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8,000 Facebook accounts created to divide Afghans'

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The Meshrano Jirga on Tuesday appointed a delegation to evaluate the security situation in northern Kunduz province and asked security organs to identify vulnerable security spots in capital Kabul and take necessary measures.

Kunduz City last Monday fell to Taliban insurgents for three days before it was retaken by security forces. Sporadic clashes continued on Tuesday in some parts of the city between insurgents and security forces.

Hasibullah Kalimzai, a member of the upper house from Maidan Wardak province, said the security situation in general including capital Kabul was of concern. "There is a possibility the enemy will use vulnerable security spots of Kabul to create trouble."

"Two gates that connect Kabul with Logar and Maidan Wardak are vulnerable. There are no proper measures for them," he continued.

Nader Baloch, another lawmaker, who heads the house internal security commission, said: "People are not even safe in their houses. We urge the masses, politicians and political parties to be united and standby their security forces. It will be one of the biggest achievements for our neighbours to destroy our unity."

"When there is interference in the work of security officials and no one is held accountable, then it's natural that a Kunduz-style incident is plausible anywhere including Kabul," he added.

Other senators also voiced concerns about the security situation in Faryab, Sar-i-Pul and Nangarhar provinces, calling for the appointment of a delegation to closely review the situation.

“It raises questions that Taliban gained control of Kunduz in five hours with few bullets, but the government with all its equipment could not regain control of the city in nine days,” said Afzal Shamel, a lawmaker from Takhar.

He said 50 percent of people in districts adjoining Kunduz and Takhar had fled homes due to the conflict.

Abdullah Qurlaq, Meshrano Jirga Secretary, said: “There are enough forces in Kunduz, 9,000 forces are deployed there but they lack management and leadership.”

Safiullah Hashemi, another senator, urging unity among people, said: “There are 8,000 Facebook accounts activated to fuel ethnic divisions among our people.”

Besides keeping the war hot, he added, the country’s enemies wanted to divide Afghans on ethnic lines through platforms like Facebook.

He said the Afghans had always lived like brothers but recently some individuals had been trying to fuel ethnic divisions.

House Chairman Fazl Hadi Muslimyar also expressed his concern about the security situation and urged the masses to standby their security forces. “Afghans are brothers and we shouldn’t allow others to divide us.”

Referring to security situation in Faryab, Muslimyar said: “With the help of residents and Mujahideen, the situation is better now, but we still need to be vigilant.”