Daesh Threatens Security of Whole Region: Ghani

KABUL - Addressing a group of Iranian and Afghan journalists in New Delhi on Wednesday, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said that he had held inclusive discussions with Iranian officials on security matters.

Referring to emerging threats relating to Daesh, Ghani said that the group poses a serious threat to regional security, warning that Daesh was more serious than Al-Qaeda.

Highlighting implications of the military operations conducted by Pakistan's military in Waziristan, Ghani said that the operations had displaced hundreds of militants which has impacted the security situation in Afghanistan.

Ghani stressed the fact that instability in Afghanistan will destabilize the whole region - adding that Daesh was in fact a major threat to world peace and stability.

He said: “With all apologies to Microsoft, if Al-Qaeda was Windows One, Daesh is Windows Fire. Terrorism is fast changing its ecology and geography and its communication strategies.”

“Why is this happening? Because state collapse enables these movements to seek space…” (More on P4-5)

MPs Afghanistan Needs Powerful Friend like India

KABUL - Some Warfare Journalists members on Wednesday demanded that India be invited, along with India, but others stressed balance in bilateral relations with regional countries.

President Ashraf Ghani after announcing his urgent trip to Pakistan, India’s arch rival, on an official visit, which was followed by visits to Kabul by senior Pakistani officials. Repeated visits by Pakistan officials offered hope for a thaw in the Taliban-India talks. (More on P4-5)

Defense and Interior Ministries Ease Fears over Kunduz Crisis

KABUL - Following a five-day battle in Kunduz province, the Afghan Defense Ministry (DoD) on Wednesday eased fears and assured the nation that neither Kunduz nor any other province in the country was on the verge of collapse. Dostum, Wangi, deputy… (More on P5-6)

TJCCG Calls for Repeal of Amnesty Law

KABUL - The Transnational Jurisdiction and Coordination Group (TJCCG) on Wednesday called April 17 and 18 as “dark days in Afghanistan’s recent history,” calling for prosecution of those involved in war crimes. Back in 1973, the former Soviet Union-backed People’s Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), which had sympathizers in the then Afghan military, deposed President Daud Khan in a bloody coup. Daud, who took over from King Zaher Shah and ended monarchy in 1973, declared himself as... (More on P6-7)

Afghan Official Seeks Chinese Investment

HERAT - Herat province has very conducive investment condition in the western region and welcomes Chinese companies to invest there, said the province’s acting governor Agha Noor Jalali Jami. “The condition for investment is conducive as Herat... (More on P6-7)