BAKU - The freight traffic in the railway direction Uzbekistan-Afghanistan-Iran, in accordance with the rough estimates, will have an annual increase of 15-20 percent, a representative of the Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan told Trend in an interview. The representative added that the annual freight traffic in Termez-Mazari-Sharif-Meimene-Herat-Kunduz-Bandar Abbas (Uzbekistan-Afghanistan-Iran) railway corridor can reach up to four million tons after full commissioning. “The total length of the transport corridor in the direction of the port of Bandar...”, More on P.40.

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Torkham Crossing to Remain Open Round the Clock

The Torkham crossing, which connects Afghanistan and Pakistan in the eastern province of Jalalabad, will remain open 24/7, on experimental basis, Pakistani media reported.

Highways Remain Closed as Clashes Continue in Baghlan

KABUL - Main highways in northern Afghanistan - the Kabul-Baghlan and Baghlan-Kunduz highways – have been closed to traffic over the past two days after the Taliban militants attacked the northern and northeastern cities of Kunduz and Baghlan.

The Taliban’s attack on the city of Kunduz was repelled by Afghan forces but sources say that threats remain high on the outskirts of the city near the Kunduz-Baghlan and Baghlan-Kunduz highways.

The highways connect Kabul with the northern provinces of Balkh and northeastern provinces of Talibat and Badakhshan. Sources said that hundreds of passengers have been stranded on two sides of the highway.

TOLOnews reporter Sha'ib Amery who is in Pul-e-Khumri city, the center of Baghlan, said Taliban militiamen were pushed back towards “Cement Khana” area on the outskirts of Pul-e-Khumri city.

The Ministry of Interior said in a statement that Afghan forces targeted the Taliban from three directions and pushed them back... (More on P.15)

Qatar Picks Team for Matches Against Afghanistan, India

KARL - Qatar National Team coach Felix Sanchez has announced a 24-member squad ahead of the matches against Afghanistan and India in the joint qualifiers for the 2022 FIFA World Cup and 2023 AFC Asian Cup.

Both matches will be played at the Jassim bin Hamad Stadium. In the meantime, Afghanistan’s National Football Team will hold training in Qatar ahead of their match against the host.

Afghanistan will play its second match against the host, Pakistan qualified for the 2020 AFC Asian Cup. All group winners will qualify directly for the final round, alongside the four best runners-up.

Afghanistan’s national team said they hope to get a good result at the event. While Qatar has already qualified for the next World Cup as host, topping their group will ensure a direct spot at the 2023 Asian Cup. All group winners will qualify directly for the finals, alongside the four best runners-up.

Qatar qualified for the 2020 AFC U-23 Championship after topping their qualifying group with seven points from three games, finishing ahead of Oman on goal difference.

(Tele news)