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Air Force Carries out Almost 100 Hours of Airstrikes Daily

KABUL - The Afghan Air Force has played a major role in eliminating key commanders of the Taliban and other insurgent groups as they carry out up to 100 hours of air raids on a daily basis, security officials said on Sunday. The Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said at a press conference that the Afghan Air Force has proven vital in preventing big attacks by terrorists in the country. "Airstrikes have played a very important role to eliminate key figures of terrorist groups. Air attacks have



prevented enemies' gatherings and their plots to carry out group attacks," Sediqqi said. At the same press conference, the Defense Ministry's spokesman Dawlat Waziri said the Afghan Air Force has inflicted heavy losses to insurgents and their commanders over the past few days. "We have highly focused on airstrikes. We launch air attacks on our targets after we receive full and accurate information. We carry out air attacks against insurgents no matter where they are in the country," said Waziri. Meanwhile, a number of ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

Taliban Vows to Fight As Obama Approves Broader Role for US Forces

KABUL - The Taliban militants group in Afghanistan has vowed to continue fight as the US President Barack Obama approved broader role for the US forces in Afghanistan. Condemning the approval by Obama to grant wider role for the US forces in Afghanistan, a spokesman for the Taliban group, Zabiullah Mujahid has said the moves will not deter it or cause it to step back and give up the "armed resistance." Mujahid further added it will only lead to the waste of U.S. resources and more battlefield casualties. "We condemn the occupation and extension of the war. We want to tell the Americans the Afghan nation firmly resisted with grace your use of any force in the past 15 years. We remain resilient and will carry forward our jihad ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Construction of Bamyan Cultural Center Inaugurated



BAMYAN CITY - The construction of Bamyan Cultural Center was inaugurated in the presence of Afghan government officials and representatives of UNESCO and the Embassy of South Korea. Minister of Urban Development Affairs Syed Sadat Mansoor Naderi inaugurated the construction of the project with the provincial governor and representatives of the Embassy of South Korea and UNESCO. Naderi said Bamyan could turn into a vital tourism and economic hub in the country due to cultural heritage which is of great importance to Afghanistan and the world specifically for UNESCO. Citing the UNESCO information, Naderi said the construction of the Cultural Center in Bamyan is one of the most important projects of the organization. An international competition was organized in 2014 for the design of the Cultural Center where 1070 designs were collected from 118 countries and eventually the design of an Argentina-based company was selected which was also approved by the President of the country. Naderi further added that the President has considered most of the attention to preserve the historic places and monuments of Bamyan province. The Cultural Center will have an exhibition hall, auditorium, separate rooms for workshops and classes, tea room and shopping centers. The Cultural Center could help in public awareness regarding the culture and arts of Bamyan besides it could become a research center, education center for the youth, a recreational area for the public, and a place to boost the local economy. The project will be implemented by UNESCO and the funding for two phases will be granted by South Korea while the third phase of the project will be funded by the Ministry of Urban Development Affairs which includes establishment of parks.

Naderi said bringing positive changes in the view of the main cities including the beautiful Bamyan city is one of the main tasks of the Ministry of Urban Development Affairs. He said a number of strategic plans have been prepared by the ministry for Bamyan province which includes plans for township for the teachers for Bamyan city and its districts. Naderi also added that the administrative complex for Yakawlang has been completed and the residential compound for the provincial government is in progress under the national facilitation program.(KP)

2 Teachers for 600 Students in Gilan District

GHAZNI CITY - Six hundred students in the Gilan district of southern Ghazni province have only two teachers, residents of the area said on Saturday. Mohammad Pazeer, a primary schoolteacher and resident of Shenkai area, told Pajhwok Afghan News he alone taught 500 students. The school where he is posted is faced with multiple problems. Only three textbooks are available for students. "I am alone here teaching a large number of students because the ministry concerned

is sending teachers, who must work here, to other school," he lamented. Occasionally, policemen come to schools to teach students, according to Pazeer, whose school has no administrative staff. It was built the people and is being run by them. Sadullah, a student of 4th class, told Pajhwok Afghan News they had no textbooks or other facilities. "My father teaches me lessons at home. Sometime police teach us at our school." Separately, one teacher at the Mosque of Shinkai village teaches around 100 girl stu-



dents. Inamullah said it was a government-run school imparting education up to 3rd grade. He complained blackboards, chalk, classrooms and other facilities were ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Raziq Warns Kandahar's Rich Against Funding Taliban

