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Editorial

Covid-19 threat not less than daily blasts

Over the last twenty-four hours, the country's Ministry of Health reported scores of new cases of fresh positive COVID-19 countrywide. Many have been reported dead of the highly transmissible variant of the virus, over the same period.

The ministry also complained about the failure of the people in observing health tips that helped the rapid spread of the disease all over the country.

Reports said that the new cases engulfed most provinces of the country's four zones, including Kabul, Kandahar, Herat, Balkh, Nangarhar and Takhar.

Most of death have been reported in the most populated provinces of the country.

Likewise in other world countries, like India and UAE, the virus was reported spreading and taking victims, as the people are said not observing the necessary health tips.

The negative consequences and intensifying threat of the illness seems not less than insurgency, which is victimizing people of different strata.

In Afghanistan, although, the virus is not as strong as in some other countries, like India, Iran and Pakistan, but the new variant has been reported of the most devastating one comparing to that of the first type, since its rise in Wuhan state of China, more than one year ago.

Much less than one thousand people have been reported affected and less than fifteen dead during the spread of the last type, but the recent variant is now affecting over thousand and taking more than thirty lives.

This is highly concerning comparing to the last type, while the people are not the health guidance in mind and not taking care of themselves, while leaving home.

This is very important for the people to observe the health recommendations announced by health officials; avoid crowd and meetings, if not necessary and wear facemask if needed to join, besides observing social distance and taking recommended foods and fruits.

The related organs should also do their best to prevent people from unnecessarily leaving homes, particularly the municipality and the ministry of health to announce the positive results of self-isolations during the appointed lockdown.

Lets' join hand and cooperate with the related officials to fight both threats; insurgency and COVID-19; as both are deadly and devastating.

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Air pollution one of main causes of mortalities in world



Since cardiovascular diseases, stroke and early mortalities and others.

Air pollution in our country particularly in Kabul, the capital is increasing by passing each single day. Afghan environment protection experts say increasing air pollution and existence of smog in Kabul city have changed the environment a big challenge and crisis.

With continued drought, influx of Afghan refugees from neighboring countries to Afghanistan, internally displaced people, moving of people from countryside, the country produces and other factors have changed the Kabul air to a new crisis.

Consequently, all the people and government have common responsibility to work for the improvement and protection of environment. There is a policy for governing of the country and it is time that the government should make further effort towards improvement and protection of environment.

On the other hand, the people should pay further attention to their health and culture of their urban life.

Taliban Note

Taliban has no tendency to solve dispute through talks

Although peace efforts are underway in national and international level, Taliban has intensified their attacks on the people of Afghanistan and it seems the group has no tendency to resolve the issues through peace talks.

Taliban's general secretary, Mohammad Mahaqeq, Mohammad Yousaf Qasbi and some others have had similar remarks in this regard.

Mansurullah, Chairman of Afghanistan High Council for National Reconciliation Dr. Abdullah Abdullah in his most recent remarks has said that they were on a phase where they had been before the start of peace talks.

Dr. Abdullah had previously said that leaders of the Taliban group did not believe in peace but in military solution of the dispute.

He also stated that Taliban group has kept its close relations with al-Qaeda network and it does not seem the relations end soon in future. In its report, the United Nations has been doubtful of the death of Ayman al-Zawahiri, saying that it cannot approve it. The UN report has also said that between 1000-10,000 foreign fighters are fighting along the Taliban side for the group in Afghanistan.

The UN Taliban ban list which has given legitimacy to the Taliban group. On the other hand, the

US and NATO troop withdrawal from Afghanistan has somewhat convinced the Taliban group to stop the attacks on the people of the country. But, the main factor that has discouraged the Taliban not to limit its peace is the presence of international terrorist networks among the Taliban group.

Currently, Taliban has intensified widespread attacks on most of the country's provinces such as Kandahar, Ghazni, Nimroz, Helmand, Baghlan, Laghman, Kunar, Mazar-e-Sharif, and Nangarhar where number of public infrastructures have been harmed and destroyed by the Taliban fighters. As a result, the continued attacks on the respective provinces, hundreds of families have been displaced from their homes, while a large number of civilian lives were lost and wounded in their attacks.

Source: Reuters

