Quote of the Day
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Alacia Bessette

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BAKU - Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif warned against the growing presence of the ISIL terrorist group in Afghanistan, and called on the international bodies to take serious measures to help uproot terrorism in the neighboring country.

“At the Heart of Asia summit, we laid emphasis on the need for paying attention to the Daesh (ISIL) phenomenon in Afghanistan, which is expanding these days,” Zarif told ... (More on P4)...(3)

Terrorism as State Policy can Have Catastrophic Effects

NEW DELHI - Differentiating between good and bad terrorists and turning a blind eye to countries that use terrorism as an instrument of state policy can have catastrophic effects, Afghanistan’s chief executive Abdullah Abdullah said on Thursday.

Speaking at the 15th Hindustan Times Leadership Summit in New Delhi, he indicated that Pakistan needs to change its strategy of using terrorism as an instrument of state power in its relations with Afghanistan.

“Islamic countries should refrain from using terrorism as an instrument of state policy,” Abdullah said. “We need to put terrorism on the agenda and work together to root it out. Pakistan must change its ways.”

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