Senators Blast Government over Insecurity in North

KABUL - Expressing deep concern over increased insurgency in northern Afghanistan since the start of the Taliban’s spring offensive, members of Mehtabano Jaga (Upper House of Parliament) warned Sunday that several northern areas are on the verge of collapse.

The senators stated in Sunday’s session that about 400 Chechen families and many other insurgents from Central Asia were sheltering along the borders between Afghanistan and Turkmenistan. They called on the security agencies to deploy additional troops to northern Kunar, Takhar, Badakhshan, Samangan, Fayzabad and Sar-e-Pul provinces.

“The information that we have shows that 400 Chechen families and other Central Asians are sheltering along our borders with Turkmenistan, and they are preparing for battle,” senator Gul Mohammad Farooqi stated.

Increased abductions on the highways was the other major concern of the senators. They demanded the security agencies to address the issue as a matter of urgency.

“Extrajudicial killings have now become a norm,” (Move to P6:0)

Afghanistan Faces No Dearth of Forces

KABUL - A top commander at the Kabul Military Training Centre (KMTCC), Col. Mohammad Amin Wahidi, on Sunday said there would not be a dearth of trained army soldiers in Afghanistan.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony of 532 junior Afghan National... (Move to P6:0)

Ghani Hails NATO’s Support to Build an Endurable Defense Force

KABUL - The Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani hailed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) for supporting Afghanistan to build an endurable security force that now able to defend the country.

In a meeting with the US and European Union ambassadors to NATO on Saturday, President Ghani said the Afghan government and people will remain grateful for NATO’s commitment support towards Afghans.

No Timetable for Afghan Nationals Leaving Iran

BAGH - There is no timetable for Afghan nationals leaving Iran, Abdulshahid Farhang, the commercial attaché of Afghanistan in Tehran told on Sunday.

He said that Afghan nationals have been based on the UN regulations and agreements between the two neighboring countries.

The [Afghan] national will leave Iran if they personally want, he said, adding that there is no problem for leaving the country... (Move to P6:0)