Afghan Air Force Flew its First Black Hawk NVG Resupply Mission in March: Pentagon

KARUL - The Afghan Air Force flew its first Night Vision Goggles (NVG) resupply mission using UH-60A Black Hawk helicopter in the month of March. The Department of Defense stated in its report "Department of Defense, Security, and Stability in Afghanistan" that the Afghan Air Force UH-60 pilots received basic UH-60 flying skills training through the six-week Aircraft Qualification Training (AQT). The report further added that upon graduation, pilots can attend Mission Qualification Training (MQT), a 10-week contract, task-oriented and flight instruction course that graduates pilots as mission-certified "co-pilots."

Furthermore, Pentagon said through acread of flying time and certification, squadrons lead pilots with up to 35-qualified UH-60 pilots. Meanwhile, Pentagon said the Afghan Air Force currently has the capability to support (More on PAJ-21).

12 Taliban Militants Killed in Takhar Operation

KARUL - At least 12 Taliban insurgents were killed in clashes with Afghan security forces in northern Takhar province, Interior Ministry (MoD) said in a statement.

In a statement released on Sunday, MoD said that Afghan Special Forces conducted a joint operation in Namadkhi district of the province on Saturday night. During the raids, at least 12 militants were killed and four others wounded, the statement added. The Taliban militant group yet to make a comment about the incident. Takhar is among the volatile provinces in the north of the country where the Afghan and foreign forces are combing with dissimilar armed groups are active in a number of districts of the province.

Planning Attack, 12 Taliban Killed in Kunduz Battle

PUL-I-KHMERY - At least five police personnel have been killed and two others wounded as a result of a roadside bombing in northern Baghlan province, an official said on Sunday.

Abdul Wali Hamdard, administrative assistant for Fung district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the police withdrawing from a search operation in Kunduz were ambushed by militants on their way back.

He said the roadside bomb struck a Humvee, killing five police personnel and wounding two others.

Police spokesman Ahmed Nawed Basharat confirmed (More on PAJ-21).