A Senate hearing could also cover the growing divide between them. 

Mattis announced plans on Thursday called for immediate US Senate Armed Services Committee, told Graham, a member of the Senate of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis. 

Trump's decision to withdraw all American troops from Syria, which prompted the resignation of Trump administration officials saying on Thursday that there were plans to drawdown about 5,000 US troops from Afghanistan. 

WASHINGTON – Republican Senator Lindsey Graham on Friday called for immediate US Senate hearings on President Donald Trump that laid bare a mission of holding Afghanistan. 

Graham said cutting US troop strength in Afghanistan would leave “too few to accomplish the mission of holding Afghanistan together.”

In what is America’s longest war at 17 years. “I dare anybody to say that ISIS-K is defeated in Afghanistan,” Graham said, referring to Islamic State in Afghanistan and Pakistan. 

The group “is a bigger threat this year than they were last year. It is clear to me that ISIS-K is plotting to hit America,” Graham said. 

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GHAZNI - Mohammad Arif Nisar, the governor’s spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the security forces conducted air-and-ground operations in Miri, Mudad, Alizai and Kamkal district areas on Friday. Thirty-one militants were killed and five others wounded, he said, adding that militant commanders Zabihullah and Qari Zalal and four other rebels arrested. 

Shah Mohammad, a resident of Miri area, confirmed that a force firefight took place in their neighbourhood. He said both sides suffered casualties. However, the resident gave no further details. Separately, six insurgents were killed, three others wounded and several weapons and ammunition seized by the security forces during an ambush in the Katar area of Ghazni City. 

There has been no word so far from the Taliban in this regard. But the group’s spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid wrote on his Twitter account two civilians were wounded and six others arrested during a raid by Afghan and American forces in Galan district. 

JALALABAD – Three people have been killed and 17 others wounded as a result of a traffic accident in the Noorogam district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday.

Halfz Abdul Qayyum, the governor’s spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident took place in Taima area, where a passenger vehicle rammed off the road. Three people were killed and 12 others wounded, he added. He blamed on rash driving for the accident.

A security operation in the Andar district of southern Ghazni province, an official said on Saturday. 

4,400 Afghan Families Return Via Spin Boldak this Year 

KANDAHAR CITY -- Above 4,400 Afghan refugees returned from Pakistan through Spin Boldak border crossing in southern Kandahar province since the beginning of the year, an official said. 

A total of 4470 refugees returned through Spin Boldak and 721 of them who had legal documents were assisted by UNHCR, said Kandahar Refugee Department director Mohammad Rahim Rahimi at a press conference yesterday. He said 579 refugees families who returned from Pakistan this solar year lacked legal credentials and they were assisted. (More on P4)