Abdullah Hails UK’s Decision to Send More Troops to Afghanistan

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Abdullah on Saturday welcomed the United Kingdom (UK) government decision to boost its troops’ presence in Afghanistan, a statement from the CEO’s media office said on Saturday.

Williamson said: “I came to Afghanistan to assess the situation along with Afghan authorities and to hold discussion on wide range of issues in Afghanistan.”

Both sides discussed bilateral relations, political and security developments and the peace process. They also talked about the ways to fight against terrorism and supporting the Afghan security forces.

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A number of Afghan security forces have been killed and wounded in the recent days as a result of Taliban attacks. The Taliban have been the most prominent terrorist group in Afghanistan since the end of the Soviet occupation in 1989.

Iran, Afghanistan Provinces Sign MoU to Boost Cooperation

TEHRAN - South Khorasan Province of Iran and Faiz Province of Afghanistan have signed a memorandum of understanding on joint economic, cultural and security cooperation.

The document was signed in the northeastern provincial capital of Birjand by Iran’s South Khorasan Governor General Mohammad Mehdi Moravej al-Shari’eh and Farah Province Governor Abdulbasir Salangi, the official Afghan news agency Bakhtar reported on Wednesday.

Based on the MoU, both sides agreed to hold three commissions for cooperation on economic, cultural and social, as well as security and border activities.

Setting up a joint chamber of chamber of commerce and industry on both sides was also agreed.

Both sides also agreed to boost education and tourism cooperation.

Road Works Underway on Salang Pass

KABUL - Reconstruction of the Salang Pass has started, said Yama Yari, the Minister of Public Works (MoPW), adding that before the onset of winter they are hoping to have completed work on at least 30km of the road.

According to Yari, work on the first 10km has already started and the next phase involving 20km will start soon. “The ministry is committed to reconstructing 30km of road from Khenjan to the Salang tunnel and 10km from Changi (Chang area on the southern side and Maldkan in the northern part of the pass) to Salang tunnel this year,” said Yari.

Motorists and truck drivers who use the Salang road have called on government to ensure the road is resurfaced properly and that all work meets the necessary standards. They complained that the current condition of the road causes endless problems for them. “They (ministry) do not construct properly, after one or two months the road will once again be destroyed,” said Zamari, a truck driver.

A number of motorists also expressed their concern over the lack of proper medical centers along the road.

National efforts toward the Peace Convoy for Stability in the Country: Neemi

KUNDUZ CITY - The governor of northern Kunduz province Abdul Jabbar Naeemi said demands of the peace marchers were the demands of the entire nation and sought regional and international country’s full support to them. Naeemi expressed the view during a meeting with members of the Peace Convoy who arrived here.

He said it was the first time that these courageous individuals have raised the voice for peace through their social movement of traveling by feet from Helmand to Kunduz province.

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