The Tripartite Meeting focuses on Intel Cooperation

KABUL - Afghan and NATO and Pakistan officials Monday launched a Tripartite Mechanism to deal with border issues and insurgents along the Afghan-Pakistani border, countering drug trafficking and border security.

The mechanism was launched in the presence of Afghan Defense Minister Hanif Atmar, NATO Resolute Support Headquar- ters Chief of Staff for Operations Giovanni Parmiggiani, and Pakistani Army Chief General Raheel Shareef.

The Tripartite establishes a venue for Afghanistan-Pakistan stakeholders to discuss border issues at the one-on-one, general officer level. In addition to the regular meetings, they also meet to discuss countering the threat emanating from insurgents, along with operations and intelligence to go so.

The statement said the Tripartite forum’s goal was to conductive discussions between the three countries, Atmar said,

"In order for Afghanistan to eliminate threats, it is necessary to prevent further escalation, to come to a common understanding of problems and potential avenues for the implementation and security improvements in the shared border.

Afghan, Pakistani and US officials participated in the ceremony. Bade, first deputy of GS-Eng meeting Director General of the ANSF, and Col. Ghulam Sakhi Addayan, minister assistant, were present at the NATO RS HQ Tripartite Joint Working Group.

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Though the Tripartite elevates border and counter-insurgent discussions to a strategic level, it does not have an exact number of partners.

Also, the meeting may be used to start informalized meetings to discuss security projects, such as the ongoing fight against ISIS.

Afghan Forces Replicate Taloa-Barfak

PUL-E KHUMRI - The gov- ernment forces recaptured Taloa-Barfak district in northern Baghlan province from insurgents. The recapture is a major breakthrough in the province and makes it more difficult for insurgent attacks.

The recaptured Taloa-Barfak district, which was previously under Taliban harbor, they have already vacated, Hissar told Xinhua.

"The Afghan army and security forces have previously recaptured the strategically important Taloa-Barfak district," Hissar said.

Although the government forces have declared to comment on the situation in Taloa-Barfak district, locals, media outlets and Taliban reported the fall of the mountainous district to the Taliban militants on Wednesday. Hissar, who is fighting the Taliban insurgents in Taloa-Barfak district, has claimed the recapture of the district.

149 Taliban Killed, 73 Wounded in Past 24 Hours

KARJIL - Afghan security forces have killed 149 Taliban militants and wounded 73 others in operations over the past 24 hours across the country.

The security forces have killed the Taliban insurgents and their families in the three districts of Herat, Ghor and Balkh provinces.

Malfunctioning Guns Affect Police Missions, Morale

KARJIL - A Police Force Member, Umair. Who Sustained Injuries in the Taliban Attack on the PDS Police Headquarters on Wednesday, has claimed that their service firearms are not working properly.

Umair said the malfunctioning of the firearms seriously affects their missions and weakens their morale in defending the country against insurgent attacks. His colleagues agreed and urged President Ashraf Ghani to provide the police with state-of-the-art equipment to lightfalls militantly.

Umair said these bullets hit his legs and hands during the attack, but he succeeded in leaving the area and saving a wounded.

To Get $40m for Major Dam Projects

KABUL - Afghanistan will be paid $40m for the completion of major dam construction projects.

The money was paid as a bond coverage of construction contracts of three dam construction projects. These include the Kabul Dam in Hamid-Khel, the Mashal Dam in Pak- kia and the Aimar Dam in Farah.

The $40m will be transferred to the Ministry of Finances (MoF) after a decision taken by the National Procurement Commission. The contracts were awarded to contractors due to a delay in the construction regarding six months ago, MoF officials said.

The statement said, on the progress of the project, it is estimated that only about 10 percent of the total funds is allocated to the Tower dam.

KABUL - Afghanistan is facing serious security problems after the attack on Kabul University.

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