Abdullah Unsatisfied with NUG’s Performance

KABUL - Addressing a special gathering in Kabul under the theme ‘future of human rights in Afghanistan’, the Chief Executive Officer of the National Unity Government (NUG) Abdullah Abdullah said on Wednesday that he was not satisfied with the performance of the government over the past few months, adding that justice was also not being implemented in the judicial system. “As part of the government, I am not at all satisfied with government’s performance. It has been negligent,” Abdullah said.

In addition, Abdullah highlighted the deficiencies currently facing the legal and judicial institutions in Afghanistan. “All we saw was when a person committed a murder the judicial system and justice does not prevail? Of course not!” Abdullah added.

The NUG believes that without respecting human rights and maintaining justice in its true spirit, it will be impossible to move the country towards longstanding peace and stability. An issue which the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) has always stressed.

“The National Unity Government must undertake inclusive and effective programs and initiatives to strengthen human rights, because the perpetrators remain at risk,” AIHRC chairperson Sana Samat said.

Meanwhile, the UN special.. (More on P4, A1)

AG Warns Private Sector Over Tax Evasion

KABUL - The Afghan Attorney General’s office is warning on Tuesday that all those involved in bribery and tax evasion would be held accountable to the law, prompting to the skyscrapers and assets in Kabul who closed their shops on Monday in protest over a sales tax hike and allegations that they had been targeting tax officials at the Ministry of Finance (MoF).

Attorney General Abdul Haq Azziz said that anyone in the private sector found to be bribing or attempting to bribe a public official would be prosecuted.

Meanwhile, the High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption has said that it no longer possesses the power to intervene in matters relating to the.. (More on P6, A1)

High Level Saudi Delegation Arrives in Kabul

KABUL - A high-profile Saudi Arabia delegation has arrived in Kabul on an official visit to discuss a range of issues with Afghan authorities, a statement from Presidential Palace said on Tuesday.

The delegation included officials from the Finance, Foreign Affairs, Human Resource, Works and Labor affairs Ministries.

The officials held a detailed meeting with President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani this afternoon, the statement said, adding that the Saudi officials came to Kabul on president’s invitation.

They briefed the president about talks they held with their Afghan counterparts. The Saudi delegation.. (More on P6, A1)

3 Cabinet Nominees Present Future Plans to MPs

KABUL - Three ministers designate Tuesday presented their plans and strategies to the Wolesi Jirga (Parliament) to ensure the survival of democracy, underlining elimination of corruption, creation of opportunities for women and hiring talents on government positions... (More on P4, A2)

MPs to Government Break the Silence and Secure Release of 31 Hostages

KABUL - Members of the Afghan House of Representatives on Wednesday called on the government and security institutions to break the silence and take urgent steps to secure the release of 31 bus passengers taken hostage in February.

MPs called on the government to accept the release of the hostages from when they were arrested and pledged to summon... (More on P4, A3)

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