US to Partner with Afghanistan to Defeat Terrorists: Obama

WASHINGTON - US President Barack Obama said his country would continue to cooperate with nations like Afghanistan in building their security forces to defeat terrorist networks.

"We'll continue to also partner with nations, from Afghanistan and Nigeria, to build up their security forces. We've been working together, and we're moving in the right direction." Obama told reporters on Monday, a day after his meeting with national security teams on challenges facing ISAF.

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CEO Pledges Army Brigade to bolster Kandahar Security

KABUL - Major General Ata Mohammad Safi, deputy chairman, Independent Election Commission (IEC), announced on Tuesday that his organization would support the US-led NATO and Afghan security forces in Kandahar.

Kunduz - Expressing concern over the situation in northern Kunduz, Chief Executive Officer Abdul Abdullah Abdulzai on Tuesday said an army brigade to be deployed to the province would get the necessary security of the volatile province.

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MADAMA - Provincial council officials of northeastern Takhar province said around 2,500 families were living in a state of siege in Al- nor district of the province, which could spark a major humanitarian crisis if the government failed to alleviate the situation.

Security officials had said that hundreds of Taliban militants had entered Badgai, Chou, and Qudrobat provinces and started attacking parts of Ghor, Aima and Badakhshan districts of Faryab.

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Afghanistan Justly Proud of its Civil Society and Media

KARUL - The top United Nations envoy in Afghanistan, Nicholas Haysom, met on Tuesday in Kabul with Afghan civil society leaders and journalists to hear their concerns about the security situation, which have recently surfaced from some Afghan newspapers.

"The Afghan independent journal, as well as a flourishing civil society is critical for the health and survival of a democracy," said Nicholas Haysom.

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Concerns about Daesh for Pakistan

KABUL - Concerns over the growing presence of Daesh in Afghanistan are at the forefront of the talks, topped the Shanghai Cooperation Organization’s (SCO) agenda.

The Chinese Deputy Foreign Ministry said on Monday that China had expressed concerns over Daesh’s activities in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Chinese, however, are among some of the countries, which除了SCO, are expected to lend a great deal of time to discussion of the issue at their upcoming gathering.

"Due to the spillover effect of the Islamic State’s teroristic activities, Afghanistan now faces a grim security situation," Cheng said, according to the Shanghai Daily.

SCO leaders "will certainly have in-depth discussions on the Al- ghenian issue," he added. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization’s two-day meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday in Russia, with delegates from the six member countries - Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan - in attendance. In addition, leaders from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and India are also expected to attend the conference.

"Although the country is not a military power, but as a big organization, it can help Afghanistan [in]... (More on P5-8)

Ghani Urges Meshhrano Jirga Members to End Strife

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai on Monday assured lawmakers his ministry would work with them to answer their questions, the Media Office of the President revealed.

"The government's new trend is to hold open-door meetings with the representatives of the nation. In this way, we want to talk to every member of the Meshhrano Jirga [in]... (More on P5-8)

155 Kabul Bank Defaulter's Barred from Leaving Country

KABUL - The Attorney General Office (AGO) on Tuesday made it clear that a copy of the order to freeze the accounts of 155 Kabul Bank defaulter's would be served to the Meshhrano Jirga [in]... (More on P5-8)

Industry Leaders Frustrated after Two Months without AISA Leadership

KABUL - After two months without new director, it appears that the Afghanistan Industry Association (AIA), the country's only organization that licenses investors and is only involved in supporting investments, is in dire straits. Leaders on the committee called the national unity government's failure to follow through on its promise to appoint a new director for the association's Afghanistan Industry Association (AIA). (More on P5-8)

Iran Nuclear Deal in Afghanistan's Interest: Iranian Ambassador

KABUL - The recent nuclear deal which is likely to be concluded within the next few months could be a turning point for Afghanistan. Several countries including the EU, Russia, China, Turkey, and Iran have welcomed the deal, which would lead to the replacement of sanctions with trade.

In an interview with the Afghan media, Ali-Rahman Bahrami, the Iranian ambassador to Afghanistan, said that the success of the deal would have a direct impact on the security situation, economic growth, and the well-being of the Afghan people. (More on P5-8)