Twin Blasts Kill 86 People in Turkey

ANKARA - The death toll from twin blasts in the Turkish capital Ankara on Saturday rose to 86, while 166 others were injured, the Turkish Health Ministry said.

The explosions hit a train station where several unions, civil society organizations and pro-Kurdish People's Democracy Party were due to hold a rally, private Doga news agency reported.

The rally aimed at protesting conflict between the state and Kurdish militants in southeast Turkey.

There were no claims of responsibility for the attack.

Witnesses said the first blast took place in front of a train sta-

Security Situation Still Catastrophic in Kunduz: MPs

KARUL - A number of MPs in the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) said at Saturday’s session that the SECURITY situation in Kunduz is still “catastroph-

ic.”

Abdul Rashid Ramezani, the Speaker of the House, called on government to review military operations in Kun-

duz and said the current operation “is not enough” to eliminate the threat.

Other MPs said that Taliban and Daesh insurgents are carrying out actions in Afghanistan “under the name of Islam.”

An MP, Mirshad Khan Naji-

ta, said that Afghan com-

mandos should seriously launch military operations in different parts of Kunduz city.

Ramezani has appoint-

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Air Strikes Should Be Intensified over Kunduz: Danishi

KARUL - Acting Provincial Governor for Kunduz, Hanifullah Danishi on Sat-

day has demanded more air strikes to be launched by international air forces on Kunduz to drive and demobilize ter-

rors out of Kunduz city.

The following local officials urged that after Taliban were bombed in Doctors without borders Hospital in Kunduz city they have lost their high profile moral of war in Kunduz and decreased their activities in Kunduz city since that day.

3000 militants had participation on Kunduz attack where 500 of them were killed and hundreds others were in-

jured added Danishi.

Acting Provincial Governor Hanif-

ullah Danishi during a special interview told to Ariana news that militias have failed to implement their strategy in Kunduz, this would remain as bitter memory for them. . . (More on Pkl-6)

U.S Congress Members Call for Troop Levels to Be Maintained

WASHINGTON - Twenty three U.S Congress Members signed a letter and sent it to President Barack Obama this week urging him to recon-

sider his drawn down plans of troops in Afghanistan and instead maintain the current levels through 2016.

The congress members said in their letter that while they felt the U.S had achieved considerable progress in Af-

ghanistan, the country will once again become a safe haven for terrorists if the United States abandons their investment.

“Al Qaeda and its affiliates, the Taliban, the Haqqani Networks, as well as the rise of ISIS (Daesh) continue to present persistent and mul-

titudinous threats. . . (More on Pkl-6)

Abdullah Urges Massive Response to Aid Kunduz Residents

KARUL - Prezident, over the first meeting of Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) on Friday, Abdullah Abdullah, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Unity Government (NGO) issued instructions to relevant bodies to provide necessary aid to victims of the Kunduz visit.

Statistics show roughly 12,000 families have been displaced in the area after insurgents waved control of the strategic town last Monday. At the meeting it was also decided that the International Committee of Red . . . (More on Pkl-6)