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Pakistan Police Abusing Afghans: HRW Report Reveals

KABUL - Pakistan needs to take all necessary measures to end "rampant police harassment, threats and violence against Afghans living in Pakistan", Human Rights Watch said on Wednesday in a new report. According to the organization, incidents of police abuse against Afghans have skyrocketed since the Pakistan Taliban attacked a school in Peshawar, Pakistan in December last year. Phelim Kine, deputy Asia director at Human Rights Watch said: "The Pakistani police's outrageous mistreatment of Afghans over the past year calls for an immediate government response."

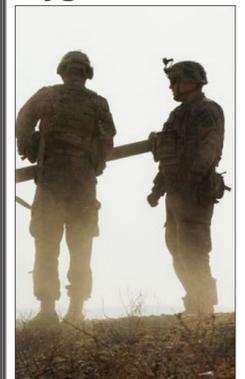


"The Pakistani government should press the police to apprehend perpetrators of atrocities instead of scapegoating the entire Afghan community," he said. The latest HRW study found that Afghans in Pakistan have experienced a sharp increase in hostility since the so-called Pakistani Taliban, Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, attacked the school, killing 145 people, including 132 children. The organization reports that the Pakistan government has responded with repressive measures including the introduction of military courts to prosecute terrorism suspects, the lifting of an unofficial moratorium on the use ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

Government Determined to Arrest Zabul Kidnappers

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Wednesday has said that government is determined to arrest kidnappers of 31 civilians in southern Zabul province. In a meeting with the released hostages in Presidential Palace "ARG", President Ghani said that terrorists showed their horror when they abducted civilians in Zabul, adding that they would be arrested and will be brought to justice. In the meeting where vice presidents, Abdul Rashid Dostum and Mohammad Sarwar Danish, were also present the President instructed related officials to deliver assistance to the released hostages and families of those killed. (KP)

Germany to Send in More Troops to Afghanistan



KABUL - Germany will send 130 more soldiers to Afghanistan, the government said on Wednesday after a cabinet meeting to discuss support for Afghan forces struggling to tackle Islamist insurgency. The Taliban's seizure of the northern city of Kunduz in September, the first time the militants had taken a provincial capital in 14 years, has prompted the U.S.-led military coalition to revise its strategy in Afghanistan. Although NATO has withdrawn almost all of its combat troops, it still has soldiers stationed there to train local forces. Up to about 850 German troops are in Afghanistan on this mission. That number will now go up to 980, the government said. German forces are stationed in the north of the country. German Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen said after the fall of Kunduz that she was open to delaying the withdrawal of German soldiers from Afghanistan beyond next year. President Barack Obama announced last month that some 9,800 U.S. soldiers would remain in Afghanistan through most of 2016, reversing a decision to withdraw all but a small U.S.-Embassy based force in Kabul before he leaves office in January 2017. The decision was based on an assessment that Afghan forces were not yet as strong as they needed to be. (Tolonews)

Human Traffickers Ply their Trade Openly in Kabul

KABUL - A number of young would-be Afghan migrants on Wednesday said human traffickers are going about their business freely in Kabul and no action is being taken against them. These would-be migrants say that the people smugglers sell their services "dishonestly" and make promises in exchange for money that they do not keep. This, they say is specially related to the modes of transport used and the routes promised to refugees who seek refuge in Europe. One Kabul resident, who



himself wants to leave for Europe, says he has met with 10 different human traffickers and is now waiting his turn to leave. "Human traffickers have significantly increased. Everyone tells us different stories

and we don't know who to trust," Abdul Raouf said. Raouf who has already tried to reach Europe once before was deported from Iran on his first attempt. He said the human traffickers at the time took ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

Russia to use All Means to Defend Itself from Terror Threats: FM

MOSCOW - The terrorist attack that brought down the A321 passenger plane is equal to an aggression against Russia, and the country will defend itself with all available means, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Wednesday. "The act of terrorism was precisely an attack on Russian citizens, which is tantamount to an attack on the Russian state. The right to self-defense will be implemented by all available means, both political and military, as well as using security and intelligence services," Lavrov told reporters. Russia promised Tuesday to take prompt measures to find and punish all involved in the Oct. 31 Russian plane crash over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, which killed all 224 people onboard. The Islamic State (IS) extremist group has claimed responsibility for the crash as a revenge for Russia's air strikes against IS targets in Syria. Russian air force ratcheted up strikes in Syria from Tuesday following an order by President Vladimir Putin and used for the first time strategic bombers in its operations.



