WASHINGTON — In his annual budget proposals, US President Donald Trump has sought $5 billion for Afghan security forces and $500 million in civilian aid to the war-torn country.

The request seeks to further the US goal of stable South Asia by supporting the Afghan government and security forces in their fight against Taliban and jihadist organisations such as Al Qaeda and ISIS.

The White House said in its proposal to the Congress, the budget request includes $2.2 billion for continued US training and assistance for the Afghan security forces.

It would also enable US forces to conduct counterterrorism operations to ensure that the region cannot be used by jihadist terrorist groups to plot transnational attacks and for continued US training and assistance for the Afghan security forces.

Tehran to Host Third Economic Meeting of Afghanistan-Iran

ZARANJ - A number of residents of southwestern Nimroz province are complaining about growing population of drug addicts and increasing robberies, but official data dispute their claims.

Haji Ahmad, who owns a mobile phone shop in Zaranj City, expressed serious concern about the increasing incidents of shop and home burglary incidents.

He told PJV Afghan News that thieves break in to shop and steal $150,000 Afghanis and all mobile phones in a short time.

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43 Taliban killed, 20 wounded in Kandahar battle

KANDAHAR CITY - At least 43 Taliban militants have been killed and 20 other wounded during a clash with security forces in southern Kandahar province, an official claimed on Tuesday.

Matullah Hidi, deputy spokesperson for provincial police, told PJV Afghan News dozens of insurgents entered the Nakh district police headquarters late on Monday.

However, the insurgents showed a strong response from the security forces, Hidi said, adding the Afghan Air Force supported the security forces in the district.

Robberies, Drug Addicts Increasing in Nimroz: Residents

“Increasing in Nimroz: Residents fear for their safety. Many residents are concerned that their homes and shops will be robbed,” said Haji Ahmad, who owns a mobile phone shop in Zaranj City.

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Aroos (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

Aries: Keeping conversations light-hearted is important for you. It helps you to sink into deep waters pretty quickly. Don’t let your egos impinge on your emotional power struggle when innocent Venus crosses moodswings with dynamic Pluto. Never before, staying truly involved in a discussion, even after you want it to end, is the smartest thing you can do.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus: Your friends are an important part of your life, but there could be a bit of trouble brewing now where there shouldn’t be any. You might feel as if your plans are being hijacked by someone who you thought was all right. It can be complicated if there are hidden motives in what you’re doing today.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer: Your internal guidance system appears to be malfunctioning today. Perhaps, you’re at a loss without your intuitive concern. Logical analysis may work for others, but it never gives you emotional Crabs the most satisfying answers. However, the wisdom you seek is usually found in your body and, today, you might know what you can trust your gut.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Leo: You continue to be highly motivated by the needs of your partner or your desire for partnership. Impatience is a big hindrance and you don’t give romance a chance today. Although limitations may be asked if you try to use your current potential delicately, you might just need to break your rules in a single night.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Virgo: You’re probably not in charge of yourself right now but you think you are. It’s your idea of doing something immediately, rather than calculating it with the utmost care. It’s a time to consider a more concrete plan, even if you aren’t very practical now. But following your agenda step by step might slow you down.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Libra: You might be more inclined to make an emotional decision than to discuss today, rather than telling people what they want to hear. But because no time to waste if you plan to go on a little journey to get to the bottom of a provisioning problem. You’re too keen on bringing things to an end and might be a bit of trouble brewing now where there shouldn’t be any. You might feel as if your plans are being hijacked by someone who you thought was all right. It can be complicated if there are hidden motives in what you’re doing today.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Scorpio: You seem to know what you’re thinking today, but you also actively need of your inner self. Your need for consistency and loyalty is not negotiable. If you have no knowledge about the truth, you prefer to be honest. A way that doesn’t touch your trust.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Capricorn: Your intuition says and your sense are pretty much out of control today than it was yesterday. You’re doing something immediately, rather than calculating it with the utmost care. It’s a time to consider a more concrete plan, even if you aren’t very practical now. But following your agenda step by step might slow you down.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Aquarius: Everything seems more intense today and you wonder how long this hectic pace will continue. You’re at your most creative during the active Mercury in your 1st House of Personality, stripping you of the usual inhibitions that stifle your innate curiosity. Paradoxically, your words can cut through the distractions that prevent you from experiencing the unconscious that lie beneath the obvious surface of life.