GADIZAI - In an address to military forces in Pakita province, President Ashraf Ghani said the world has heard Afghanistan's voice on counterterrorism efforts and that “the Taliban must know they cannot win the war”. “You (enemies) should know that Afghanistan's strategic situation has changed and you (Taliban) cannot win on the battlefield,” Ghani said in a visit to the Thunder Military Corps Headquarters in Gardez, the capital city of the province. He said the number of Afghan Air Force will be doubled in the near future.

"Our air support has been doubled in the past two weeks and now our martyred and wounded army and police forces no longer will remain on the battlefields," said Ghani. "If you have changing in his foreign policy, he said Afghanistan had been able to defend its national interests against Pakita after these decades.

Our 40 years' demands would have not been accepted if we were not successful in our foreign policy. (Previously) we were waiting to talk with Pakistan equally, but now we hold talks with Pakistan and keep an honor we were respect our interests (in these talks)," Ghani added.

At the same event, Pakita governor Shumirmati said he the president to deliver his promises on implement and development projects in the province. (More on Pn 10)

The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said on Wednesday that Afghanistan needs to invest in conditions to create a political solution to the crisis.

"I believe it is important in Afghanistan to invest in the conditions to create a political solution. I believe that is possible," Guterres told reporters at the UN headquarters in New York at the 72nd United Nations General Assembly. He was responding to a question on resolving the lingering crisis in Afghanistan.

"I don't think there is a military solution to the crisis in Afghanistan," he said.

From the US have announced their surge, they were also saying that they believe a political solution is necessary," he said.

"No, it is clear for me that independently of short-term measures that might be taken, the political solution is the long-term road that we need all to move on," Guterres said. (Telenews)

KABUL - The Ministry of Defense has a plan on hand to mobilize the public forces otherwise known as the Afghan Civilian Community in areas cleared of insurgents by the Afghan National Army, an official from the ministry said.

"People will be recruited from their areas, because they know their region and how to keep it," the Defense Ministry spokesman Daniel Wani told ToloNews on Friday. "The public forces will not go from one place to another. It is almost the same as the (Afghan) Local Police, but there is a big difference."

The spokesman did not give the number of the public forces that will be established under the Ministry of Defense. However, a foreign official has said the new plan is set to be funded by the US and that the number of the militia will reach 100,000. The New York Times meanwhile quoted an Afghan official as saying that 30,000 militia will be recruited under the new plan and will be managed by the Afghan Ministry of Interior. Addressing army soldiers in Pakita province, in the east, on Friday, President Ashraf Ghani also pointed out to the public forces - which would be formed under the Ministry of Defense - and said the public forces would play a significant role in restoring the people's security.

"The local police are very successful in here other places and this is because of you," Ghani said.

This move comes after the US-funded Afghan Local Police have been accused of violations of human rights many times. (More on Pn 10)

KABUL - More than 200 monitors from the Ministry of Mine and Mine Assistance (MMIA) have successfully completed a one-month technical course in Turkey. Twenty-five five mine inspectors graduated from the training course on correctly overwriting and regulat mining activities at the Istanbul Technical University (ITU). The MMIA-Corporation Committee funded the course, covering four technical training on mining proc as well as inspection tours to Turkish mines of open-pit mines.

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