Baghlan Residents Call for Ceasefire as Civilians Suffer

KABUL - A number of civil society activists on Thursday complained about the increasing threats to civilians and casualties and thousands more were displaced by weeks of clashes between security forces and Taliban militants in northern Baghlan province, citing a rising fire. They told a press conference in Kabul on Thursday that several civilians were killed and injured in an attack in one of the parts of the operations against Taliban insurgents.

“We are in very bad condition and have been in fear for two years now. We have been hoàng that for two years now that we have been targeted by the Taliban,” said Said Sabir, a civil society member.

The Taliban assault on Baghlan province, according to Sabir, killed two civilians and wounded eight others.

Tajikistan Electricity to Kabul Reconnected

KABUL – Gluam Hussein, the head of Baghlan electricity department said on Friday that the authorities have managed to reconnect two circuits of the Baghlan-Kabul power transmission line.

The two circuits had been destroyed by militants in the area two nights ago. He added that currently more than a 10 megawatts of electricity is being provided to Kabul (Toloonews)

US Designates Al-Hababi as Global Terrorist

WASHINGTON – The State Department, Global Justice Institute and Al-Hababi was designated a global terrorist on Thursday.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated Al-Hababi as a global terrorist...

Peace Process

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National Security

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Al-Hababi is responsible for planning attacks against US and coalition forces in Afghanistan, contributing to Al-Qaeda’s external operations and funding of terrorist organizations, the Department of the Treasury said in a statement.

The Taliban insurgent group, which has been waging an insurgency against the Afghan government, has handed itself over to Kabul.

Baghlan Residents Demand Ceasefire as Civilians Suffer

The Taliban have been waging an insurgency against the Afghan government, and civilian leaders have called for a ceasefire.

KABUL - Some 36 militants were killed and four others wounded in an airstrike by Afghan and US forces in Baghlan province on Thursday, spokesman Major Kahlid Latifi told a press conference.

A total of 25 militants were wounded and four others were killed in an airstrike during military and aerial operations conducted across the country, said US forces.”

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10 Tonnes of Expiring Drugs, Food Set Alight

QALAT - Health officials in southern Zabul province burned 10 tonnes of expired food and medicines Thursday as part of a nationwide operation.

An official said an estimated 250,000 tonnes of expired medicines and food items were collected from three to seven days campaign that aimed at removing expired medicines and food items from stock to ensure that the health of the people could not be harmed. He said such campaigns would continue in four of Qatar, the provincial capital in coming days.

“Although Muhammad, the provincial council member, said the intake of expired medicines was harmful for human beings and the government should prevent the sale of unexpired items in the market...” (More on P4)