Drug Trade Threatens Afghan Peace Talks

KABUL - The biggest source of funding for their war effort is derived from drug-smuggling by the insurgents, says President Ashraf Ghani’s second VP Mohammad Sarwar Danish.

He said on Sunday that if drug smuggling was not curtailed in the country, it would be difficult to attain long term peace and stability in the country.

The Ministry of Counter-Narcotics Sarafat Azimi also called for wider public cooperation to combat the drug production and smuggling networks in the country.

The Afghan government recently launched a nationwide anti-drug campaign.

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A second or third time. Mullah Mohammed Arsallah, a farmer in the world’s leading opium producing region of southern Helmand province, the drug trade has become common in some areas.

"In the past, farmers would sow poppy seeds in full season and would harvest the yield in spring, but now they cultivate the dangerous opium plant in summer and fall," he said.

According to Haq, farmers in Nawa, Baghum, Wazir and Musa Qala districts had prepared their land to cultivate the crop for a second or third time.

Pakistan PM Hails Airstrike Against APS Attack Mastermind

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has informed Pakistan’s Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of the killing five hardcore terrorists, including Omer Shahwani, the mastermind of the Army Public School (APS) massacre in Peshawar, a media report said on Sunday.

"AIDS massacre was a great tragedy for Pakistan and the world and the perpetrators got the ultimate response," a statement from the Prime Minister’s House quoted the Afghan president as saying in a phone call to Sharif. Chaudhry also informed the prime minister, who underwent an open heart surgery last month in London, according to the Associated Press of Pakistan.

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Pakistan’s Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif also informed Afghan President Ghani of the killing of the group’s former leader Mullah Omar, the mastermind of the 2001 Taliban attack on the US embassy in Kabul.

Nearly Dozen Daesh Rebels Perished in Nangarhar Airstrikes, Operation

JALALABAD - At least 12 Daesh rebels were killed during a clearing operation codenamed Shabab 18 and airstrikes in eastern Nangarhar province last week.

Nearly 30 Locations were attacked in Kalgai locality last week, eight Daesh members were killed during a clearing operation codenamed Shabab 18.

Seven Daesh members were also killed during an airstrike in Jankal area of Jalalabad district.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack.

Terror Attacks Down, Casualties up in First Six Months of 2016: Report

KABUL - Security incidents and terror attacks have been reduced by 12 percent in the first six months of 2016, according to TOLONews’s bi-annual security report for January to June 2016. However, Afghan forces have suffered an increase of 15 percent in casualties.

The country’s army is up by 1,086 (1.706) there have been 539 civilian casualties (ANSF) 1,700. There have been 539 civilian casualties.

The report said that the number of assaults on security forces in the first half of 2016, a 12 percent decrease compared to the same period last year.

The top-5 most volatile provinces were Nangarhar (582 security incidents, Kunduz (275), Kandahar (271), Helmand (264) and Baghlan (210).

In the first six months of 2016, the insurgents Taliban also suffered heavy casualties, including the killing of the group’s former leader Mullah Omar, the mastermind of the 2001 Taliban attack on the US embassy in Kabul.

As a result of various searches and strike operations by the police.

A report from the police department said a campaign had been launched against the drug production and smuggling networks in the country.

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