Baghlan-Kunduz Highway Reopens to Traffic after Four Days

KABUL - Local residents said the Taliban had used their houses as their strongholds, leaving damage to the road. The Baghlan-Kunduz highway was reopened to traffic on Friday after four days of clashes between government forces and the Taliban, local officials said. Taliban had established checkposts in Charkh and Wazir Akbar Khan. The check posts were removed and the Taliban suffered heavy losses in the battle. Muskari added: “At least 23 militants were killed and 13 others were wounded (in the clashes). The security forces have foiled the mines planted on the highway by the insurgents. The highway is now opened,” he said. Kunduz security officials also said all the villages close to the Baghlan-Kunduz highway have been cleared of militants. “We conducted an operation against their (militants’) checkposts and killed eight of them. Others escaped. Ten of them are wounded and are in bad condition,” said Ahmad Abid, head of Afghan Public Protection Force in Kunduz. “A military support should be established here in order to prevent a comeback by the Taliban,” said Jan Agha, the police chief for Ali Abad district. Kunduz residents said their houses were used as strongholds by insurgents in the four-day fighting, leaving damages to houses. (Tolonews)

U.S. is Now Waiting Days to Announce Deaths in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - The announcement general of the war in Afghanistan has ordered the U.S military to continue announcing when a service member has died until days after the incident, the American personnel who were killed in Afghanistan. The initial rule is generally devoid of any specific information, usually identifying the area and how the incident occurred. According to him, “no casual information on deceased military or DOD civilians personnel may be released to the media or the general public until 24 hours after notifying the [next of kin].” The policy does not preclude the verification commands from announcing that an incident has occurred. The issuing commands are released as long as the individuals are not immediately identified. (NBC NEWS)

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Afghan Spymaster Urges VP Dostum to Return Home

Afghan Spymaster has urged First Vice-President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum to return to Kabul, the BBC Pashto Service reported. National Directorate of Security (NDS) head Masoom Stanikzai met the VP at his residence days after he joined forces with Jamiat-i-Islami Afghanistan leader and the Balkh governor. Dostum’s Chief of Staff Sayed Shahah Bargar Farahmand confirmed to the BBC’s Afghan Service that the intelligence chief met the VP on Tuesday and asked him to return home. Stanikzai reportedly informed that an important meeting was scheduled to be held in Kabul, involving key political leaders. Dostum was requested to attend the meeting. Last week, the first vice-president, Balkh Governor Atta Mohammad Noor and Deputy Chief Executive Haji Mohammad Mohammadi announced the formation of a new alliance to steer the country out of crisis. On May 20, Dostum left the country amidst allegations that he had ordered his loyalists to kidnap, beat and rape a political rival. The announcement general of the war in Afghanistan has ordered the U.S military to continue announcing when a service member has died until days after the incident, the American personnel who were killed in Afghanistan. (NBC NEWS)

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