Graham Warns

Withdrawal from Afghanistan will Lead to ‘Another 9/11’

sec. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., warned in an interview with Fox News Saturday that withdrawing U.S. troops from Afghanistan would lead to “another 9/11,” saying that America can’t “outsource” U.S. national security to the Taliban.

Senior Afghan Envoy Lauds Strong Cultural Ties with Iranian Nation

TEHRAN - Sharefiab Shams, the cultural attaché of Afghanistan in Iran, said that cultural communities and cultural ties between people of his country and Iranians, remaining that a large population of his countrymats are currently enjoying peaceful lives in Iran.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of Futsal competitions of Afghan migrants in Iran, Shams said that the two countries have strong and long-standing relations, as a large number of Afghans are currently living in the neighboring country in peace and security.

He added that the contents are held concurrent with the 100th anniversary of the two countries’ diplomatic relations.

“Ge have good cooperation in various fields and hosting three million Afghans by Iran is indicative of deep relations between the two countries,” the Afghan official said.

“The two countries are Muslims and neighbors and our ties with Iran are exceptional, as many Afghans are engaged in most of Afghan projects,” Shams said.

Early in June, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) praised Iran for its services and hospitality towards the foreign refugees in the past decades.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has offered extensive services to foreign refugees over the past 40 years, Head of UNHCR, said.

Melon Production on the Rise in Badghis

KABUL - Melon production has significantly increased in the western province of Badghis this year due to adequate irrigation and lack of pests, local officials said.

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