Barmak Admits Involvement of Afghan Police in Certain Illegal Activities

KABUL - The Minister of Interior of Afghanistan Assadullah Khalid Barmak admits that some policemen are involved in illegal activities. Khalid Barmak made the statement during a press conference in Kabul today and also said that a number of top Afghan officials are involved in the involvement of the police officers in the illegal activities.

The Minister of Interior said he is aware of the issue and the people are well justified for complaining regarding the police for their involvement in illegal acts. The Ministry is conducting an investigation into the crime instead of acting to prevent the criminal activities.

He said the leadership of the ministry has also taken all necessary steps and the intelligence department has been instructed to start operations to clean the police units from the corrupt individuals. Barmak further added that necessary steps have also been taken to disclose their affiliations and the ministry will also work to impose serious penalties against the guilty police officers.

The criminal property of the police officers is surrounded by the personnel of the Anti-Corruption Joint Center on charges of involving around 100 million Afghans.

KANDAHAR CITY - A 17-month-old boy has been tested positive for poliomyelitis in southern Kandahar province, taking the number of polio cases so far this year to 13 nationwide.

The provincial Public Health Department told a press conference on Wednesday that Kandahar city is the capital of polio in Kandahar province, telling the new polio case - the 7th in Kandahar this year - surfaced in Spin Boldak border district, setting alarms bells ringing for the country.

So far 14 polio cases have been recorded country-wide and the new case in Spin Boldak is Kandahar's third. Khaghan takes the number of such cases to seven in Kandahar.

Previously five cases have been reported in the Shahrak Jali district, one in Spin Boldak and one in Kandahar city, the provincial capital.

Two others have been recorded in Nascab and Nahar districts and one in a rural province, three in Nangarhar and one in Kandahar province.

Kandahar public health director - More on Pn 015.

The HPC members said they stressed the need for regional and international cooperation in Afghanistan and the need to bear on the neocolonial process during the meeting with the UN Security Council. (More on Pn 015)

KABUL - Two days after unofficial peace talks between government officials and Taliban in Turkey, the UN High Peace Council said the group has not officially given the go-ahead to hold formal negotiations.

Unfortunately, Taliban has not given an official response to the joint call of the United Nations and regional organizations, said head of High Peace Council secretariat Mohammad Amrullah Dzalat.

Some factors which are impeding the peace efforts (in Afghanistan) are because of the interference by some countries who are not in favor of peace in Afghanistan, the head told journalists.

Unfortunately, Pakistan in this respect, the interference of drug smuggling and activities, which are not productive, took place during the gathering on Tuesday.

The HPC members discussed the recent visit of the United Nations Security Council delegation to Afghanistan at the request of Pakistan.

Taliban and other stakeholders must bring the peace talks on track, the head said. Local officials said some 30 families of foreign militants have been living in Junar district. (Dosti/ok)

Afghanistan: on Imports from Afghanistan Urged

FAIZABAD - At least 17 foreigners fighters have been killed and nearly a dozen more wounded in clashes with Afghan security forces in northwestern Badakhshan province, an official said on Tuesday.

According to the provincial Ministry of Defense, 50 soldiers and nine policemen were wounded in the attack. The official added that a number of the national police officers for their involvement in illegal acts.

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