Ghani Orders Probe into Khost Attack, Corruption

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has ordered the creation of two separate teams to investigate a recent suicide attack at a protest rally and administrative corruption in southeastern Khost province.

The president issued the directives at a meeting with tribal elders and influential figures, who had come to meet the president to express solidarity with families of the victims and provide them with urgent relief on his behalf.

The elders, who called on the president at the Presidential Palace in Kabul on Wednesday, told the president that they had extended condolences to the bereaved families. (More on Pg.6)

Qadir under Fire for Meeting Cabinet Picks

KABUL - SomeWidelegislatorsmembers on Wednesday accused first deputy speaker Hayat Zahir Qadir and a parliamentary group “Kawans-e-Tooba” of receiving favors from ministers-designate to award them the trust vote.

Syed Salah, a resistance member from Kapisa province, claimed Qadir, a powerful influencer from eastern Nangarhar province, had invited some cabinet ministers to a meeting and assured them of voting in their favor.

He alleged Qadir had already assured the president that he cannot prestige... (More on Pg.11)

Defense Minister-Designate Ludin Withdraws Nomination

KANDAHAR CITY - As many as 67 criminal cases, most of them robberies, have been recorded in southern Kandahar province last solar year that ended on March 24, an official said on Tuesday.

Crime branch chief at the provincial police headquarters, Abdul Rahim Allah, told Pajhwok Afghan News that cases included murder, armed robbery, drug smuggling, etc.

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