Afghanistan to be Eliminated in a Month, Regional Intelligence Fueling War

KABUL - The Ministry of Defense (MoD) has said the elimination of the Taliban group fighters will not take more than a month but the regional intelligence agency regarding any specific regional group is now being used to fueling the Afghan war by supporting the anti-government armed militias. MoD spokesman Gen. Dawlat Waziri told reporters in Kabul that the ongoing war and violence in the country is an intelligence war, insisting that the Taliban resistance would not last more than a month if the group would wage insurgency alone. He did not elaborate further regarding any specific regional intelligence agency but the Afghan officials have long been criticizing Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence for supporting the Taliban and other militant groups including the Haqqani terrorist network are based in Pakistan and are openly convening gatherings beside planning and coordinating attacks in Afghanistan.

In the meantime, Gen. Waziri said the Afghan forces recently seized a vehicle packed with hundreds of weapons, thousands of ammunition and explosives as the militants were looking to transport it to equip their fighters. He said the Afghan forces intercepted and seized the weapons, including pistols and 25,000 rounds of ammunition. (More on P6-0)

ANAF Helicopters to Drop Bullets to Taliban

TIRINAKOT - Afghan National Army (ANA) helicopters had mistakenly dropped thousands of bullets to Taliban insurgents in control Uruzgan province, an official claimed on Sunday. Haji Khalid, the Guzarkh district chief, told ANF Afghan News that security forces in the district including police, were supplied logistics through government helicopters. He said ANA helicopters carrying rations and ammunition for security forces mistakenly dropped the same in an area under Taliban control. He said the ammunition dropped in Talibans area included around 20,000 Kalashnikov and maachin gun bullets. Police received only 3,000 bullets. (More on P6-0)

Australian Woman Kidnapped in Kabul

KABUL - An Australian working for a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Afghanistan was reported kidnapped in the capital Kabul on Saturday, officials said.

"The Australian Embassy in Kabul is making urgent enquiries into reports an Australian has been kidnapped in Kabul," a spokesman for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra said in an emailed statement on Sunday. "Due to the nature of the incident we will not be commenting further.”

Tel News said on Sunday the Australian woman was abducted at gunpoint in the Qala-i-Fatullah area in the centre of Kabul. Kidnapping has long been a major problem in Afghanistan. (More on P6-0)

Kabul Police Detain 191 Crime Suspects in 2 Weeks

KABUL - Police have detained 191 people in connection with different crimes and terrorist activities in capital Kabul, an official said on Sunday.

The post last night in Takhta-e-Muluk and an area on the Jamrud sub-district, Pakistani media reported, quoting local officials. (More on P6-0)

Pakistan Backtracks on Decision to Deport Sharbat Gula

KABUL - Pakistan officials said Saturday that Sharbat Gula will no longer be deported to Pakistan, claiming that she was not a registered refugee. Meanwhile, a number of officials from different political parties have asked their government not to deport Gula. According to Dawn News, Pakistani Tehreek-i-Insaf chairman Imran Khan also asked KP Chief Minister Pervez Khattak. (More on P4-07)

Taliban Order to Shut High School in Pul-I-Alam

PUL-I-ALAM - The Taliban have ordered to close a high school over the past one week in the capital of central Laghman province, affecting hundreds of students, officials said on Sunday.

Provincial education department spokesman, Mohammad Shafqat Arab, told ANF Afghan News the Taliban had asked the school teachers to close the school because they intended to attack a nearby Afghan Local Police (ALP) checkpost. He said the Taliban ordered teachers and students not to return to the school until they captured the checkpoint. Around 780 students were enrolled. (More on P4-08)