KANDAHAR - Kandahar police chief general Abdul Raziq on Sunday warned the wealthy in the province against paying their Zakat (charity) to the Taliban amid reports that businessmen, company owners and landholders were donating money to the Taliban and the Quetta Shura. He said that the money paid to the Taliban as charity funds the insurgents war. Raziq said that police will deal with those who do not abide by this in accordance with the law. "The Taliban fuel their war machine from the money they receive from the people, therefore we call on wealthy people to stop raising money, otherwise the police will deal with such people according to the law," Raziq said. He said that police in recent years have arrested dozens of the people for giving donations to the Taliban. But they were later released with the mediation of tribal elders. He called on the tribal elders to help in this regard saying it will bolster security in the country.



"We detained dozens of people in connection with the issue, but they were later released after tribal elders intervened. We request the people to cooperate with police in this respect and to not allow Afghans to be killed with their own money," he said. Meanwhile, people in the province have warmly welcomed the move, asking the rich to rather donate money to the needy instead of the Taliban. "We extremely support the

move by the police. This will improve security and we are ready to cooperate with the security forces in this respect," a Kandahar resident Shahid Khan said. "We call on all the people of Afghanistan to cooperate in improving the security, we also demand the wealthy people help the needy and poor not the Taliban," another resident Ahmad Shah said. Taliban are known to collect donations from Afghans across the nation.(Tolnews)

Wind up Businesses before Eid, Afghans in Kohat Told

PESHAWAR - Afghan citizens living in the Kohat district of Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province have been issued a final warning to wind up their businesses, a media report said on Sunday.

The warning came from local public representative Taimoor Ali Khan, who told the Afghan nationals to shut their business on handcars and as shopkeepers before the arrival of Eidul Fitr, according to Dawn.



Khan, the tensil nazim, called the Afghans living in the area a burden on local food, water and electricity resources. He told the Afghan nationals no foreigner would be allowed in the city after Eid.(Pajhwok)

Paktika Police Chief Vows to Eliminate Corruption

SHARAN - The newly-appointed police chief for southeastern Paktika province on Sunday identified boosting security and fighting against administrative corruption as his top priorities. Brig. Gen. Khalilullah Zia-ayee, during an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, promised he would consult tribal elders, religious scholars and people on issues of public importance. He called corruption a serious problem, affirming his determination to root it out. Anyone found involved in corruption would be brought to justice, the police chief warned. But Ainnuddin, a resident



of Wazikhwa district, rejected the vows made by the newly appointed police chief. He said every newcomer made similar claims but with time they forgot their promises. According to his information, militants have

US Forces Stay in Afghanistan Serious Threat to Regional Peace: Pakistani Senator

ISLAMABAD - A Pakistani senator has voiced concerns regarding the presence of the US and NATO forces in Afghanistan, claiming that the continued presence of the US forces is a serious threat to regional stability. Senator Sirjul Haq, Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami, has said the move by President Barack Obama was condemnable to grant broader role for the US forces in Afghanistan. He was addressing the staff of the JI headquarters at an Iftar party he hosted for them at Mansoor lawns on Saturday, according to the local media reports. Insisting that Obama was supposed to announce the full withdrawal of the US forces from Afghanistan, Sirajul Haq claimed that



the US and NATO forces had killed millions in Afghanistan and Obama wanted to continue that. He also added that the drone attacks were an attack on Pakistan' independence and sovereignty and was not acceptable. Obama on Friday approved broader role for the US military to assist the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces

(ANDSF) to fight the Taliban-led insurgency. The broader role granted to the US military will allow them to accompany Afghan forces and assist them more proactively on the battlefield. The US forces were earlier accompanying the Afghan Special Forces only when it was needed, according to the US officials said. (KP)