President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani left for Turkey earlier today to participate in an extraordinary meeting summoned by the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Afghan Govt, US Conduct ‘Inadequate Probe’ on Civilian Deaths

KABUL - Human Rights Watch says the US and Afghan governments need to do more to fully investigate incidents that lead to civilian casualties.

The United States and Afghan governments are not adequately investigating possible unlawful airstrikes in Afghanistan, which may contribute to rising civilian casualties, Human Rights Watch said.

Recent accounts from airstrike victims and witnesses in Nangarhar and other Afghan provinces uncovers major failings in US and Afghan investigations of civilian deaths, injuries, and property damage — notably the unwillingness to interview witnesses and obtain other evidence on site, the watchdog said in a statement.

“US and Afghan forces have an obligation to investigate possible laws-of-war violations when their airstrikes harm civilians,” said Patricia Gossman, senior Asia director for Human Rights Watch.

“All too often, Afghan forces and civilians report that they were not interviewed by officials after an airstrike,” Gossman said.

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Involved in 68 Operations to Combat Taliban Attacks

KABUL - Ministry of Defense says the Commando Unit of the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces are conducting 68 operations in different provinces.

The Ministry of Defense has admitted that in addition to Farah, the Taliban is trying to capture strategic areas in 12 provinces but said that to thwart this plan, the country’s Commando troops are involved in 68 operations across Afghanistan.

“Laghman and Zeraf Shah districts witnessed heavy fights last night but now the situation is better there. Our forces have arrived in the area and the enemy is on the run,” Radmanish said.

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Talakabad district is among those provinces which has faced high security threats in the past 12 days.

“We had warned that Talakabad district will fall but no one paid attention,” said Sayed Jami Kayani, a civil society activist in Baghlan.

Talakabad is a strategic area which can be infiltrated by the enemy. (More on P4.4)

UK Intends to Increase Troops in Afghanistan

KABUL - The British government wants to increase the number of its troops in Afghanistan from 600 to 1,050 under NATO structure. The United Kingdom intends to increase the number of its troops from 600 to 1,050 in Afghanistan, the London South East has reported.

According to the report, UK defense minister Gavin Williamson in a letter to Britain’s prime minister has asked him to increase the number of UK soldiers in Afghanistan.

Afghan Forces Fighting International Terrorism

KABUL - The NATO-led Resolute Support (RS) Mission Commander, Gen. John Nicholson has hailed the bravery of Afghan security forces and encouraged Taliban to accept the Afghan government’s offer and the Afghan people’s demands for peace.

“The brave men and women are the true heroes of your nation, who continue to sacrifice and put their lives on the line to protect yours, and their families,” Gen. Nicholson said.

On Monday, the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (NSDF) had been fighting for the defense of Afghanistan and peace.

Israel also left at least 59 Palestinians dead among the Israeli soldiers and the civilians, the Palestinian officials are saying at the number of UK soldiers in Afghanistan.

The Palestinian officials are saying at least 59 Palestinians have been killed and more than 2,400 people wounded.

The US President Donald Trump last year recognized Jerusalem as the capital city of Israel instructing the Department of State to shift the US embassy from Tel Aviv.

Joining the rest of the Islamic countries, the Afghan government in reaction to President Trump’s decision, had said that it is deeply concerned regarding the... (More on P4.4)

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The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an intergovernmental humanitarian organization established in 1951 and is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits both migrants and society.

In the framework of Resource Management, IOM now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from Service Providers for Personnel Services. On monthly basis, IOM engages the services of approximately 350 personnel both national and international to assist in delivering its operations and activities.

Interested Service Providers must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform personnel services. The provided information must be sufficient for IOM to evaluate the Service Provider’s capability and eligibility to participate in the bidding and eventually undertake the assignment. Expressions of interest should contain the following information:

- Core business and years of operations in Afghanistan (at least 5 years)
- Qualification in the field of assignment - Personnel Service Provider
  - List of clients with corresponding contract value for the last 3 years (2015-2017)
  - Minimum of USD 6,000,000 total contracts in 3 years (2015-2017)
  - Valid Government License

The Expression of Interest shall be submitted by email to iomkabu@procurement@iom.int no later than 24 May 2018 at 17.00.

Service Providers that meet the minimum requirements above shall receive the complete bidding documents and be invited to submit technical and financial proposals.

IOM reserves the right to accept or reject any Expression of Interest, and to annul the selection process and reject all Expression at any time, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Companies/Service Providers.

Very truly yours, BEAC Chairperson