IS Threat in Afghanistan Being Evaluated: CEO

KAUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Abdullah Abdullah on Monday said the threat of Islamic State militants in Afghanistan was being exaggerated but warned that the menace should not be underestimated.

Earlier reports cited militants’ setter attacks in the northeastern province of Nangarhar and the eastern Kunar province. However, security forces remained vigilant.

ULAMA ROLE CRUCIAL FOR PEACE: MOSAZAI

KAUL - Afghanistan’s Ulama council on Monday called for a meeting of the Ulama council to discuss the issue of peace in the country.

The council said that it would work with other Afghan institutions to ensure that the Ulama played a key role in the peace process.

Several Mineral Deposits Found in Bamyan

BAMYAN CITY - Initial surveys have found large deposits of several high-quality natural resources in central Bamyan province, which, if extracted, would generate job opportunities for thousands of people and increase government revenue.

One of the surveys conducted by Bamyan Mines Development shows several deposits of iron, copper, aluminum and precious and semi-precious stones exist in the province. The survey also finds a massive concentration of precious stones of different kinds. Another survey conducted in Das-e-Sabz area of Bamyan City discovered a granite stone deposit and a coalmine in the same district.

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I will not return as President: Karzai

KAUL - The former Afghan President Hamid Karzai has ruled out speculation that he will return as the president of Afghanistan.

In an interview with the DPA news agency in Kabul, the former Afghan President said he has completed his time and announced that “We should not get stuck in the past. I’m history.”

KARZAI stepped down as the Afghan Presi dent after transferring power to President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on 29th Septem ber.

In parts of his remarks, Karzai criticized the NATO-led combat mission in Afghanistan and said the mission was a failure which left thousands of people dead.

He said the insurgency has increased and the world is suffering from growing radical ism particularly from al-Qaeda and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terror ist group.

50 Kids Return from Germany after Treatment

KAPIL - A group of 50 Afghan children on Sunday arrived in Kabul from Germany after receiving treatments, but some of them speak German and cannot speak their mother tongues after spending up to a year in the Frändenland - the peace village.

The children, ranging in age from one year to 15 years, (More on P6-13)

Ghani, Karzai Condole Shinwari Demise

KAUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and former President Hamid Karzai on Monday offered their condolences to the family and friends of the late Nangarhar provincial governor over the demise of Angina Shinwari who succumbed to injuries some days back.

A statement from Presidential Palace said both the leaders arrived at the Edagi Minaq in the capital Kabul this afternoon to attend prayer ceremony for late Angina Angina Shinwari, former provincial (More on P6-13)