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Meanwhile, Education Minister Asmeriullah Habibi said almost 10 percent of Afghan women and 60 percent of men cannot read or write, read, or compute. He also said that the situation is even more acute. An estimated 90 percent of Afghan women and almost 40 percent of men cannot read or compute. “Literacy training is not enough, it should continue to further education, especially for those living in rural areas,” he said.

Speaking at the event, the First Lady Rula Ghani, said efforts should be made to boost literacy rates in the country. “Literacy training is not only for adults, but it is a must for all levels of our society. Even school students should be given the opportunity to learn to read and write in order to call those who are ‘illiterate,’” she said.

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Winter Operation to be Launched Monday

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Nangarhar province in order to eliminate the Taliban’s safe havens and cut off their supply routes.

“Tomorrow an operation under the name of Second Shahja will be launched in the eastern Nangarhar province to target insurgent support’s supply lines, safe havens and safe areas where they gather,” said Mohammad Radmanish, spokesman for the MoD.

Military analysts believe that launching operations in the winter is the season for security forces to eliminate insurgents. “Winter is the best season to launch special operations. Because in this season Taliban cannot fight very well,” said Jawad Khaerkai, a former military analyst. However, it is believed that in winter the Taliban leave their camps that fund them. The MoD said it is therefore important for them to use time to cut off their supply routes and destroy their havens.

Afghanistan and neighboring countries should negotiate with Pakistan to close their borders. “Pakistan is the main haven for the Afghan Taliban,” said Mohibullah Mohibullah, former defense minister and military analyst.

Moreover, Jawed, a former military officer, said “Security forces should carry offensives in Arabic countries and cut off their supply routes. Time to cut off their supply routes.”

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