Pakistan Residents Protest Against Durand Line Fencing

GARDEZ - Hundreds of residents of the Durand Line border district of southeastern Pakistan province on Tuesday protested against what they claimed "movements" of Pakistani troops along the Durand Line and firing on the border.

Madin Satoshi, a protestor, said people of the area were upset and angry over the recent actions of the Pak. Satoshi added that the government was being "indifferent" to the area and the people.

He urged the National Unity Government (JNX) to seriously take measures against the Pakistan forces.

"All people are tired of the situation, we will have to respond ourselves to the "Punjabi people."

Another protestor, Abdullah, said the Pakistani military had recently started installing fences and facilities across the Durand Line "in an attempt to enter the Afghan soil."

He wondered why the government was silent about the matter despite the fact all people were with the government and stood beside their security forces.

Meanwhile, Shumirz Kazi, a provincial council member, said people did not want to see arbitrary and were awaiting the central government's orders.

He said, "The border and border areas of..." (More on P4)

US B-52 Drops Record Number of Bombs on Taliban

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Dr. Abdulla Abdullah, chief executive officer (CEO), said at the inaugural ceremony on Monday, "We are trying to launch the first flight to Kazakhstan next summer," Smir Rasa, head of... (More on P4)

Council of Ministers Gets New Building Worth 138m Af

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isters has been constructed at a cost of 158 million afghans and put into service at the Sadar Palace in Kabul.

Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, chief executive officer (CEO), said at the inaugural ceremony on Mon-
day, "Construction work on the structure was launched one year ago."

He added the building had a cabinet meeting hall

The building was handed over to the council.

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tions personnel to assist local groups fighting Daesh militants.

According to various estimates, as of 2016, there were 3,000 US military personnel stationed in Iraq, with nearly 4,000 deployed to support and assist local groups fighting Islamic state of Iraq and the Levant.

The remaining personnel included special opera-
tions forces, coalition of nations and troops on tem-
porary rotations. (More on P4)

Ten Insurgents Killed in Parwan Special Operation

KABUL - Officials said weapons and explosive devices were recovered after the operation that also involved foreign troops.

At least ten insurgents were killed in a special op-
eration in northern Parwan province on Monday night, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) confirmed in a statement Tuesday.

The operation was launched on a Taliban hideout in the north of Afghanistan in the province, which the forces destroyed the Taliban’s hideout, according to the government, adding that “the forces also dis-
covered weapons and explosive devices during the operations”. (More on P4)

US Expands Anti-Taliban Airstrikes to Northern Afghanistan

KABUL - The U.S. military says a new Taliban air cam-
paign has expanded to northern Afghanistan near the border with China and Tajikistan to destroy insurgent revenue sources, training facilities and support networks.

The airstrikes began in November under President Donald Trump’s new Afghan war strategy and initially focused on Taliban-linked narcotics producing labs in the largest southern province of Helmand with a mission to cut insurgent main revenue streams.

“Over the past 96 hours, U.S. forces conducted air operations to strike Taliban training facilities in Badakhshan province, preventing the planning and rehearsal of terrorist acts near the border with China and Tajikistan,” the military announced Tuesday.

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It added the strikes also destroyed stolen Afghan National Army vehicles that were in the process of being converted to vehicle-borne improvised... (More on P4)... (More on P4)

Quote of the Day

Never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.

Winston Churchill

Afghanistan-Indonesia to Open Air Corridor

Communiqué said ministry said Afghanistan and Indonesia have formed committees to work on opening an air corridor between the two countries.

Afghanistan has taken the lead in the two T20I matches against Zimbabwe in Sharjah.

SHARJAH - Mohammad Nabi's 60 off 27 balls helped Afghanistan's 120-tar get set by Zimbabwe, helping Afghanistan's National Cricket Team to take a 4-1 lead in the two-match T20 series in Sharjah on Monday night.

Zimbabwe scored 120/9 in 20 overs at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium. Afghanistan scored 121/5 in 14 overs, chasing 120 for victory.

Earlier, Rashid Khan claimed three wickets while Shapoorzad Ashraf took two as Afghanistan chased their target in 121/5 after the "host" won the toss and opted to field.

Wicketkeeper Mohammad Shahzad, who returned after serving a ban for doping code violation, opened Afghanistan’s chase a flying start after the partner Karim Sadiq went out for.

Shahzad hit a half century and smashed two big sixes in his 11-ball stay of 20 before bottom edging one to the keeper.

The two teams will play one more T20 on Tuesday before taking on each other in five One-Day Internationals (ODIs) in the same venue.

All the matches will be played at the Shar-}
jah Cricket Stadium. (Tolo news)