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Afghan Forces Kill 31 Taliban Amid Planned-Up Fighting

KABUL - Afghan security forces on Tuesday claimed to have killed 31 Taliban militants in different operations a day after the rebels killed and captured almost an entire company of the army.

The Defense Ministry said in a statement that the soldiers participated in the gathering. President Ghani, many Politicians, diplomatic representatives, university instructors, youth, and women-participated in the gathering, President Ghani, Sarwar Danish the Second Vice President Dr. Abdullah, the Chief Executive of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, led the speaker of Wolesi Jirga and some of the Parliamentarians elaborated different aspects of the life and achievements of Abdul Ali Mazari.

President Ghani mentioned “peace, social justice and elections” as the main goals of Mazari’s struggles. President Ghani called the national unity as the front, protective, of the Afghan society and said Mazari has a “soreness quote,” saying that “we consider the national unity as a principle” Mazari also emphasized that, “war is not the solution” and “no ethnic group can eliminate the other ethnic groups.” President Ghani said, “Peace has become a national dominant discourse.”

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Berlin, Islamabad Want Kabul Included in Peace Talks

KARUL – New Foreign Minister Heiko Maas has commended Pakistan’s contribution to efforts for peace and stability in Afghanistan. “Pakistan is playing an important role in Afghan-istan, being a responsible regional country,” Maas told a joint news conference with his Pakistani counterpart Shah Mahmood Qureshi. The German government had to be part of the process for a sustainable peace in the region, he said “We feel that inclusion of Afghan government in every talk is important.”

The visiting minister praised Prime Minister Imran Khan’s efforts for peace and reconciliation in the region, particularly with regard to recent tension between India and Pakistan. For his part, Qureshi said that being an important stakeholder in the Afghan peace process, Pakistan desired a “responsible” withdrawal of troops from that country.

Pakistan had long been saying the Afghan conflict could be resolved only through dialogue, he said. “We are glad that now the world is endorsing our stance,” Qureshi added. (More on Pd-9)

Mullah Omar Never Lived in Afghanistan after 2001: Nabil

In reaction to a new report by a Dutch writer which says Mullah Mohammad Omar, Taliban’s founding leader, had lived in Afghanistan before he died in 2015, former head of the National Directorate of Security (NDS), Rahmatullah Nabil, said on Tuesday that Mullah Omar never lived in Afghanistan following April 2001.

Nabil told ToloNews that Mullah Omar was in Shah Wali Kot district in Kangarhar province for a short time in 2001 and then he was transferred to Quetta, Pakistan. “In 2011 when Mullah Omar was suffering from diabetes and kidney disease, there were some other reasons as well, he was taken from Quetta to Karachi. In Karachi, the only person who could visit him was his second wife. He was under surveillance of Pakistani military. His wife was coming from Quetta to see him and she also was transferring some videos and text messages to him,” said Nabil. Nabil said Mullah Omar died “mysteriously” in Pak-istan’s Karachi city on April 2013 and according to him, Afghanistan’s government.

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U.S., Taliban Talks End for Now with No Afghan Peace Deal

The negotiations in Doha, Qatar included the Taliban’s political chief Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar and a U.S. team led by special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad.

KARUL - President Ashraf Ghani has ordered the National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) to abide by strict rules for preventing civilian casualties in their operations against militiamens.

A UN report from last month said that a record number of civilians were killed in 2018. “As President of a responsible state, I must say that civilian casualties are the most tragic event in times of war, it pains me as much as any other Afghan when I hear about harm to civilians,” Ghani said. He made the remarks at an meeting with senior security officials from his cabinet as well as from the NATO’s Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan.

“I have ordered ANDSF to either arrest or to settle a potential target if a single civilian is present,” Ghani said in a tweet hours after his meeting.

Our security and defence forces are committed to the rules of war and engagement and they only provide proportionate response to any enemy attack,” Ghani added.

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