Top Security Officials Fired in Uruzgan Amid Sharp Rise in Violence

KABUL - The provincial police chief of southern Uruzgan province, Mohammad Wais Sunna, and provincial security chief, Abdul Qawi were dismissed from their posts after a sharp rise in violence in the province. According to the local government officials, Abdul Qawi has been summoned to Kabul and Syed Saqib has been appointed to replace Abdul Qawi as the new police chief of the province.

Most TTP Fighters Join ISK in Nangarhar: Gen. Nicholson

WASHINGTON - The Islamic State Khurasan (ISK), an affiliated terrorist organization to Daesh, were primarily Pakistani Pashtun and their area of influence was now restricted to just a few districts, a top American general based in Kabul said Friday. ISK were primarily in Nangarhar province and are estimated to be numbering between 1,200 to 1,300 fighters, General John Nicholson, Commander of US and NATO troops in Afghanistan told reporters at a Pentagon news conference. “They’re primarily Pakistani Pashtun, who were previously part of Tehreek-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).” Nicholson said that Daesh in Afghanistan have some enclaves in Kunar Province but primarily they’re in Nangarhar. Nicholson said, “Those forces were national, they would have listened to the governor and their commander, we are tired of telling them not to do this and that, but they ignore us and do what those who have appointed them say,” he said.

Hikmatyar May Take Part in Next Presidential Election

KABUL - A media report on Saturday hinted at Gulbuddin Hikmatyar, a Hizb-illi-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) head, whose negotiating team has just signed a historic peace deal with Afghan government, could run for next presidential election.

Govt-HIA Peace Agreement an ‘Encouraging’ Step: US General

KABUL - NATO Resolute Support (RS) Commander has termed Afghan government and Hizb-illi-Islami (HIA) peace deal an “encouraging” step in the effort to resolve the country’s conflict, a media report said on Saturday. “This is positive in the sense that this represents a group that is residing largely outside of Afghanistan that is now reaching a reconciliation agreement with the government which will eventually involve a reintegration into Afghan society,” Army General John Nicholson... (More on P4)... (7)

Tehran Welcomes Afghanistan Peace Deal

KABUL - Iranian envoy to Kabul said Tehran welcomes as a step forward the recent landmark agreement between the Afghan government and Gulbadin Hekmatyar, the leader of a militant group. “Any Afghan government negotiate with the opposition with the Pakistan and Iran is a positive step forward, and we hope this step will boost stability” in the country, Iranian Ambassador to Kabul Mohammad Reza Bahrami told ISNA... (More on P4)... (8)

WJ Welcomes Peace Deal with Hizb-E-Islami

KABUL - Members of Wolesi Jirga (WJ) on Saturday welcomed latest peace deal with Hizb-E-Islami but called on both sides to adhere to their commitments, as prescribed in the accord. WJ Members of the Afghan government and Hizb-E-Islami and we want to congratulate the nation of Afghanistan for this deal,” said Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) speaker Abdul Rauf Ibrahimi. (More on P4)... (9)

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