KARUL - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Tuesday evening urged its counterparts over the progress made during the second Quadrilateral Coordination Group (QCG) meeting held on Monday and called them to maintain good coordination and support to Afghan forces for the next phase of operations.

First Quadrilateral Coordination Group (QCG) meeting held in Kabul on Monday concluded with agreement of foreign officials on a plan to stop supporting insurgents and hand over the fight to security forces.

Afghan security forces have continued their operation against Taliban in the past 24 hours.

According to MoD, 13 Taliban fighters were killed and 13 others wounded in one of these operations.

"Afghan security forces have been conducting operations in Marja district and have captured a number of strategic points," MoD spokesman said.

Following is the report of the meetings held by MoD:

AFGHANISTAN: 13 Taliban fighters were killed and 13 others wounded during a clearing operation in Marja district of Helmand province.

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India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan foreign ministers have agreed on a plan to stop supporting insurgents and hand over the fight to security forces.

KABUL - The Taliban were thwarted on Tuesday to capture three key strategic districts in Helmand province as fierce fighting with government forces forced a withdrawal of the insurgents.

The army, said a number of and capture some areas of Lashkargah and Ghazni districts.

By the withdrawal of international troops from combat last year, the Afghan government has been conducting operations to enforce agreement of the Foreign Ministers.

"Now as reinforcements had arrived, the insurgents weren't able to control more areas," he added.

Meanwhile, some other law-enforcement agencies are said to be participating in the reconciliation process.

Fresh Troops Sent to Troubled Helmand Parts: Sarjang

LASHKARGAH - Fresh troops have been deployed to different parts of southern Helmand province, but some security problems remained, officials said on Tuesday.

The reinforcements have been sent to Sangin and Gereshk districts and their deployment would positively impact security in the area, Helmand police chief, Brig. Abdul Rahman Sarjang, told a press conference here.

"We have prepared plans for maintaining security in several areas of the province and the plans will be implemented," he said, adding that the Afghan forces on the ground had air support from foreign counterparts.

At least 10 Taliban fighters were killed and 13 others wounded on Monday night as a result of clearing operations by security forces in Gereshk district and Bahali locality of Lashkargah, the provincial capital, Sarjang said.

However, governor's spokesman, Omar Zvak, in a statement said that insurgents had been previously taking advantage of security gaps.

For instance, he said when security forces had been conducting clearing operations in Majar district, a number of insurgents had arrived and start peace talks with the Taliban, said the MoD official.

According to Khairullah Azad, the deputy spokesperson for MoFa: "The QCG members have agreed upon general principles of the road map for peace talks and it has been decided that the talks will be held on and agreed at the next meeting."

The first meeting was hosted by Pakistan in Islamabad last Monday, where the involved parties all agreed to the need to protect Afghanistan's independence and sovereignty.

"For the Afghanistan government it is important that talks and technical meetings finish as soon as possible so that the way can be paved for direct talks between..." (More on PAJ/03)

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