Security Forces in Helmand Await Orders from Central Govt.

KABUL - The Afghan Taliban is using military equipment seized from US forces to fight government forces in the embattled Sangin district in Helmand province. However, no confirmed statistics on human casualties have been revealed.

It is a new week since Afghan forces have launched an offensive in Sangin, a Taliban stronghold. However, those reports were rejected by central government officials. (Telekom)

Afghan Taliban Snubs Russia and Denies Coordination against IS

KABUL - The Afghan Taliban has snubbed Russia claiming the extremist group does not need the help of Moscow to defeat the Islamic State (IS). The Afghan group has issued a clarification to refute earlier claims made by a top Russian diplomat. Rejeting the emony’s averton, a Taliban spokesperson said the two parties were not sharing information or intelligence regarding talib conflicts in Afghanistan. Speaking to....

Obama Honors ‘Outstanding, Brave’ Troops Killed in Afghan Attack

WASHINGTON - President Obama remembered the six "outstanding, brave men and women" killed in a terrorist attack in Afghanistan this week, in a Christmas message to U.S. troops in Hawaii.

"As we know, when you're deployed overseas, it's tough," Obama said Friday at Marine Corps Base Island.

"And even though we've been able to reduce the number of folks who are deployed in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, there are still folks over there every single day. And it's still dangerous, as we saw this past week, where we had some outstanding brave men and women who were killed."

Six American troops in the U.S.-led coalition were killed Monday by a suicide bomber near....

Afghanistan Defeats Bhutan 3-0 in Second SAFF Championship

NEW DELHI - The Afghan national football team defeated Bhutan 3-0 in their second match of South Asia Football Federation (SAFF) Championship on Saturday evening.

Played in Tirumala International Stadium, the formation of the Afghan team was based on 4-2-3-1, which included four players in defense line, 2 players in defensive halfback, 3 players in the middle line and 1 player in the offensive (inner) line. The first goal was hit by Khair..

Laghmans Residents Concerned Over Daesh Activities

MEHTARLAAM - A number of Laghmans residents have raised concerns over the presence of alleged Daesh fighters in the eastern province and said the insurgent group has recently started its activities in the area.

Residents said security threats in Qarabagh district are mostly due to Daesh fighters, citing the fact that the district was one of the most... and women killed in a terror attack in Afghanistan last night that troops deployed to other districts in Helmand province were killed. (Telekom)

US Pursuing Wrong-Headed Policy in Afghanistan: Analysts

WASHINGTON - The United States has been pursuing a wrong-headed policy in Afghanistan and the Middle East for several years, an American political analyst and activist said.

Mark Weber, the director of the Institute for Historical Review, made the remarks in an interview with Press TV while commenting on a recent letter to President Donald Trump by Daesh fighters in the eastern province.

"This is reaction to the recent killing of U.S. troops who were in patrol in Afghanistan. But those troops would still be alive today if American political leaders had not sent them there at the first place," he added. (Telekom)

51 Development Projects Completed in Samangan Province

AIBAK - National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabili- tation and Development (MRRD/NSP) said that 52 development projects worth Afs 68,657,000 funded by the including 15% community contribu- tion 53 public utility pro- jects completed in Aiba- khan-sar-e-sarab district in Samangan province. According to MRRD Pro- vincial Manager in Samangan province, these projects comprise the construction of a four class-room-school building, 15 community centers, 42 safe water reservoirs, a rea- lizing well of 1,889 meters in length, a micro hydro power station capable of generating 13.5 kW ene- rgy, a 130-meter irrigation canal, 117 bridges, public bath, culverts, exten- sion of a 58 kilometer wa- ter supply network and travel on a 1,400-meter rural road.

Approximately, 8,813 families in different commu- nities had an opportu- nity to gain access to basic public services upon comple- tion of these projects. In an interview to Sa- mangan province, the NSP has been able to execute 1,514 infrastructure projects in different sec- tors such as transport, reportage, water and sanitation, irrigation, power, livelihoods, education, etc while the work of another 150 is currently in pro- cess in various community.