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This quarterly report submitted by the Lead Inspector General for Operation Enduring Sentinel (OES) summarizes the events that took place in Afghanistan this quarter, including the status of terrorist organizations, such as ISIS-Khorasan (ISIS-K) and al-Qaeda, as well as U.S. diplomatic and humanitarian efforts related to Afghanistan.

ISIS-K Demonstrated Increased Transnational Terrorism Capabilities

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- ISIS-K attacks in Iran and Russia killed **hundreds**.
- The U.S. Government, in rare move, **shared intelligence with Iran and Russia** before the attacks.
- U.S. intelligence in Afghanistan was **degraded** due to focus on other priorities in the Middle East.
- The UN called ISIS-K the **greatest threat** within Afghanistan.
- **Arrests** of ISIS-K members in **Europe** raised concerns of **regional expansion**.

Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Attacks on Pakistani Military Continued

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- The TTP claimed **207 attacks** against Pakistani security targets from January 1 to March 31.
- **Al-Qaeda** operates **TTP training camps** in Afghanistan with Taliban support.
- Pakistan conducted **airstrikes in Afghanistan** targeting TTP affiliates.
- TTP violence may present an indirect, collateral **risk to U.S. interests** in Pakistan.

Afghans Faced Natural Disasters and other Humanitarian Needs

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- The United States has contributed more than **\$2 billion** in humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan since August 2021.
- Roughly **50,800 Afghans returning from Pakistan** continued to experience high levels of need.
- About **13.1 million** people in Afghanistan—more than a quarter of the population—were food insecure.
- **Measles** cases increased significantly this quarter, with 900 cases reported and **46 deaths**.
- **Heavy rainfall** in March resulted in at least **25 deaths** and damaged homes, roads, agriculture, and other infrastructure.

State Pressed the Taliban to Release Wrongfully Detained Americans

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- State told the Taliban that the detentions were a significant **obstacle** to positive **engagement**.
- U.S. officials requested but were **denied consular access** to all American detainees.
- The **Qatari** government is the **protecting power** for American citizens in need in Afghanistan.

Taliban Restrictions on Women Hamper Humanitarian Aid

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- The Taliban's **ban** on women working with NGOs continued to **limit delivery** of humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan.
- USAID implementers **adjusted** operations to mitigate Taliban interference in humanitarian assistance.
- Afghanistan loses more than **\$1 billion annually** due to Taliban decrees against women and girls.

U.S. Efforts to Relocate Afghan Allies Continued

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- The number of Afghans who received Special Immigrant Visas (SIV) increased this quarter.
- State increased its capacity to process SIV and refugee applicants in Pakistan.
- The United States and Qatar agreed to enhance processing of Afghans through Qatar.

Oversight and Investigations

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- USAID OIG reported on challenges facing USAID implementers during the **2021 evacuation**.
- The DoD OIG is evaluating the DoD's treatment of **operational data** from Afghanistan.
- State OIG is thoroughly reviewing the Afghan **SIV program**.
- Lead IG investigators conducted investigations related to procurement fraud, corruption, theft, computer intrusions, and human trafficking.