Afghanistan's Security, Iran's Core Policy: Zarif

KABUL - At a meeting with Afghanistan's National Security Advisor Hamid Ahmadi in Tehran on Saturday, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said that progress and security of Afghanistan are among the Islamic Republic's core policies, according to Iranian media.

Zarif said that the Iranian and Afghan people enjoy cordial relations. “Afghanistan is a friendly neighbor of the Islamic Republic of Iran,” he said.

In January, during a meeting with Zarif, President Ashraf Ghani stated that progress and security of Afghanistan are among the Islamic Republic’s core policies.

Zarif pointed to an order by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, regarding Afghan children’s education. “He (Khamenei) also stressed that the Afghan children in Iran be permitted to attend school regardless of their residency,” Zarif said.

Zarif reiterated that as the two countries continue to strengthen cooperation in all sectors, Iran is ready to help Afghanistan rescue development at the highest level.”

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“Taliban, the war in Helmand continues in the volatile southern province of Helmand, reports have emerged that dozens of security force members have been killed while fighting the Taliban.”

In a video posted to social media, soldiers tell how they are battling on the frontline, but others (commanders and soldiers) survive only on eating bread. We cannot sleep during the day nor during the night they do not supply us with enough weapons and soldiers survive only on eating bread. We are fighting on the frontline, but others (commanders and soldiers) enjoy life in air conditioned rooms,” said the unnamed soldier.

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