MPs Call for Urgent Action over Security

KABUL - A number of MPs on Monday again raised their concerns over the security situation in the country and said the situation is deteriorating day-by-day.

During Monday’s Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) session, MPs called for immediate and urgent action to be taken.

One MP from northern Sara-e-Pul province, Shabir Balochi said, “All roads into Sara-e-Pul’s capital city are closed and the Balochi district is surrounded by insurgent forces.”

Musa Khan Noori, an MP from northern Faryab province painted another bleak picture and said, “The government is very weak. People are openly selling guns and design of today’s attacker in Khak-e-Safid district.”

MPs also called for more military operations around the country.

The First Deputy Speaker of Wolesi Jirga, Zahir Qaheri said, “The eastern zone situation is very bad especially most of the districts of Nangarhar and those areas lack Daesh threats. Once again I am calling on the government to launch operations in the areas where Daesh is present.”

Another MP from north-eastern Badakhshan province, Nazia Jako said, “Our military forces need to launch...” (More on P2, Col)

Stanikzai Wants Offensive Strategy Changed

JALALABAD - Calling the withdrawal of Afghan forces from the border of Pakistan a major factor to push the Taliban to start ceasefire talks, Afghanistan’s chief diplomat Haneef Atmar said, “The Afghan government needs to consider an offensive strategy.”

Atmar said the Afghan government could consider the idea of a strategic offensive to come down on the Taliban and push them back to the border with Pakistan. He said the situation on the border is very alarming and the Afghan security forces need to be strengthened. (More on Page 2, Col)

Iranian Schools Host 400,000 Afghan, Iraqi Students

BAKU - About 400,000 Afghan, Iraqi students are being educated in Iranian schools, the Islamic Republic’s education minister Ali Asghar Farro said.

Currently around 35 million students are studying in 105,000 schools in Iran, Farro said, adding that officials in the education ministry have already submitted a report concerning the problem.

During a recent visit to Iran, minister of health, vaccination and education, Dr. Reza Mofidi said, “We are currently working on a national program to increase the number of schools and education centers in Afghanistan.”

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Unemployment Becomes a National Problem in Afghanistan: MoPW

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