KARUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Sunday stressed the need for proper management of water and asked neighbouring countries not to worry about the construction of dams and other networks in Afghanistan.

Addressing the fourth national water conference under the theme “Water and Stable Development,” at the Presidential Palace, Ghani said, “Afghanistan’s water development is in line with the concept of international tests, lifting them out of poverty and protecting the rights of people’s interest.”

The president said, “There was no clear domestic and international cooperation in the past. There was no clear domestic and international cooperation.”

He also said Afghanistan could be developed into an efficient economy and moved out of poverty if its major natural resource, water, was being used efficiently.

He said water being an important material for regional cooperation could be better utilised within a legal framework based on international agreements.

Atmar off to India to Attend Security Conference

KARUL - National security adviser Mohammad Hanif Atmar has left for a three-day official visit to India on the invitation of the Indian government. A statement from the National Security Council (NSC) said on Sunday. During the visit Atmar would address the 1980s Indian Security Conference on combating terrorism, evolving an Asian response arranged by the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) (USAID) of Indian, Pakistan, Afghanistan and other areas.

Atmar will meet the India officials and discuss the situation in Afghanistan, especially the security situation. (Pajhwok)