Ghazni to Collapse if Insurgents not Beaten, Warn MPs

KABUL - Wideo Jaga or lower house members from southern Ghazni province on Wednesday warned the province would collapse into the hands of insurgents if the government did not defeat them soon.

The MPs in a protest meeting in capital Kabul asked the government to immediately dispatch a delegation to Ghazni for assessing security situation there.

Shah Gol Ronzai, one of the lawmakers, said that Aqiqan, Jaghian, Khwaja Omair, Zemandah, and Idah districts of Ghazni were on the verge of collapse.

She said security posts in Qarchugh district were under attack from militants while police forces were resisting without receiving food. They even did not receive their salaries for the last seven months, she said.

"We have informed interior officials 48 hours before militants attacked a number of Ghazni districts, but their negligence led to the loss and injury of many of our security forces," she said.

Abdul Qayum Sajjadi, another lawmaker, said: "The fall of districts and the killing of many Afghan soldiers is a matter of great shame for the government, those who neglected their duties must be fired and punished and replaced with honest and committed youth."

Considering security situation in Ghazni, any reinforcement should be sent for defeating militants in the province, he added.

The lawmakers in a resolution demanded immediate action from the government in Ghazni to prevent the Taliban from being able to launch clearing operations.

KABUL - A three-star general who leads the Joint Special Operations Command overseeing some of the most sensitive US military missions has been picked to lead the nearly 17-year-old Afghan war, five US officials told Reuters.

Army Lieutenant General Scott Miller would replace Army General John "Mick" Nicholson, who after more than two years has become the longest-serving US commander of international forces battling the Taliban insurgency.

Nicholson was expected to serve through most if not all of the summer months that historically have brought some of the heaviest fighting in Afghanistan, two of the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. ...[More on P4]...

Secretary General António Guterres said the high casualty rate among security forces in Afghanistan is extremely important to train the military to protect the state in case terrorists move from Afghanistan to Central Asian states.

The situation in Afghanistan is not getting more stable, making it "difficult", he said. ...[More on P4]...

Interior Ministry Assessing Plan for Election Safety

KABUL - Interior Ministry says security problems around the election process will be resolved once their plan is implemented.

The Ministry of Interior has assessed details regarding a security plan for elections for insecure areas.

The interior ministry’s spokesman Najib Danish welcomed the move, saying: "We have security problems at district levels to some extent, but we ..."[More on P4]...

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