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Editorial

War IDPs need urgent attention

Recent fighting between Afghan forces and Taliban insurgents in different parts of the country have displaced thousands of families from their native dwellings. Intensification of violence by Taliban have caused destruction of residential houses and forced people to take refuge to secure areas.

Taliban militants have extended a number of districts and expelled residents of certain provinces from their villages. Last week, Taliban expelled over 400 Badakhshan families from Kunduz province and not allow their assets and shelters.

These families have now been accommodated in Faizabad city of Badakhshan and are living in open air and without food, water and other essentials. Likewise continued clashes in Helmand province caused hundreds of families to leave their villages and settle in Lashkargah, the provincial capital. According to government figures, in the last one month, over 15,000 people have been displaced throughout the country.

The above data are unconfirmed and the real number of IDPs could be more than that, taking into account gravity of clashes. The Ministry of Refugees and Repatriates (MoRR) and the UNOCHA said that the war IDPs are living in a pitiful condition and are in urgent need of emergency aids. The IDPs are in urgent need of food, potable water and medical services.

The war IDPs mainly include, elders, women, children, and new born babies who are potentially vulnerable against hunger, warmth, infectious diseases including COVID-19. At a condition that the war scope has extensively expanded and the rate of violence has reached its highest level, tackling IDPs needs, no doubt, has its own difficulties, because Afghanistan is not in a normal situation. War and violence in one hand, and outbreak of the third wave of COVID-19 have created great challenges for government to deliver public services.

Afghan citizens are escaping war and violence to rescue their families, but the COVID-19 pandemic has ambushed them and potentially jeopardized their life. Nevertheless, the Afghan government has responsibility to tackle the citizens' situation in one way or another and minimize rate of vulnerability of IDPs to its lowest possible level.

The relevant bodies of the Afghan government, particularly the State Ministry for Counter Disaster, Ministry of Public Health and Afghan Red Crescent Society should launch a campaign to tackle situation of war IDPs and supply humanitarian assistance to needy and deserving citizens who have escaped the war and lost their properties and belongings. They should request national and international relief organization as well as traders to play their role and assist the IDPs.

Otherwise, Afghanistan may face a big humanitarian crisis as a result of which large number of people will die due to starvation and pandemic. The anti-government elements, mainly Taliban should also help and drum violence, so that the aid agencies and government organs address the challenges of the people.

Afghans have been suffering for 41 years and they no longer tolerate bloodshed and losing of their beloved ones. Therefore, the warring parties should do more to avoid civilian casualties and provide them a safe and sound environment.

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Iranian media should keep impartiality over Afghanistan issues

Iranian media has recently published articles in support of Taliban in their media outlets, showing their biased and biased aspect over Afghanistan.

Afghanistan's political situation witnesses new developments and changes. Following US and NATO troops withdrawal process from Afghanistan has resulted in surge in Taliban attack and violence in the country. It is natural that Iran cannot be indifferent over changes in its neighboring country.

Recent position of a number of Iranian experts and media has

written that "today's Taliban forces we're talking about are different from the Taliban we knew in the past".

In Karben's article, it is seen that the newspaper is trying to prove that Taliban have changed comparing to previous years. It

was also mentioned in the newspaper's article that Taliban has no enemy with tribal and religious minorities particularly the country's Shia citizens.

Besides, an Iranian expert in a political program broadcasted through state TV, has informed

the group might grant more water to Iran after the victory. Such perception is absolutely wrong."

Mohsen's said, hoping Iran did not forget the killing of its diplomats by the Taliban in Mazar-e-Sharif.

23 years back, Taliban by capturing Mazar-e-Sharif, the provincial capital of Balkh, shot to death eight Iranian diplomats and a journalist after they secured the country's consulate in the city.

An Afghan news correspondent said Iran's media outlet has been that a group in Tehran is working to regain its historic core re-

with the Taliban group. Iran should not interfere in internal affairs of Afghanistan. The Iranian government and media outlets should keep its impartiality in their foreign and media policy.

Afghanistan Foreign Affairs Ministry has repeatedly reacted against Iran's stance in connection with political tensions in Afghanistan. Kabul warns good relations with Iran as both countries have common religious, cultural and historic sharing. With all these, Tehran was not supposed to have unbridled perspective over



connection with Taliban activities in Afghanistan has followed by various reactions. Iran's Karben Newspaper that has very close relations to the country's leader has sometimes supported Taliban's recent increasing attacks and violence in Afghanistan.

Karben, the Iranian newspaper in recent Taliban advances in Afghanistan. Even the Taliban has declared they have nothing with the country's Shia citizens. The newspaper is in recent article has

of the dwindling capacity of the Iranian government with the Taliban group on border security issues and distribution of border waters with Afghanistan.

In reaction to the Iranian media outlets, Afghanistan's presidential adviser Shah Hassan Murtaza has said he hopes Karben's position in granting Taliban's official status of the Iranian government has apparently a hidden dealing with political leaders of the Taliban group, therefore, the country's primary is trying to

known and open a new chapter in its political relations by granting and support the Taliban group. But, Taliban's dialogue and indirect mind will never change on Iran's Shia citizens. According to Karben, such efforts will be useless as Taliban won't be having ally.

Recent propaganda in support of the Taliban group in Iran's newspapers shows that the Iranian government has apparently a hidden dealing with political leaders of the Taliban group, therefore, the country's primary is trying to

Afghanistan's current incidents and news. Nevertheless, evidence shows that Iran has not been able to create a mechanism towards good relations with Afghanistan. In such circumstances, the support of Iran's media outlets from Taliban and effort to show

Taliban's good image is a biased and skewed perspective over Afghanistan, which has raised reactions in Afghanistan. With passing period of time, Iran's new strategy on Afghanistan government should be clarified.

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