Danish Introduces 16 Cabinet Nominees to Parliament

The second Vice President Mohammad Starwan Danish on Wednesday introduced the remaining cabinet picks, except the defense ministry nominee, to the Parliament for a vote of confidence.

Pentagon Failed in War on Afghan Drugs: SIGAR

WASHINGTON - Despite spending about $1.5 billion, 59% of which paid to infamous narco-terrorism, renowned as Blackwater, the Pentagon has failed to fight drug production in Afghanistan, according to a new U.S. report. The U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Re-construction (SIGAR) has said in its recent report that the opium production climbed steadily over recent years to reach record-high levels last year.

It reported that from over 7 billion dollars spent by the United States to eradicate poppy cultivation in Afghanistan, about $1.5 billion of that was spent by the Pentagon. Furthermore, the SIGAR report has revealed that Pentagon has failed to account $1.5 billion of budgeted funds spent in Afghanistan. This comes as the United Nations, last year in December, reported a 45% growth in Afghanistan used for opium poppy cultivation since 2012, up to 109,000 hectares. “Given the growth in opium poppy cultivation, it must be assumed that the Taliban’s income from the illegal trade in narcotics has maintained an important factor in generating assets for the group,” the United Nations reported.

The Afghan analysts, meanwhile, strongly criticized the failure in eradicating poppy cultivation in Afghanistan, blaming it on external hands.

Afghan Students Receive Gold Medals in Bulgaria

KABUL - A group of Afghan students who attended a mathematics competition in Bulgaria received gold medals. They were among 13,000 students from 29 countries who took part in the academic competition in Bulgaria. The five Afghan students who attended the competition from Kandahar province were guests of the acting premier, Tooryalai Wahid, at his governor’s house yesterday. Tooryalai Wahid thanked the students for studying hard and achievements and...