Pakistan Taliban Militants Shifting Over to ISIS: Janan Mosazai

KABUL - The Afghan ambassador to Pakistan Janan Mosazai said the Taliban of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) are shifting over to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group.

Speaking during a seminar on Countering Violent Extremism, Mosazai insisted for regional cooperation to fight terrorism group, particularly the self-styled ISIS terrorist group.

Mosazai said the region should have a common collective response against this common enemy, insisting that “there is no single country strategy or solution to the menace of terrorism today.”

“A couple of this is the attempt by some former TTP militants to infiltrate into Nangarhar province and switch over to the black flag of Daesh, which we have been containing,” Mosazai quoted by local media.

He also added that the terror group was spreading its propaganda and disseminating worldview also in Pakistan, similar as other parts of the world.

Mosazai warned that “networks of terror have shown that they are fast, they are quick, they are better at coordination, communication and cooperation. On the contrary, states, including in this region, are still a little slower. We have not developed and agreed upon a set of rules and mechanisms equipped to make our collective response and actions effective.”

He also emphasized that the countries would have to take actions on national level to “shoot down rallies, meetings, gatherings and future con- tests that...” (More on P6, 09)

US Company Producing 2,293 Trucks for Afghan Forces

KABUL - A $309 million contract has been awarded to a leading American company to manufacture 2,293 medium tactical vehicles (MTVs) for the Afghan National Security Force (ANSF).

Under the contract, production would begin immediately, with... (More on P6, 09)

Czech Troops to Stay in Afghanistan Beyond 2016: PM

KABUL - Czech troops may stay in Afghanistan even after an end to the US military mission there in 2016, a media report said on Thursday.

Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka hinted at the extended stay of Czech soldiers in the conflict-battered country at a press conference in Prague, according to Takhres news agency.

(NAVY Secretary... (More on P6, 09)

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Ministry of Interior

30 Taliban Killed in Badakhshan Operations

KABUL - At least 30 Taliban fighters were killed on Saturday in Badakhshan province.

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Civilian Deaths Blamed on Govt’s Indifference

RAMAN - Civil society activists are the latest victims of the government’s inaction in the province.

Govt. Blamed for Turning Back on Martyrs’ Families

RAMAN - A woman from western Badakhshan province, who has lost two sons to the ongoing war in Afghanistan, has blamed the government and Ethnic leaders for turning their backs on the families of martyrs.

The mother named Nazir Qal said she was... (More on P6, 09)

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Balkhi Visits Islam Qal’a to Assess Returnees’ Registration

KABUL - Refugees and Repatriation Minister Sayed Hussain Alemi Balkhi reviewed the registration process of Afghan refugees returning from Iran during a visit to the border town of Islam Qal’a as... (More on P6, 09)

Afghan Football Teams to Play in SC

KABUL - The fifth time in as many years, the Afghan under 14 boys and under 17 girls football teams are all set to go to India to participate in the prestigious international “India Cup Football Tournament” (SCFT).

Started in 1950 and organised by the Indian Air Force, the 5th edition of the tournament will be held in Delhi from 10 Sep to 16 Oct.

The tournament’s aim is to use sports to foster friendship among youth of India and foreign countries.

Whereas the Indians schools teams compete at sub-division, districts, division, state... (More on P6, 09)