Governor Hakam Khan Habibi said 330,000 women’s economic situation and violence against women had been launched, so far covering 500 families. “This program is expanding.”

He also directed Khost governor to pave the province capital, after arriving here on Monday, President Ghani ordered the local mayor to hand over the gender issues with the president about different healthcare centers and the level of violence against the gender...(More on P4)...(8)

Malalai Wali, Khost women’s affairs director, thanked him for his special attention to women’s rights and suggested with the president about women’s businesses in the park.

“What the police are doing is illegal, they then sell the trees to timber traders,” the resident alleged. Yehya Zadran, a resident of Washuwa area of the Ziruk district, said: “We have several times shared the issue with security officials but so far no one has taken action to prevent it.

Noorullah Sabawon, Paktika’s agriculture director, also confirmed pine nut trees had been cut down... (More on P4)...(10)

Paktika Police continue to cut down the pine nut trees on a daily basis.” He said local tribal elders had signed agreements with the government on preventing all people from cutting the walnut trees, but police were doing it at force. Murala, a resident of Gayan district, said both police and border forces were involved in the illegal deforestation. A number of other residents of Paktika held similar views and they asked the government to prevent the “theft.”

President Ashraf Ghani has said his government under baad marriage has reached zero level in Khost, which indicates cultural advancement in the southeastern province.

KHOST CITY - Meeting women in Khost City, the provincial capital, after arriving here on Monday, President Ghani ordered the local mayor to hand over the women the responsibility to women. He also directed Khost governor to pave the ground for women’s businesses in the park. At the meeting, women shared their problems and suggestions with the president about various issues particularly playing education, health, women’s economic situation and violence against women.

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