Afghanistan Told to Establish Writ on Its Territory

ISLAMABAD - The Pakistani military and government reacted to the criticism of the Afghan government and United States regarding Islamabad's lack of regional cooperation to bring peace and stability in Afghanistan.

The Pakistani officials made the remarks during a joint meeting of the civilian and military leaders on Friday, according to the local media outlets.

A statement by the National Security Committee (NSC) said “Pakistan continues to work for peace and progress in Afghanistan...and will continue to strive for return of normalcy in its neighbor in the region. This, however, requires simultaneous efforts by the Afghan government for restoring effective control on its territory.”

The local media outlets in the meantime report that the meeting of the NSC which was the third meeting in the past three months, was organized as the President Donald Trump administration is busy finalizing the policy on Afghanistan and there are fears that the new policy... (More on P4)...(15)

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Zakhiwal Seeks Decision Protection for FIA Official

KABUL - Afghan Ambassador to Pakistan Hazrat Omar Zakhiwal has demanded serious punishment for the officials involved in harassing Afghan women at the Islamabad airport. A senior Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) official was involved in the charge of sexually harassing an Afghan woman at the airport in Pakistan’s capital. Pakistan Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, irked by the FIA assistant director’s behaviour with the Afghan woman, immediately suspended him and ordered an inquiry into the incident. Zakhiwal wrote on his social media account the Afghan embassy was slowly tracking the issue and demanded serious punishment for the FIA official. According to a first information report (FIR), the Afghan woman accused the FIA officer of sexually harassing her at the airport when she, along with her sister, arrived. (More on P4)...(16)

Road Blockade by US Forces Irk Khostis

KHOST CITY - Provincial council members and a number of civil society activists in southern Khost province asked the US forces to withdraw the road block near the road to Khost near their military base in the provincial capitol. The road passing near an official airport used by US forces in the eastern part of Khost city has been blocked for about two months after a suicide bomber attacked a roadside security post. Residents of Zazi Madian, Bak, Saheti and Yaqubi districts of Khost use subways for traveling to the provincial capitol after the road blockade. A provincial council member, Abdul Wali Wahidzai, a tea merchant in Kabul Mandavi, said... (More on P4)...(13)

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