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For the past eight months, he said, the number of violence against women cases could be even higher.

The number of violence against women cases may increase further until the end of the current year, but the number of cases reported in the first eight months increased more than 1,000 woman against women were registered with them during the last year.

4-Nation Meeting on Animal Disease Control Begins

KABUL - Veterinary officials from the Afghani stan, Iran, Pakistan and Tajikistan are meeting today in Tehran to discuss improved collaboration to address trans-boundary animal diseases (TADs).

At the two-day meeting, which began on Tuesday, the participants would deliberate on better monitoring of livestock health and rapid control of outbreaks, the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said.

In close cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (AIIL), FAO has organised the meeting on the control of TADs, hosted by the Iranian Veterinary Organization (IVO). The meeting is financially supported by the Government of Japan, through the FAO project in Afghanistan. The project, launched in 2014, aims at assisting farmers to enhance the health of their livestock.

It also supports annual bilateral meetings with the neighboring countries – Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and Tajikistan – to address common issues such as the impact of animal movements and the related risks of diseases spreading across borders.

Livestock plays an important role in Central and South Asia in terms of boosting nutrition and helping to improve livelihoods.

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Quote of the Day

The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance.

Socrates (469 BC - 399 BC)

Taliban Raids to Overrun Uruzgan Capital, Towns Reported

TALIBAN – The police chief for central Uruzgan province on Tuesday said Taliban militants recently attempted to capture the provincial capital, Tirinkot, and some districts but failed and sustained heavy casualties.

Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Sidiqi said the militants attacked these districts but faced strong resistance from security forces recaptured them and restored some check-posts, but security forces sustained heavy casualties.

Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Sidiqi said the militants once again tried to overrun Chora, Charchino, and some districts but Tirinkot and Tirinkot city, taking the advantage of winter season.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants attacked these districts several times but were defeated.

The Taliban, however, captured some check-posts, but security forces recaptured them and repulsed their assaults, according to Sidiqi.

He claimed many militants, including a notorious commander Qaumi, had been killed during the clashes. Three ANA soldiers were also killed in Charchino district.

The insurgents. (More on P4-LD)

Taliban Seize Strategic Area of Balcharagh District

MAIMANA – Local officials in northern Faryab province acknowledged on Tuesday the loss of the strategic area at their district.

In the town of Naseri district, which erupted late on Monday, according to the official source told Pajhwok Afghan News on condition of anonymity.

The strategic area fell into the hands of insurgents early in the morning, according to the official source told Pajhwok Afghan News on condition of anonymity.

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Hekmatyar off to Turkey But HIA in Delhi

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