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# A week in Focus

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## U.S.-Afghan Forces bombed Narcotic Labs in Helmand

General John Nicholson, U.S. Forces Commander for Afghanistan during a joint press conference with Afghan Army Chief of Staff Lt. General Yaftali briefed national and international media of Afghan-U.S. operations against the Taliban revenue streams. General Nicholson said that Afghan and U.S. Forces conducted the first-ever deep strikes into Northern Helmand to target Taliban’s narcotics financing. He added that Taliban is a criminal organization. They fight so they can keep profiting from their narcotics trafficking and other criminal activities: illegal mining, kidnapping, and murder for hire. The criminals living in Afghanistan are responsible for up to 85% of the world’s opium production. It’s an illegal economy worth up to \$60 billion in street value, in its markets around the world. He said Afghan and U.S. Forces will continue to target Taliban narcotic laboratories in Afghanistan.



## GMIC hosted event to mark Universal Children Day



Universal Children Day was marked in an event at the GMIC attended by Second Vice President Sarwar Danish, Afghan Acting Minister of Information and Culture Rasol Bawari, Head of Independent Commission for Human Rights Sima Samar. Vice President Danish said that there has been progress in terms of legislation for children in Afghanistan. Laws on violations of children law, Juvenile law, preventing children labor and their recruitment in army and police are the major laws and procedures approved. He said all ANDSF has been investigated to prevent the presence of children in police and army.

## Afghan Minister of Transportation briefed media on ground transportation improvements

Acting Minister of Transportation Mohammad Hamid Tahmasi during a press conference at the GMIC said that he has began reforms in the ministry of increase services and fight corruption. He said this ministry’s revenues increased 37% at provincial level and 17% at central level over the past three months. He said all Pakistani trucks transporting commercial goods will be evacuated in Afghan Custom Houses and will then be transferred by Afghan trucks to across Afghanistan.

