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Please see latest below, including Karzai and OIC stmts condemning the violence against UNAMA yesterday.

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(SBU) Embassy Kabul reports the 04/02 Kandahar demonstrations against Koran burning in the United States left nine dead and 81 wounded. Afghan Security Forces have arrested 17 suspects. The protests were not specifically directed at U.S. facilities, and all COM personnel are accounted for. Smaller protests occurred elsewhere in the country.

Ambassador Eikenberry met with Karzai's new Chief of Staff Khuram to discuss the riots, the 04/02 attack on Camp Phoenix, and other issues. The Ambassador will attend a meeting of the Afghan NSC 04/03. He is also scheduled to meet with President Karzai 04/05.

The Embassy is drawing from the 04/01 POTUS statement on the attack on the UNAMA compound in Mazar-e-Sharif. The Embassy highlights positive statements from President Karzai and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). Please see below for the Karzai and OIC statements.

President Karzai Condoles with UN Secretary General over the killing of UN Staff in Mazar-e-Sharif Arg, Kabul H.E. Hamid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan spoke this morning on phone with UN Secretary General, Ban Ki moon to convey his grief over the attack on Friday on the UN Assistance Mission Office in Mazar-e-Sharif in which seven of his staff were killed. The President asked the Secretary General to convey the grief and the sadness of the people and the government of Afghanistan to the mourning families of the victims. President Karzai described as ruthless the yesterdays violent attack and affirmed that the government of Afghanistan is committed to launching an all-out probe into the incident and bringing to justice those responsible.

Stressing the importance of promoting a peaceful co-existence and harmony among the religions, President Karzai asked the Secretary General to play his role in raising public awareness on the significance of resorting to non-violence and non-desecration of faith and dialogue among religions particularly in countries where such sacrilegious practices were carried out.

OIC Secretary General condemns the killing of UN Staff members during protests in Mazar-i- Sharif .

The Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Prof Dr. Ihsanoglu today joined the international community in condemning the loss of innocent lives during protests in Mazar-i- Sharif (Afghanistan) against the burning of the Holy Quran in the US last month. The Secretary General expressed particular condemnation at the killing of UN Staff Members during the incident. He emphasized the importance of ensuring security for the staff and personnel of International Organizations who put their lives at risk in implementing the mandates entrusted by the International community in the interest of global peace, security and stability. In a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, Professor Ihsanoglu extended condolences to the bereaved families of the UN Staff killed in the incident.

Recalling his warning against unforeseen and volatile consequences of the outrageous and irresponsible act of burning the Holy Quran, Prof. Ihsanoglu reiterated OIC's position on a normative approach to deal with the acts of discrimination and incitement to violence on religious grounds - through concerted efforts by the international community- with a view to avoiding recurrence of incidents caused by inflamed religious sentiments.

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Cc: Operations Center; DS Command Center

Subject: NATO forces repel attack on Kabul's Camp Phoenix (SBU)

(SBU) The DS Command Center reports at 2200EDT/0630 Kabul at least three insurgents attacked Camp Phoenix in Kabul City, Kabul Province. According to Camp Phoenix, two suicide bombers approached the main entry control point, threw several hand grenades, and opened fire with small arms for 15-20 minutes. One bomber detonated his vest; it remains unknown what happened to the second bomber. Two insurgents are confirmed dead in the attack. There are no reports of injuries to Chief of Mission personnel, nor reports of NATO or civilian casualties. Media has begun reporting on the attack.

Various sources also reported an Afghan National Army bus was attacked between Camp Phoenix and Kabul International Airport. This attack is unconfirmed at this time.