No Military Solution in Afghanistan: Guterres

There is no military solution to the conflict in Afghanistan that is forcing record numbers of people from their homes, United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres said on Wednesday, during an unannounced visit to the war-torn country.

KABUL - Guterres stated in his first visit from the International Development (Afghanistan) and from other partners, including Denmark, Germany, and the World Bank. The UN also worked with the United Nations to call for emergency funding. The crisis can only be solved by ending the war, said Guterres. “(More on P4)”

Development Budgets not Being Spent

KABUL - Indications are that a number of government institutions and departments have not spent the development budgets. Documents seen by TOLOnews show that at least 25 government institutions have spent less than 10 percent of their development budget in the first six months of the financial year. Six to seven institutions have not even touched their development budget so far. Based on the documents, institutions must the Ministry of Defense (MoD), High Office of Oversight and Anticorruption, the UN Assistance for Parliamentary Affairs, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC), Afghanistan National Disaster and Emergency Fund (ANFADEP) and Central Statistics Organization (CSO) are among the institutions which have failed to touch their development budget.

“A year’s assurance that last year we spent the majority of the budget,” Mr. Saleh’s (from P4) said.

ACCI Reacts to World Bank Report on Trade Affairs

KABUL - Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCIs) said on Wednesday, in reaction to a recent report by the World Bank, that trade challenges still remain in the way of business affairs in the country. The ACCIs also gave reasons that the Afghan government has made several promises to remove businesspeople’s problems but many of the obstacles have not been removed so far.

According to the ACCIs, a lack of safety for businesses, corruption, issues, problems with neighboring countries and an increase in taxes are the main challenges for business affairs.

“It is true that a number of issues have been faced, but we still face many problems in trade affairs including customs problems, corruption and...” (More on P4, 1)

Trump Gives Pentagon Authority to Set Afghan Troop Levels

WASHINGTON - Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, who is believed to support sending additional U.S. troops to Afghanistan, will determine if the approximately 2,400 U.S. troops currently deployed in the country should be reinforced. Trump gave Mattis similar authority over troop levels in Syria and Iraq in April.

A formal announcement on ending the authority to the Defense Department is expected Wednesday.

The move comes earlier than anticipated; it was expected that any action on changes in U.S. troop strength in Afghanistan would come after mid-July, when the administration’s strategy review is completed.

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“... (More on P4, 2)“

WB Announces more than $500mn Afghanistan Financing

WASHINGTON - The World Bank (WB) has announced a financing package for Afghanistan of more than $500 million to help the country through a difficult phase in its struggle to end poverty and to signal a long-term commitment to the country’s people.

The package will help Afghanistan with refugees, expand private sector opportunities for the poor, boost the development of five cities, expand electrification, provide emergency funding, and call for more troops to help struggling Afghan forces.

“... (More on P4, 3)“

Islamic State Militants Capture Tora Bora

KABUL - The remote, mountainous area contains a complex set of caves bordering Pakistan. It became well-known because al-Qaeda head Osama bin Laden was cornered there by an American-led team, a few months after the September 11, 2001 attacks on the U.S. and then escaped to Pakistan.

“We have not received a formal resignation (from Mr. Saleh) yet,” President (Ashraf Ghani) wants to know the real reasons behind Mr. Saleh’s resignation. (More on P4)“

Amrullah Saleh (from P4) said on Wednesday. The state minister for reforms in security and defense sectors resigned unexpectedly on Tuesday. The Presidential Palace (ARG) has asked Amrullah Saleh, who is responsible for the security and defense sectors, to clarify his reasons for resigning. The state minister for reforms in security and defense sectors resigned unexpectedly on Tuesday.

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Swimming Championships in Mexico City in September.

He hopes that a good showing in the World Para Swimming Championships in Mexico City in September will help him get close to his dream.

“I hope to be selected there to represent my country in the Olympics in Tokyo. “... (More on P4, 5)“

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