Tehran, Kabul Stress Strengthening Anti-Terrorism Security Cooperation

TEHRAN - Senior Iranian and Afghan officials in a meeting in Tehran on Wednesday underscored the necessity for bolstering mutual security cooperation to fight against terrorism and other causes of instability in the region.

The issue was raised in a meeting between Undersecretary of Iran’s Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Reza Seifollahi and Afghan National Security Adviser Hanif Atmar on the sidelines of an international security conference in Groznyyy, Chechenia. During the meeting, Atmar appreciated Iran’s support and assistance to the Afghan refugees in the past few decades, and expressed the hope that these supports would continue and Tehran and Kabul’s cooperation would further develop in all the political, economic and security fields. Seifollahi, for his part, underscored...

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TIRINKOT - Chief of Army Staff Gen. Qadam Shah Shahim on Wednesday said the Taliban's Omari offensive had failed and their leader was killed where he ascended to the group leadership.

Gen. Shahim told this on Tuesday to a gathering involving military and civil officials and tribal elders during a visit to central Uruzgan province.

He said they had come to Uruzgan to assess the security situation and thanked the security forces for bravely defending the soil and the masses. The general said the Taliban were facing a historic defeat in their movement and their Omari offensive had completely failed.

He called on the Taliban to accept the Afghanistan Constitution and reconcile with the unity government, otherwise they would meet the fate of Osama bin Laden, Mullah Omar, Mullah Masnour and Mullah Bradar.

Shahim assured the people of Uruzgan that a major military operation would be launched soon in the province to improve the security situation and reopen roads which had been blocked. Governer Mohammad Nazir Kharotai praised efforts of security forces and said they did not allow the enemy to capture an area. (Pajhwok)

Afghan Taliban Appoints New Leader Amid Factional Differences

KABUL - Taliban militants confirmed the death of their supreme leader Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour on Wednesday, and also announced a less-known religious leader to ascend to the group leadership.

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LONDON - Afghanistan's president should ensure that the country's draft penal code upholds women's rights by banning "virginity exams" and outlawing the imprisoning of women and girls accused of so-called moral crimes, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said on Wednesday. Improving the lives and rights... (More on P4)...(5)

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