deploys 10,000 Troops to Prevent Sectarian Violence

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has deployed 10,000 troops in the northwestern province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to prevent sectarian violence.

The deployment comes as several anti-government protests have taken place in the province, where a declared state of emergency has been imposed.

The deployment is part of a broader security strategy to combat terrorism and extremism in the region.

Chinese Delegation to Attend 3rd Arctic Circle Conference

HOLMEN - A Chinese delegation will attend the 3rd Arctic Circle Conference in Iceland, which is a key event for discussions on climate change and Arctic issues.

The conference is being held in Reykjavik on Oct. 5-6, and will focus on issues such as climate change, sustainable development, and Arctic governance.

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Survey Shows Decrease in Afghanistan Opium Poppy Cultivation

KABUL - Afghanistan saw a drop in opium poppy cultivation in 2015 for the first time in 15 years, according to a U.N. and Afghan government joint survey released Wednesday.

The report's authors said unfavorable weather conditions were a major reason for the decline. They also pointed out there was a change in the method they used to estimate areas of poppy cultivation, and while there was certainly a decrease, the percentage may not be exact.

The annual survey, published by the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime and Afghanistan's Ministry of Coun-