A Foreign War Underway, But Not a Civil Conflict

**Confidence in Afghan Govt. in Faisal Survey**

KARUL - Growing insecurity, corruption, and slow job growth have caused more Afghans to doubt their country’s future, but they remain hopeful that the government can still be a protective force.

The falling sense of optimism largely stems from the possibility of peace talks with the Taliban, said the latest annual survey of Afghan attitudes and opinions reports.

The withdrawal of US and NATO forces in 2014 can still be felt in the economy. Abdullah Abdullah, the head of Afghanistan’s coalition government, agreed that this is the case.

Also a member of Committee on Foreign Affairs, former Ambassador to the US, and former president of the USA, said: “The Haqqani network has killed more Americans than any other terrorist group, but the Pakistani military has done little to stop it.”

The sense of personal safety and empowerment remains.

The findings indicate that Afghans do not have confidence in their own country’s government, which still insists on the need for the US and NATO forces to stay in Afghanistan.”

**Tie Pak Aid to Action Against Haqannis: Congressman**

KARUL – Pakistan does not deserve America’s assistance in fighting terrorism and terrorism-related organizations that are considered as terrorist groups in order to receive economic aid from the US.

Pakistani government has to crack down on the extremist outfit Haqqani network and should be held accountable for the actions of its members in order to receive economic aid from the US.

Congressman for the district of the USA, said: “If Pakistan does not take action against the Haqqani network, it should not receive any economic aid from the US.”

** Afghan and Allied ECO Countries to Develop ICT Solutions to Attain SDGs**

KARUL – The Economic Cooperation Organization Science Foundation (ECOSF) has announced a competition for the development of Information Communication Technology (ICT) solutions to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the region.

The competition, developed in the ECOSF member countries, is aimed at providing the potential of ICT solutions to the social, economic, and cultural development of the region.

The competition, supported by the US-Based Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), will be conducted by the ECOSF member countries.

The competition will be open to students, researchers, and professionals in the field of ICT.

The competition will be held in the ECOSF member countries, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

The winning solutions will be announced in the 5th ECOSF General Assembly to be held in Karazhan in December.

The winners will receive an award of $50,000 for the best ICT solution.

** Afghan War Not Winning Due to Pak Policy**

WASHINGTON - The war on terrorism in Afghanistan cannot be won as long as militant safe havens remain in Pakistan, a former American general told PBS’s "Frontline." "The war is not winning because the policy we have is the wrong policy. We cannot see to it that the reality of it. We've got sanctuaries in Pakistan," said the former vice-chair of the army, Gen. (Ret.) John M. Keane.

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