Moscow: The US-led NATO forces in Afghanistan failed to eliminate terrorism and drug production in the country during the 16 years, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said Thursday.

"Internal threats and security assistance force in Afghanistan has failed to handle the set goals. Terrorism in the country has not been subdued and drug trafficking has increased," the minister said at an international security conference in Moscow.

Russia is to Continue Military, Technical Support for Tajikistan

The US Army Corps of Engineers Europe District is... (More on Pg. 6)

Int’l Forces in Afghanistan Failed to Unroot Terrorism

Drug trafficking has increased in Afghanistan despite NATO attempts, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said.

Karimi, Sharif Vow to Bolster Defence Cooperation

KARUL - Chief of Army Staff General Shir Mohammad Karimi, exchanged views with his Pakistani counterpart General Raheel Sharif on issues of mutual and professional interests in the garrison city of Rawalpindi.

A statement from the Pakistan’s Embassidy in Kabul said that during the meeting, matters related to peace and stability in the region especially in Afghanistan, Pakistan-Afghan border management and measures to further enhance defense and training cooperation between both the armies were discussed.

The meeting was attended by the General Headquarters of the Pakistan Army (GPHQ) and the General Staff of the Afghan Interior Ministry.

Zakhdwel Named as Suspect in MoD Fuel Contract Investigation

KARUL - Thirty-two individuals, including President Ashraf Ghani’s economic advisor, Hazrat Omar Zakhdwel, have been accused of involvement in the Ministry of Defense (MoD) corruption scandal, which included the embezzlement of $200 million in fuel contract money from the Afghan government.

Mf Abdul Rahim Aryafi told ToloNews of the notably large list of individuals that have been linked to the corruption case, which is the largest such controversy that has been resolved since the national unity government took power in... (More on Pg. 8)

Rula Ghani among “100 Most Influential People”

KARUL - The Time Magazine has released its list of 100 most influential people, in which, Afghanistan’s First Lady Rula Ghani has been named as one of the most influential figures in the world.

She, according to the magazine, was selected for her commitments to improve living standards for women in the country — where the women have been the victims of domestic violence, forced or underage marriages, rape and many other human rights abuses. (More on Pg. 7)

Police Abusing Afghan Asylum Seekers in Serbia: HRW

KARUL - Afghan asylum seekers and migrants in Serbia are being humiliated and abused at the hands of Serbian police, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said on Friday after interviewing scores of victims.

Victims provided a bleak picture of being subject to violent assaults, threats, insults, and extortion, denial of the required special protection for unaccompanied children, and summary returns to the Former Yugofascist Republic of Macedonia.

Some teenagers and unaccompanied children said they had been turned away when they tried to travel as adult asylum seekers and were sleeping outside in the bitter cold.

"Serbian authorities should be protecting asylum seekers and immigrants, including children fleeing war and persecution, not allowing the police to victimize them," said Emma Ehrlich, a Kosovo fellow at Human Rights Watch. "The authorities should undertake an immediate stop to police intimidation and abuse and hold those responsible accountable to justice."

Among those interviewed were 16-year-old Afghan boy... (More on Pg. 8)