Drug Dealing Biggest Threat to National Security: Study

KABUL - A survey conducted in the northern provinces, particularly in Balkh, illustrates that the biggest threat to national security is related to the cultivation and dealing of drugs. According to the survey conducted by Khater-e-Meena (New Line) Research Institute, this year about 20,000 hectares of land was used to grow poppy in northern Badakhshan, Baghlan and Farah provinces.

The study also found that the money made from the poppy fields was the main source of funding for insurgent groups. “The war in Afghanistan is the war on drugs,” the institute's head, Ali Khan, said. One year ago, Qadir Matisi, said, “Numerous terrorist organizations are located across the country. Even there are countries that PAK [Pashtuns,pashtuns, pashtuns, pashtuns] maintain and also made their hideouts in Afghanistan.” Meanwhile, residents and social activists urge that the eradication of drug production and trafficking can put an end to the ongoing conflict in the country.

In addition, they also urged the government to identify the kingpins in the industry and bring them to justice. “As long as the forces of these drug mafia live,” the institute’s head, Ali Khan, said.

Karzai wants Bilateral Security Agreement Explained

KABUL - Hamid Karzai, the former President of Afghanistan, in a show with Pakistan’s PTI television network and that foreign land was involved in attack on Kunduz city. He said that if that foreign land in Pakistan, the National Security Agreement between the joint Special Forces Contingent of MoD Praised

KABUL - Afghanistan’s acting defense minister said Monday that the Doctors without Borders hospital bombed by U.S. forces in the northern city of Kunduz was being used by insurgents as a “safe place.” The hospital was bombed by a U.S. AC-130 gunship in the early hours of Oct. 3, killing at least 22 people and wounding many more. The main build-

ing was destroyed and the hospital has been shut down. That is a place they wanted to use as a safe place because everybody knows that our security forces and international forces are not able to do anything with a hospital,” Defense Minister Masoom Stanekzai told The Associated Press, adding that a Taliban flag had been mounted on one of the hospital’s walls.

Doctors Without Borders, also known by its French acronym MSF, has repeatedly denied that Taliban fighters were present in the hospital compound at the time of the attack.

Every staff member in Kunduz working for MSF has repeatedly reported to us that there were no armed people in the hospital at the time of the attack. (More on P6, 4)

ANSF to Launch Fresh Winter-Offensive Against Insurgents

KABUL - As winter goes, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said Monday that the Afghan National Army and Police forces movements will increase against terrorists in winter season. Officials in MoI declared that with Afghan flags rippling in every parts of the country, the military operations will be more in these areas that the in

NATO Launches Biggest Military Exercise in 13 Years

IRAPAN, Sadiq - NATO is launching its biggest military exercise in 13 years, mobiliz-

ing 36,000 soldiers, soldiers and airmen from more than 30 countries to test the alliance’s ability to respond to new security threats.

Security forces Rebuff Taliban Attack on Shindand District

HERAT - Security forces rebuffed a coordinated at-
tack of Taliban militants on Shindand District of western Herat province. Hundreds of Taliban armed with heavy and light weapons launched the attack early on Monday morning. Taliban initially attacked a number of security posts but were repulsed by Afghan security forces.

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