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Pakistani incursions on agenda as top security officials visit eastern provinces

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Top security officials from the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Defense visited eastern Kunar and Nangarhar province to review the security situation as well as cross-border incursions by Pakistan.

The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said the delegation of the top security officials is led by the commander of the border protection police forces Gen. Abdul Fatah Frogh.

A statement by MoD said Gen. Mohammad Afzal Aman accompanied the delegation from the Ministry of Defense during the visit to Kunar and met with the provincial governor Alhaj Wahidullah Kalimzai, commander of the border protection forces Gen. Wali Khan Shenwari, provincial police chief Gen. Abdul Habib Syed Kheli, NDS chief and the commander of the second division of 201st Corps of the Afghan National Army.

Following the review of security situation and report on recent cross-border incursions by Pakistani military, the commander of the border protection forces Gen. Frogh said the security forces have been instructed to respond to any future cross-border violation.

He said the Afghan forces are currently in better condition in terms of moral and equipment and are able to defend from the borders and national sovereignty of the country.

Meanwhile, a local tribal elder in Goshta district of eastern Nangarhar province, Malik Nadir Khan pledged support to the Afghan government and security forces.

He said the cross-border incursions by the Pakistani military have created problems for the local residents which continue since three years, forcing almost 200 families to abandon the area.

The cross-border incursions by Pakistani military intensified during the recent weeks and in its latest provocative move, the Pakistani military helicopters enter the Afghan air space in eastern Kunar province and dropped several bombs in certain areas earlier this month.

The provocative move by the Pakistani military sparked anger among the Afghan people and officials with the former Afghan President Hamid Karzai strongly condemning the provocative act.