

Turkey seeks U.S. support to maintain troops in Afghanistan

KABUL, Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Monday his country would need "diplomatic, logistic and financial assistance" from the United States if it were to maintain troops in Afghanistan to protect and pursue Kabul's international support following the withdrawal of other NATO troops.

Speaking in reporters at the end of a series of meetings with NATO leaders on the sidelines of the Ottawa summit, Erdogan also said Turkey was seeking Pakistan and China's involvement as a new mission in Afghanistan following the departure of the U.S.-led NATO force.

Turkey is reported to have offered to guard the airport as questions remain on how security will be assured along major transport routes, said at the airport, which is the main gateway to Kabul.

"If they don't want us to leave Afghanistan, if they want a Turkish support here, then we have diplomatic, logistic and financial support that the United States will give us will of great importance," Erdogan said. Turkey, a majority Muslim nation which has close historic ties in Afghanistan, currently has some 500 soldiers in the war-torn country.

Erdogan also said he held a constructive meeting with U.S. President Joe Biden and invited him to visit Turkey. The two leaders have known each other for years, but it was their first face-to-face meeting in nearly a decade and came at a difficult time in the 19th NATO leaders' summit.

"There is a strong will for the sake of peace and stability based on mutual respect and interest," Erdogan said. "There is no problem in Turkey-US relations that cannot be solved."

Biden told reporters he was "confident" he'll make "real progress with Turkey."

On Afghanistan, Biden said: "There was a strong consensus in the room among the leaders... on Afghanistan. Our troops com-



ing home, but we agreed that our diplomatic, economic, humanitarian commitment with the Afghan people... will endure."

Turkey has been urged by U.S. support for Kurdish fighters in Syria while the U.S. has sanctioned Turkey over its purchase of a Russian weapons system. In April, Biden rebuffed Ankara by declaring that the Ottoman mass killing and deportations of Armenians was "genocide."

Turkey denies the deportations in 1915 and killed an estimated 1.5 million Armenians, arrested genocide.

Erdogan said the American issue was not discussed during the meeting. The Turkish leader has even renewed a call for an end to U.S. support for the Syrian Kurdish fighters, who Ankara argues are increasingly linked to a destabilizing Kurdish insurgency in Turkey.

"I specifically stated that the support given to the Syrian Kurdish fighters should be ended," Erdogan said.

Erdogan signaled that the two leaders failed to find a way to overcome difference over Turkey's purchase of the S-400 advanced Russian missile defense system, which Washington says is a threat

US concerning over al-Qaeda & Daesh increasing activities in Afghanistan

Ross Wilson, US Charge d'Affaires to Afghanistan says US is concerned over increasing activities of al-Qaeda and Daesh in Afghanistan.

Speaking to local media outlets via webinar, Wilson added that US was committed to continued support to Afghanistan to protect its interests and make sure the country did not see change to serve beyond its borders.

Meanwhile, US special peace envoy for Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad on his recent visit to Karakoram has considered Daesh as increased challenge for the region, saying that the terrorist group will pose big threat to the region.

In the past two decades, al-Qaeda has been able to protect its network despite of US continued attacks. Following US announcement for full troops withdrawal from Afghanistan, al-Qaeda network has reactivated in Afghanistan. It is said that the network is changing its face but it is still there for the security of the region and the world.

During the past long years, destructive activities and operations of al-Qaeda have been increasing in Afghanistan. Although the group is capable of various activities, the network does not depend on a

single leadership as most of its operations have been conducted independently under supervision of local leaders in Middle East. The network has the ability to replicate its numerous leaders in its own could be found worldwide. The network has been defined, therefore, it is good that the group is suppressed in Afghanistan to prevent the group from launching destructive operations in other countries in the region.

In his recent remarks, the head of US Central Command, Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie, has said that the US will seek to keep pressure on Daesh and al-Qaeda. "One thing I probably need to emphasize is we will still do everything we can to keep pressure on Daesh and al-Qaeda, from our own the historic location," McKenzie has said.

The recent trend of increasing violence and Taliban attacks in Afghanistan. On the other hand, the full US and NATO troops withdrawal process has been accelerated recently, therefore, concerns are increasing over increasing activities of terrorist groups in Afghanistan.

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People should be mobilized in defending the country: House of People

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Expressing concerns on the Taliban attacks in a number of districts, the House Speaker Mr. Rahman Rahmani during the plenary meeting, said: "At the present conditions, all military programs and strategies must be changed by ANDSF authorities."

The youth and people must be involved in self-independent defense and defend the country against war-torn. Rahmani added, increasing war and national war-torn particularly targeted attacks on Kabul have caused deaths of many people.

"Rural militants have intervened in the country and people are spending better days," he said. He also said that the government of domestic security and defense affairs to investigate the

reasons behind the collapse of a number of districts. In the wake of collapse of districts in different provinces, the House of People's representatives has called for mobilization of certain individuals in the country.

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Shortage of water facing people with problems across Afghanistan



The shortage crisis of water has created loss of problems for the people across Afghanistan. Shortage of water in Kabul and most parts of the country has faced the people with various challenges this summer.

Ninewa is among provinces which is threatened by drought; therefore, most people have no access to hygienic drinking water. High air temperature reaches to 50 degrees Celsius in Ninewa during the summer season, which is painful and miserable in the climate in the province in dry in summer and fall. According to residents of the province, it is difficult to find hygienic and drinking

water in most parts of the province where water can and private water makers are selling and providing water in private areas of the province.

Residents of Zaranj provincial capital of Ninewa, say they have to pay 10 AFG to 20 AF water and the amount is too high for most people to purchase so they are living in misery. The underground water in Zaranj is not hygienic and cannot be drunk; therefore, they have to buy drinking water to drink. Contaminated reduction in rainfall in Afghanistan particularly in Ninewa have forced the government and the people with challenges.

Boldi, a resident of Ninewa, says they get access to drinking water once a week for only three hours, which is not enough for a 1-million family; therefore, he needs to spend 50 AFG to buy drinking water in daily basis.

A number of residents of Ninewa have spent nearly 10,000 AFG for installation of water purification machines to pump and maintain drinking water for their families. Purchasing and installing water pumps on their houses are another problem for the shortage of water.

A member of Ninewa provincial council Gul Ahmad Ahmadi has told media that the crisis of shortage of water has reached its highest level due to drought and



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