President, CEO at Loggerheads Over Mayoral Appointment

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The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said the two province. The documents from the CEO Office are said to be loggerheads with the CEO Office and the Chief Executive Palace and the Chief Executive Source, who said one of the top five applicants had to be chosen by the president.

Taliban-Designated Mayor, Judge Among 14 Held by NDS

KABUL- The spy service on Saturday claimed detaining a Taliban-designated judge and mayor for the Uruzgan district of northern Takhar province. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said the two senior insurgent figures had been arrested along with a score of other suspects. The military leaders were identified as Maulvi Habibur Rahman, also Murtado, son of Khanzad Bagh, and Maulid Shukullah, also known as Musaf Shukur.

A statement from the intelligence network said the insurgents were... (More on P4-13)

Residents Call for Tougher Action against Insurgents in Dand-E-Ghori

KABUL- Residents in Dand-E-Ghori area of Baghlan have blasted security forces for not taking tough action against the Taliban who have been causing major security threats in the area. Residents also say that the military campaign against the insurgent group has proved counterproductive. This comes nearly a week after insurgents blew up a power transmission line in Dand-E-Ghori of Baghlan, halting the transfer of electricity to Kabul and some other areas. “We... (More on P4-14)

US Defence Secretary Warns of Tough Fighting Season This Year

WASHINGTON - The current year will be a tough fighting season in Afghanistan, US Defence Secretary Ashton Carter has warned, hinting at a long military presence in the country. He had shared his concerns about 2016 being a tough fighting season with President Ashraf Ghani last week, the defense secretary told a Pentagon media briefing. “We (Ghani) fully understand that, as does the CEO, that we thought it was necessary. President Obama has adjusted plans for US military engagement in Afghanistan. He said: “The president has made a commitment to, and all the coalition members have to stick with Afghanistan. That’s not just for the year 2016. It’s for the 2017 and beyond.”

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