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**Daily Outlook Weather Forecast**

# MPs Praise Security Forces for Quick Action During Attack

KABUL - A number of MPs on Tuesday praised security forces - especially Sergeant Essa Khan - for their quick and effective response to Monday's attack on the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament). Monday's attack saw at least seven insurgents attack Afghanistan's parliament complex. The first insurgent, a suicide bomber, detonated a car bomb at the gate and the others tried to storm the building. However, security forces managed to keep them from entering. Khan personally killed six insurgents. Despite damage to the parliament building following Monday's explosion, MPs returned Tuesday to the national assembly for a special sitting to discuss Monday's attack.



The sitting started off calmly as MPs praised the security forces' efforts - especially that of Khan - and called for the soldiers directly involved in fending off the insurgents to be honored accordingly and be given medals of bravery and a monetary bonus. One MP said: "The attack was very organized but thank God our ... (More on P4)...(11)

# President, Others Praise Essa Khan's Bravery



KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Tuesday praised valor demonstrated by Essa Khan, an Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier, who eliminated six terrorists during an attack on the Afghan parliament. A total of eight insurgents launched attack on Wolesi Jirga in capital Kabul, with one of them blew his explosive-laden

vehicle up in front of the parliament building gate, providing others to force their way inside the building. The president awarded one apartment to the soldier in recognition of his bravery that he demonstrated during the attack, a statement from the Presidential Palace said. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) ... (More on P4)...(12)

## Clashes Ongoing in Baghlan after Taliban Attack Police Posts



PUL-E-KHUMRI - A number of Taliban insurgents attacked police posts in northern Baghlan province on Monday night and clashes with security forces continue, local officials said on Tuesday. The insurgents attacked the police posts in Baghlan-Markazi and so far have taken control of Alawuddin and Mangal villages of the district. "Three Taliban insurgents were killed and two others injured while another insurgent was arrested during the clashes," said officials.

The tribal elders have also confirmed the collapse of villages into Taliban hands but said that the Afghan security forces have re-taken control of at least one village, Khudaidakhil, had also fallen into the control of the Taliban insurgents. However, officials said that the security forces had not suffered any casualties so far. In recent weeks Taliban insurgents have increased their activities in northern parts of the country and are targeting police posts. They have also captured a number of districts. (Tolonews)

## Armed Enemies Embarked on a New Offensive: Tanin



WASHINGTON - Armed enemies have embarked upon a new offensive against democratically elected government, a top Afghan diplomat to the United Nations said, adding that this new wave of fighting is compounded

by an unprecedented convergence of extremist and international terrorist networks. "The armed enemies of the country have embarked on a new offensive against the Afghan government and its people... (More on P4)...(17)

## Fourth C-130 Touches Down in Kabul, Expands AAF Capabilities

KABUL - A C-130 Hercules touched down at Hamid Karzai International Airport, Kabul, bringing expanded flight capabilities to the Afghan Air Force (AAF). After a weeklong journey beginning at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas, the arrival of the fourth and final C-130 from the United States signifies a program five years in the making, and well worth the wait, said Faulk. "These C-130s are the Afghan ... (More on P4)...(18)

recognized that C-130s could provide the Afghan Air Force with increased airlift, resupply and casualty evacuation capabilities, and a plan to supply the Afghan Air Force with a fleet of their own was born. Two aircraft arrived in mid-2013, with a third the following summer. The arrival of the fourth and final C-130 from the United States signifies a program five years in the making, and well worth the wait, said Faulk. "These C-130s are the Afghan ... (More on P4)...(18)

## Paktia Health Sector in Shambles

SHARAN - The provincial council of southeastern Paktika province expressed grave concern over poor health services and complained the entire province had not even a single female health professional. The council secretary Aziz Orguni in an exclusive interview told Pajhwok Afghan News the council members had visited many areas in the past few months. He said their evaluation showed that there was no female doctor and only few professional male doctors were serving in the province to treat patients. "Health services in Paktika province are facing hurdles because there is no female doctor ... (More on P4)...(13)

## Pak PM Vows to Send Refugees Home with Dignity

KABUL - Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said his country took care of Afghan refugees as a sacred duty and they would be returned to their country with dignity. The prime minister expressed these views with UN High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres who called on him on Monday. A statement from the Prime Minister House's said both the dignitaries discussed matters relating to Afghan refugees in Pakistan, including their repatriation to their homeland. Pakistan, the prime minister reiterated paid a heavy price in fighting terrorism and now there was a national consensus to eliminate



this menace. Referring to military Operation Zarb-e-Azb, he said that the anti-militants offensive successfully destroyed terrorists' hideouts and the first batch of displaced persons had returned to their homes. The government had allocated \$1 billion for reconstruction and rehabilitation of the affected area, he in-

formed. Guterres informed Nawaz he was on his annual Ramadan solidarity visit and condoled on the loss of lives due to heatwave in Karachi. Minister for State and Frontier Region Lt. Gen. (Retd) Abdul Qadir Baloch, Advisor to PM on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz and others were present on the occasion. (Pajhwok)

