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“We do think that any reconciliation efforts in the neighborhood,” said Lavoy, who heads the White House National Security Council’s director for South Asian affairs, told Pajhwok Afghan News in an interview. “Reconciliation is a threat to all of us, and our country will benefit unless terrorism is eradicated in every other country, especially in the neighborhood,” said Lavoy, who heads the White House National Security Council’s director for South Asia.

**Taliban Attend 70 Seminaries in Paktika**

SHARANA - Education officials Monday said militants were not allowing the 70 seminaries in southeastern Paktika province to register with the education department.

Islamic education official in Paktika Mohammad Karim Attaial told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban were not allowing them to register with the education department.

The official said Taliban militants attending classes at the seminaries... (More on P4)

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The attack, which appeared coordinated, took place at around 4pm on Tuesday as a convoy of parliament staff was leaving the offices in Darulaman Road in PD7. According to reports a suicide bomber blew himself up first at the entrance to parliament’s offices and then a suicide car bomber detonated his explosives.

The Afghan government has said the attack, which was claimed by the Taliban, was a failed attempt to target the incoming government.

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The aspirants would be shortlisted within three days and three best applicants would be introduced to the Presidential Palace. The president would choose one among them. (More on P4).

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