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Hekmatyar in Coma in Karachi Hospital: Afghan Source

TEHRAN - Militant leader and Head of Afghanistan's Hezb-e Islami (Islamic Party) Gulbuddin Hekmatyar is in critical health conditions and might even die, an Afghan military expert disclosed.

"Hekmatyar went to a state of coma on Thursday after his health conditions aggravated few days ago; he might die," Ahmad Saeedi told FNA on Sunday.

He said that Hekmatyar who lived in Peshawar, Pakistan, was transferred to a hospital in Karachi two days ago. "Although we cannot fully confirm or reject Hekmatyar's death, he is certainly not in favorable health conditions," Saeedi added.



Gulbuddin Hekmatyar is the founder and active leader of the Hezb-e-Islami political party, and a designated "global terrorist" by the United States. After escaping from prison in Afghanistan in 1973, he moved to Pakistan.

Hekmatyar voiced his full support for the Saudi aggression against Yemen since the airstrikes started over 80 days ago. He has also declared his readiness to join the coalition with his troops.

In June an Arab media report said that Saudi Arabia has sent a secret letter to Hekmatyar to assassinate Pakistani officials. The Arabic-language Alwaia ... (More on P4)... (8)

Turkey in Mourning after Blasts Kill 95



ANKARA - Thousands of people have gathered in the centre of Turkey's capital, Ankara, to pay tribute to the victims of bomb blasts which killed at least 95 people.

Brief scuffles broke out between the crowd and the police after some mourners tried to lay carnations at the site of the bombings.

The pro-Kurdish HDP party, which organised Saturday's rally, said 128 people were killed in the attacks. Protesters have blamed the government for security failures around the rally.

The government has rejected suggestions that it was to blame for the bombing. Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said there was evidence that two ... (More on P4)... (9)

UN Helps Feed Afghan Families Fleeing Kunduz



KABUL - Afghans who fled the fighting in Kunduz have received bread baked from wheat flour fortified with vitamins and minerals along with other food supplies, but the World Food Program (WFP) is "seriously concerned" about the safety and food security of people remaining in the northeastern province.

"WFP is assessing the situation in coordination with other humani-

US to Compensate Victims of Kunduz Hospital Bombing with "Condolence Payments"

KABUL - Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook on Saturday announced compensation of "condolence payments" to the wounded victims and the families of 22 people killed in a US airstrike that hit a hospital of Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in northern Kunduz province.

Peter said in a statement that the compensation will be handled through the existing Commanders' Emergency Response ... (More on P4)... (10)

NAI Condemns Attacks on Radio Stations in Jalalabad

KABUL - NAI which supports open median in Afghanistan has condemned the attacks on two Radio Stations in Jalalabad city, capital of Nangarhar province.

The explosions which occurred in a very short interval on Killid Radio and Safa Radio in Jalalabad city last night did not have casualties but slightly damaged the offices and shattered windows of the nearby residents. NAI urges police HQ of ... (More on P4)... (12)

Kunduz Families Accuse Govt. of Breaking Election Promises

KUNDUZ CITY - As widespread battles continue in suburbs of Kunduz city in northern Afghanistan, the Afghan public's criticism over government's handling of the situation and that of security in the embattled province has gathered momentum in the past two weeks.

A number of displaced Kunduz residents said on Sunday that the National Unity Government leaders have not kept promises they made to change Kunduz in to a hub of economic development and commercial activi-



ties. This was in reference to pre-election commitments made by CEO Abdullah Abdullah and President Ashraf Ghani.

"Ghani and Abdullah made commitments to the people during their election race. Ghani promised to change Kunduz into a hub of peace and prosperity," a resident of Kunduz, Nasir, said. Nasir said the president's words at the time were: "At some stage people were saying ... (More on P4)... (13)

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