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Shaykh Mohammad Abbas Stanekzai told the Afghan Daily Outlook on Monday.

He said that overall the company suffered AFs850 million (more than $10.8 million) loss due to damage to its transmission lines and other facilities in various parts of the country by militants.

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51 Attacks Staged Against Health Facilities this Year

KABUL - The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recorded 51 attacks on health facilities in Afghanistan since the beginning of 2019. These attacks happened in different districts and capitals of 16 provinces in Afghanistan, WHO said on its social media account.

The attacks hampered the delivery of health services at 114 facilities. Three health centres were destroyed, eight suffered losses and 96 closed. Over a hundred health officials were killed, 10 injured and seven detained and remained in the captivity of armed militants. (Pajhwok)

Afghan Taliban Chief Negotiator: US on Verge of Defeat

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“During my trip to Berlin met with German Ambassador to Afghanistan Peter Markus and discussed intra-Afghan dialogue and the outcome of Consultative Peace Jirga. Mr.Potzel congratulated the successful Loya jirga to all people of Afghanistan & promised support 4 peace process of APC,” he said in a tweet.

Daudzai earlier arrived in Germany on the head of a high-level delegation in quest of creating regional consensus on peace. HPC spokesman Javed Abbas announced that the special envoy would also travel to India after (More on P4)(7)

Dabs Loses $3.8m in Revenues Annually Due to Insecurity

KABUL - The Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS), the country’s power distributor firm, is losing 652,400 million (more than $8.5 million) in revenues annually due to its limited access in insecure areas, the head of the company Amanullah Ghalib said on Monday.

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Pro-Taliban social media outlets Friday released video of Stanekzai’s speech, one day after the U.S. special presidential envoy, Zalmay Khalilzad, and his team wrapped up the week-long negotiations with Taliban representatives in the Qatar capital.

In the speech, Stanekzai praised what he called the bravery of the Afghan nation for defeating past British and Soviet invasions of their country and resisting the current foreign military presence, referring to the U.S.-led coalition, which is training and advising anti-government forces in battles against the Taliban.

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