Afghan Forces Search for Taliban Fighters after Major Attack

Afghan forces launched a clearing operation Friday, searching for Taliban fighters following a major assault on the southeastern city of Ghazni, after US air strikes targeted insurgents trying to over-run the city.

Promised to Gain Airspace Control Fulfilled: Ghani

KABUL - Afghanistan gained control of its airspace on Thursday when President Ashraf Ghani inaugurated a radar system at the Kabul International Airport.

A statement from the Presidential Palace said the new advance and modern system would help secure the Afghan airspace and increase the number of flights.

At the radar system’s inauguration at the Hamid Karzai International Airport, Mahmoud Shakir, head of the Afghan Civil Aviation Authority, provided technical information regarding the new radar.

Meanwhile, Ghanai said during his speech congratulated the entire nation over the successful installation of the new radar system and ACA’s efforts in training its personnel inside the country.

He said one of the national unity government’s key commitments was regaining control of the Afghan airspace, which had been achieved.

He said his government’s main target was turning Afghanistan into a regional roundabout.

The president stressed over technology.

MEC Clears DABS in 207.5b Afghanis Scandal

KARUL - The Independent Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC) on Thursday cleared oil and gas firm Afghanistan Breshana Shirkat (DABS) documents regarding the Afghanis disappearance claim as a ‘false statement’.

The MEC said the mentioned amount had directly been spent by the donors and the DABS had no role in allocation of those funds.

The MEC last year published a report regarding administrative corruption in the power utility, in which the disappearance of 207.5 billion Afghanis had been indicated.

A spokesman for US Forces in Afghanistan said the fighting had “ended” as of Friday morning, hours after the insurgents began the assault late Thursday from several positions around the city.

However, sporadic gunfire continued to echo into the afternoon.

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Respected Afghans, with your prayers and well wishes, I was able to take another good step for my beloved country and nation and make this charity,” the cricketer said. He said orphan children would be provided the opportunity to “make us proud”.

Ghani claimed that all decisions made by the NPA are based on transparency and all contracts are studied carefully.

Ghani said that in the contracts, special focus is given to domestic products and the products are purchased directly from the manufacturers. Because of this more than 19 companies have been revised.

Meanwhile, CEO Abdullah Abdullah said that the reforms which were put into effect in the procurement process in the country had led to more transparency and less wastage of resources and better participation of the private sector.

To speed up the process of procurement of projects, there is a need for cooperation between the National Procurement Authority (NPA) and theprocurement departments of the ministries and other government institutions, said Abdullah. (Tolo news)