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Trump Talks New Rules of Engagement in Afghanistan after Attacks

KARUL - Ghani in turn said in- surgents will pay the price for the recent attacks, which could include the execution of those who died in them. The US President Donald Trump enforced his statement in Washington DC on Tuesday and said that US forces will protect the skeptics of the war in Afghanistan. The US President delivered his State of the Union address in Washington DC on Tuesday and said he had signed an executive order to keep Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba open. This decision is a reversal of his predecessor’s ban on the detention facilities at Guantanamo Bay.

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27 Haqqani, Taliban Rebels Hand Over 24 Taliban Fighters to Afghanistan

PESHAWAR - Twenty-seven sus-pected Taliban and Haqqani net-work fighters were handed over to Kabul in November 2017, Pakistan reveals. Islamdarnah promised on Tuesday it would continue to press on the rebel groups, allegedly in- volved in the recent wave of terror attacks in Afghanistan. The Foreign office spokesman said “27 individuals suspected of belonging to TTP (Tehreek-Taliban Pakistan) and Haqqani network) were handed Over to Kabul in November 2017.”

In another tweet, Dr. Faiz said Pakistan was exerting pressure on the Taliban and the Haqqani net- work to press on them so they could not use its soil for any terrorist activity in Afghanistan.

18 Drug Smugglers Held in a Week Being Probed

KARUL - Eighteen people, in- cluding two airport of- ficials, have been arrested over drug smuggling charges in the past one week, the Criminal Jus- tice Task Force (CJTF) said on Wednesday. A CIF (criminal investigation) report said the arrested smugglers had been ar- rested by police in Kabul, Her- at, Ghazni, Parwan, Nangarhar, Balkh, Javaluyan and Farah prov- inces.

The detainees included two public service members of the Hamid Karzai Inter- national Airport. The two had been arrested after trying to smuggle drugs to India. More than 40 kilograms of heroin, 825 kilograms of opium, more than 350 kilograms of hashish, 122 liters of acid, 210 lit-ers of alcohol and 290 kilograms of tobacco were recovered from the detainees.

About 24,800 afghanis, 300 US dollars, 3,000 Indian rupees, one weapon, 64 bullets, three hand guns, 59 mobile phone sets and eight vehicles have been confiscated from the detainees. Their cases were being in-vestigated at the CJTF, the statement said, adding the primary court had sentenced three smugglers to jail terms from three and a half years to 16 years. Two of the sus-pects were sentenced to different punishment. (Pajhwok)

Snow Blocks Roads to 14 Badakhshan Districts

FAIZABAD - Local officials on Tuesday said two days of snowing has blocked roads leading to 14 districts from northeastern Badakhshan province’s capital.

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