Samangan Accident Leaves 3 Dead, 2 Wounded

KANDAHAR CITY - A border police commander was gunned down on Tuesday along with a bodyguard in southern Kandahar province in an apparently targeted attack, an official said.

Dr. Moqbel, an official of civil hospital, told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident took place in Pul-e-Qamishlo area locally on Monday night.

He said the accident occurred when the car crashed into a bridge pillar and fell from the 10 metres link. The incident was linked to necked driving. Dr. Moqbel, an employee of civil hospital, told Pajhwok Afghan News that three bodies and two inured persons were evacuated to the hospital. The injured ... [More on P.04.09]

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KABUL - UK ambassador Sir Nicholas Kay took over as NATO’s senior civilian representative (SCR) in Afghanistan on Tuesday after his appointment in December last year.

Before heading to Kabul, he said: “I am really looking forward to getting back to Kabul and playing a really active and strong role in support of the Afghan search for peace. Afghan people are hop- ing that 2010 will be the year of peace and NATO will be doing all it can to support efforts to bring peace to Afgha- nistan.”

Previously, Sir Nicholas has served for more than a year as the British Ambassador in Kabul. With extensive experience on the Afghan issue, the new SCR has also worked as UK Regional Coordinator for Southern Afghanistan in Helmand province in 2006–2007 and as Head of the Pakistan and Afghanistan Country Team.

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Commander Among 18 Taliban Killed in Jawzjan Blitz

SHIBERGHAN – At least 18 Taliban militants, including a key commander, have been killed in an airstrike in the Faizabad district of Jawzjan province, an official said on Tuesday.

Abdul Shah, the district administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Afghan air force con- ducted the airstrike in Minikot district of the district late Monday night.

He said Nusratullah, a key commander, was among 18 insurgents killed in the night time attack. He said another key commander of the Taliban, Maulvi Zarif, was injured in the strike and taken to a unknown location by the rebels. Civilians and security forces suffered no casualties in the opera- tion, he concluded.

A resident of the area, who asked to be gone unnamed, also confirmed the airstrike but said Nusratullah sur- rounded to the government along with his few as- sociates.

Meanwhile, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Maja- bid said Pajhwok in a telephonic conversation that three of their fighters had been killed and five others wounded in the incident. (Pajhwok)

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