## Turkey Condemns Parliament Bombing

ANKARA - The Turkish Foreign Ministry has released a statement condemning the attack on the Afghan parliament, where at least two people have been confirmed dead while dozens of civilians are known to have been injured. The attack came as a Taliban suicide bomber detonated a car loaded with explosives outside the parliament gates, as lawmakers met to consider a new defense minister. The brazen assault on Afghanistan's symbolic center of power, coupled with territorial gains elsewhere, highlights how NATO-trained Afghan security forces are struggling to cope with ... (More on P4)...(14)

### Lawmakers

## Foreign Spies Behind Parliament Assault

KABUL - Some lawmakers on Tuesday alleged Monday's coordinated suicide attack on the lower house of parliament was conducted with the help of foreign spy networks averse to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Pakistani intelligence service. But other legislators claimed the audacious assault was carried out with the help of government officials, urging the authorities to seriously investigate the incident, involving eight gunmen. The strike came when Mohammad Masoom Stanikzai was being introduced as defence minister-designate by Vice-President Sarwar Dan-



ish. Afghanistan has been without a defence minister for the past 10 months. According to the Kabul police chief, a woman and a kid died in the attack while 28 more civilians were wounded. All the attackers were gunned down by the security detail. Six of the as-

sailants were shot dead by Afghan soldier Issa Khan. On Tuesday, a special session of the Wolesi Jirga was held in an adjoining building because of the damage to the main compound. The defence minister nominee was to appear before MPs for ... (More on P4)...(15)

### Senators

## Pakistan Behind Afghan Parliament Attack



KABUL - Some members of Mesharano Jirga or upper house of parliament on Tuesday while condemning Taliban attack on Wolesi Jirga building accused Pakistan for abetting Taliban to storm the house. A group of suicide bombers stormed Wolesi Jirga building on the Darul Aman road at around 10:30am on Monday. The Wolesi Jirga was holding a general session where

Masoom Stanikzai was introduced as defence minister-designate for a vote of confidence when the attack erupted. Kabul police spokesperson Ebadullah Razin told Pajhwok Afghan News eight attackers were eliminated by security forces. Twenty persons, including women and children, suffered casualties in the clash, with some of them were stated to be in ... (More on P4)...(16)

## Kandahar Embarks on its 100-Day Action Plan

KANDAHAR CITY - Increasing revenue, constructing and reconstructing roads and strengthening coordination between government and non-governmental organizations are essential parts of the 100-day action plan being implemented in southern Kandahar province, an official said on Tuesday. The governor's spokesman, Samim Khpalwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the plan had been approved by the president and work on its implementation had been launched by a committee headed by Governor Humayun Azizi. Other members of the committee are officials from 20 departments including urban development, information and culture, economy, public works, environment protection, education, public health, electricity, telecommunication, Kandahar University, provincial council, police and civil society activists. In addition ... (More on P4)...(19)

## 85 Taliban Dead as Troops Regain Control of Chardara

KUNDUZ CITY - Afghan security forces regained control of Chardara district in northern Kunduz province on Tuesday morning, killing at least 85 insurgents after fierce clashes, spokesman of Afghan National Army (ANA) second corps in northeastern zone said. However, Taliban denied losing control of the district. The group's spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said it was the government propaganda and the district was still in control of militants. He claimed 24 policemen had been killed and 19 others wounded in fighting with Afghan forces in Chardara.



Maj. Ghulam Hazrat Karimi told Pajhwok Afghan News that Maj. Gen. Murad Ali Murad along with joint Afghan security forces were leading the ground force in the area. The offensive was launched at around 3:00am. Speaking to journalists, Murad said Taliban were ... (More on P4)...(20)

## Canada Strongly Condemns Terrorist Attack on WJ

OTTAWA - Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rob Nicholson, on Tuesday strongly condemned attack on Afghan parliament. In his statement Rob Nicholson said that Canada condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attack that took place outside of the Afghan parliament (Wolesi Jirga) in Kabul. He said that on behalf of all Canadians, I extend my deepest condolences to the families and friends of the woman and child who were killed in this horrible act, and I wish a quick recovery to the injured. He ... (More on P4)...(28)