Lavrov said the Russian Foreign Ministry has appealed to the international community to provide assistance in obtaining information to find those responsible for the air crash, and has received positive response from almost all the world capitals. He added that Russia had received from the United States and some other countries lists of Syrian groups they considered as terrorists. (Xinhua)

Afghanistan Protests Regarding Disqualification of Utopia Film by Oscars



KABUL - Afghan Union of Filmmakers has formally lodged protest over the disqualification of an Afghan film 'Utopia' from Oscars foreign-language race. The protest was reportedly lodged by Jawanshir Haidary, the head of the Afghanistan Filmmakers Union by sending a letter to the Academy. 'Utopia' was disqualified after the academy found that the film was containing too much English and was therefore not qualifying for the Oscar foreign-language race. The academy announced earlier this week that the film Babel-like drama involving three intersecting stories, failed to meet the requirement of rule 13, section A of the Academy's "Special Rules for the Foreign Language Film Award." It states that A foreign language film is... a predominantly non-English dialogue track. In the meantime, Mr. Haidary,

in his letter to the Academy has said Utopia is "predominantly" foreign language. "Utopia has forty-eight minutes of Dari and Hindi language and thirty-seven minutes of English speaking scenes in an 85 minute film excluding credits," Haidary submits, and "therefore in our eyes is predominantly in [a] foreign language," according to letter cited in a report by The Hollywood Reporter. A statement by the director of the film Hssan Nazer has also been included in the letter. "For Utopia authenticity was important so when our main character travels to the UK she would of course speak English," he said. Nazer also added "when communicating in India the common language would be English." "We ask that you please consider our points and reconsider. We do not have another film of this quality to represent Afghanistan at the Academy Awards 2016," Haidary said. (KP)

Australia Ends Era on Kandahar Base

KANDAHAR - Australia has closed down one of its last remaining outposts in Afghanistan, Camp Baker, located within the sprawling Kandahar airfield complex. With the end of the long-running mission to advise the Afghan National Army 205 Corps last month, the Australian camp, named after Corporal Mick Baker who was killed in the 1996 crash of two Black Hawk helicopters, was no longer needed. Australian equipment, including eight Bushmaster vehicles, was flown out aboard RAAF C-17 aircraft, Defence said on its website. Camp Baker was founded in 2006 as a support and logistics base as Australian involvement in Afghanistan expanded. It eventually became home to a substantial number of Australians involved in operating Chinook helicopters, flying Heron drones, working at the base hospital and operating a large radar system. At one time, Kandahar, with its round-the-clock multinational flight activity, was regarded as the busiest single-runway airfield in the world. The base even had its own shopping precinct. Six Australians remain at Kandahar embedded with the NATO Resolute Support Mission. are in the capital, Kabul, at the Australian headquarters and advising at the Afghan National Army Officer Academy. (AAP)

UN Agency to Release Report on Progress of Iran Nuke Deal

VIENNA - The U.N. nuclear agency is set to release a report on whether Iran is meeting its commitments to a deal that is meant to reduce Tehran's ability to make atomic arms. The report, expected Wednesday, may show little progress, however. Iran has said it is holding back on implementing the agreement until next month's publication of another report by the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency detailing its conclusions on allegations Tehran worked in the past



on nuclear arms. Iran denies the allegations and has described an IAEA list of suspected instances of such activity as based on doctored Western intelligence.

Iran agreed in July to reduce nuclear programs that could be used to make weapons in exchange for sanctions relief. (AP)

9 Factories Foundation Laid in Kabul

KABUL - Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA) have laid the foundation of 19 productive factories in the capital Kabul on Tuesday, officials said. Officials in AISA have said, "domestic production will be increased when the factories are active." Head of the AISA Mohammad Qurban Haqjo said, "\$100 million will be invested on 19 industrial factories and it will produce electronic instruments, and food items." 5 factories will produce food items as you all know we import more than \$1 billion food items from abroad annually, Haqjo said. Haqjo further added that the



factory inauguration will produce hundreds of jobs opportunities as well. Head of the Private sector Union, Sherbaz Kaminzada, said that there are three serious problems where we face that Afghans do not use the domestic production, insecurity have tight-

ened our hands to expand our activities, and some of the laws where slows down our activities. Based on the AISA estimation there are 8 industrial parks which are located in different parts of the country where most of them are suffering from power shortages. (ATN)