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Ghazni security limping back to normal, security organs



Chennai one of Afghanistan's key provinces that has been facing with insecurity challenge for a couple of years. The province's provincial capital was attacked early Thursday by Taliban fighters who shortly took control of key parts of the city and ordered police to evacuate.

Soon after Taliban staged an provincial capital city of Ghazni, an exclusive meeting was held under the chairmanship of President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and attended by representatives of the country's security organs. In the meeting, President Ghani said security organs for their coordination in military operations.

The attack on Ghazni city was repelled by Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) and Taliban fighters suffered heavy casualties. Security organs assured of dispatching fresh troops to the city to fend further attacks of the Taliban group.

"Many forces have arrived in Ghazni city and currently the city is under full control of Afghan security forces and the situation is getting normal in the city," deputy spokesperson to Ministry of Interior (MoI) Nasrat Rahmani told The Kabul Times. He added that Afghanistan's security organs are making effort to maintain security in the city and repulse further attacks of the Taliban group.

Meanwhile, deputy spokesman to Minister of Defense (MoD) Gen. Mohammad Raza mansuri says the commando forces have been dispatched to Ghazni city and deployed in various parts of the city to kill Taliban fighters out of the city. He added that Afghan defense and security forces have already started clearing and searching operations in the city and security would be soon maintained in the city.

Meanwhile NATO forces have also said that they increased their airstrikes on the Taliban group in Ghazni.

A number of members of parliament by criticizing the government say the government should dispatch more troops to Ghazni city as the province has been facing with security challenges for the past years.

"Representatives of people in parliament have repeatedly said that Ghazni city would fall to the Taliban group if considerable attention is not paid to the province, but the city is now facing with serious threats due to inaction of the government in particular Afghan defense and security forces," a representative of Ghazni province in parliament Rahmani said.

Ministry of Interior (MoI) reports that Ghazni is facing with serious security threats posed by the Taliban group but using Afghan police force in cooperation with all other security organs has not let the city fall to the Taliban hand.

Ghazni city is the third city that was attacked by the Taliban group. Previously, Kunduz city in the country's north and Faryab province had faced with similar experience.

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Editorial

Security vacuums should be removed

In last three days, Ghazni city has been under attack of Taliban insurgents. A group of armed invaders belonging to Taliban targeted the city from several directions and tried to conquer a number of posts belonging to national security and defense forces of the country. Their attacks caused casualties and material losses to Ghazni residents.

The attacks of Taliban took place in a time that months before Ghazni people's representatives in parliament as well as their representatives in provincial councils warned about enemies' provocative activities and time and again spoke in official and non-official meetings and via media informed the authorities concerned and demanded defense and security forces to take serious steps for prevention of such attacks.

Taliban's attacks failed, and the group couldn't reach their vicious goals as a result of obstinate resistance of national and defense forces of the country and they compelled to retreat, and the invaders sustained heavy casualties and lost the positions they gained, but, at the same time this assault unveiled some shortcomings faced by security forces of the country and the vacuums available among them. Therefore, preventive measures needed to be adopted for not repeating of such incident.

We should know that Taliban didn't organize such invading in one night, but it is clear that the group spent months to organize such attacks. They collected necessary information and ordered their forces quartering in other regions to come to Ghazni for performing such mission till they carried out the attack on Thursday and Friday nights.

What is more revealed that there were no programs to security forces to be aware about such vast attacks and by ability from such vacuum, Taliban surprisingly attacked on Ghazni city and even tried to capture vast areas of this city and inflicted casualties and material losses on Ghazni city and the residents.

The security and defense forces should take a good lesson from Ghazni attack and if there were such vacuum should be removed.

Following the incident occurred in Ghazni city, Faryab and Farah provinces in this year and Kunduz, Helmand and Uruzgan provinces last year faced the same problems and the residents forced to flee and a hand on their houses due to war and violence.

In the light of the recent attacks and violence in some parts of the country, the government of Afghanistan seeking ways to bring peace and stability in the country through negotiations with Taliban. Recently US delegations reportedly met with Taliban representatives in Qatar to facilitate talks with Afghan government.

But Taliban think they have upper hand in war and can get some achievements from battlefield, so they attacked Ghazni city. Afghans might be witness Taliban's such attacks in the future in other parts of the country and it is necessary the security and defense forces to have their own preparedness to counter these mercenaries of aliens and enemies of Islam and our people in their possible attacks and from now should think in the connection.

The existed vacuums and vulnerable points should be recognized, and preventive measures should be adopted against other possible attacks. These programs should correctly be drafted. The enemies including Taliban should know that Afghanistan is a united and unique land and there is no place for feudalism and several sovereignties.

Taliban and other groupings should be understood that the peaceable policy of government of Afghanistan is not the sign of its weakness and beside that is searching for peace and is completely ready to prevent every invading forces and also would stand strongly against those groupings that wanted to disturb normal life of people.

'World Breastfeeding Week' marked in Kabul

The public department of Ministry of Information and Culture (MoI) celebrated the beginning of Breastfeeding Week with the slogan of "Breastfeeding is the best way to protect the life of babies" mortality while pure breastfeeding in the first six months decreases life mortal by rate. Providing adequate food after six months causes apoptosis of babies. Minister of Information and Culture, Nasrat Rahmani, during the ceremony, talking on breastfeeding, the lack of breastfeeding is one of the best investment on world health. Every dollar spent on investment on breastfeeding, has US \$5 output.

He added, if we could increase this rate and become more than all babies in the first six months after delivery are fed with breastfeeding and make sure that over 90pc of new born babies are fed with breastfeeding in the first six months of life, we could prevent mortality of over 23000 babies under 5 years.



The facts found on breastfeeding of global level causes the following measurements: Substain of over 23000 babies under 5. Prevents mortality of over 20000 breast cancers. Saves hundred million dollars in health care expenditures. Creates extra income of annually US \$362 billion including 8.5 pc national income of every country. Breastfeeding increases 3.4 pc consumption in IQ and

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