New Book Exposes Pakistan’s Huge Support of Taliban

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KABUL - In his new book "Directorate S", prominent American author Steve Coll has revealed that Pakistan’s spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has been providing massive support to Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan.

The book titled "Directorate S" refers to the arm of Pakistani intelligence that covertly supports the Afghan Taliban. It has been written on the basis of classified documents and interviews with over 500 individuals who in some way were involved in affairs related to Afghanistan.

In his book, Coll writes that the amount of ISI support to militant groups in Afghanistan was so extensive that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) initially thought that Pakistan’s top military officials had themselves been caught in the hook of Islamic radicalism.

According to Shaheen Corps, the Afghan forces pounded the artillery strikes and destroyed a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device from real district as the militants were looking to use it for an attack in Jalalabad city.

Khogyani further added that the car bomb was seized from Dami-Ghordi area and blamed... (More on P4)...

NUG Committed to Promote Gender Equality in Afghanistan: CEO

KABUL - Afghan Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah has said the National Unity Government (NUG) is committed to gender equality, equity and women’s empowerment in the country.

Abdullah noted that Afghan women had a remarkable improvement after the Taliban regime, but it is still not enough.

"Afghan women are in the High Peace Council, Ministries and other institutions and it shows that they had a great improvement than the past. It is not enough and more steps should be taken for the women capacity building," CE said.

For five years under the Taliban’s Islamist regime, women were banned from education and work. Since the Taliban fell in 2021, women’s rights have significantly improved.

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Interior Ministry Plans to Retire Old Police Generals

KARAIL - The Interior Ministry plans to retire a number of police generals in first quarter of new solar year, as a way of giving younger officers an incentive to advance up the ranks.

Continuing to Azima Naseem, the Interior Ministry Spokesman, Najib Danish said that the move will bring reforms and reshape police personnel with young officers. However, some former military officers are not optimistic about the plan, saying it will weaken the moral of security forces. This comes more than a week after the Defense Ministry has retired 626 high-ranking military officers. The plan to retire old military officers, earlier, has caused a stir among retired officers, military officers and military police personnel with young officers. The plan is expected to advance up the ranks.

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