Govt Limits Vehicles as Larger Green Zone Plan Kicks in

KABUL - Kabul acting mayor said government aims to expand the green zone in order to provide more security in the inner city.

Kabul municipality said on Saturday it will limit vehicles entering Wazir Akbar Khan area in downtown Kabul in its first step to expand the green zone. According to Kabul’s acting mayor, Abdul Rahim, the move aims to reduce the deadly bombing in the area on May 31, which killed over 150 people and wounded hundreds more. Wazir Akbar Khan, also known as the diplomatic zone, houses numerous embassies - many of which have raised concerns over the security in the area following the deadly bombing.

A similar plan was implemented in the past in Baghdad, in Iraq, in order to safeguard their diplomatic quarter.

On Saturday, numerous streets in Wazir Akbar Khan in downtown Kabul were closed to the public as government started implementing its plan.

“It is in quite natural that closing a number of streets will create a series of problems for the people. The logic behind this move is that a number of diplomatic offices have been under security threats and that our security colleagues have decided to close a number of roads,” said Hashemi.

However, some Kabul residents have reacted to its dismissively to this and said it will be meaningless for residents - especially in Afghan Sbarah. Some людей said it was not a number of streets but the city’s business center. For motorists and commuters, getting to work or cover is more challenging as heavy traffic jams were found on most roads leading to their destination through direct to a number of hospitals and other diplomatic offices.

However, many Kabul residents complained about it would limit vehicles entering the green zone in order to provide more security in the inner city.

Afghan security forces on Saturday launched a three-pronged operation to recapture the Nawa district of southern Helmand province, officials said.

**Flash Floods Damage Homes, Crops in Parwan**

CHAHRARAI - Rain-related floods have caused huge financial losses in the Sultk-Paryan district of central Parwan province, officials said on Saturday.

A member of the provincial council, Qari Abdul Rahman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the floods hit Qarabagh, Jirga and Batal district.

“Laborers and farmers faces huge losses as they found it difficult to harvest their crops. A six kilometres stretch of road, 500 acres of farmland, 10 mosques and 43 water heads were damaged by the heavy floods, the public representative said.

Mehrdad Habibi, head of parliament’s internal security commission, said the region is facing lots of problems, said Faiz Mohammad, head of parliament’s internal security commission.

**Afghan Forces Move to Recapture Helmand’s Nawa**

WASHINGTON - The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2018, as passed by the US House of Representatives on Friday, requires the defense secretary to provide an Afghan strategy beyond five years.

"It directs the secretary of defense to prepare an Afghan strategy that will look beyond the next five years to describe the trajectory of US efforts in Afghanistan and assess the timeline and total resources necessary to achieve US objectives,” the House Armed Services Committee said.

Passed by 348-13 votes, NDAA-2018 provides for a robust Afghan Security Forces Fund to support the Afghan allies who have suffered significant losses in the fight against the Taliban and insurgent organizations.

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