Pakistan’s ISI Wants to Move Terror Bases to Afghanistan: MoD

KABUL - The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Saturday said Pakistan’s Intelligence agency (ISI) is trying to transfer the Taliban’s insurgent main bases from Afghanistan by expanding the war in the country.

The Defence Minister spokesman Dawlat Waziri said Taliban is fully supported by ISI but the group has failed to have any significant achievements so far.

“ISI and its military base have tried to help Afghan and foreign militaries transfer their bases as well as the Taliban’s council to Afghanistan, but the Afghan and security forces have prevented them from this,” Waziri said.

“The essence of war has changed following the death of al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri,” Waziri said.

Russia, India Share Need to Rebuild Afghanistan: Putin

KABUL - President Vladimir Putin said India and Russia were both interested in developing “constructive multi-lateral cooperation” to help rebuild war-torn Afghanistan where decisive action was needed for countering terrorism.

Times of India reported.

In an interview with SPUTNIK news agencies, Putin said Afghanistan was in the “growing stage” but the condition in the country was “still untenable”.

“India is wanting to extend its influence in Afghanistan which is a friendly country for Russia. India is trying to conserve its influence and investment in Afghanistan. We are sure that Afghan situation will be normalised,” Putin said.

The Afghan government has been spending a huge portion of its budget on security and the military, but the situation in Afghanistan has worsened in recent years due to the Taliban’s resurgence.