Ghazni’s Unstable Areas Being Developed; Governor

GHAZNI CITY - The governor of southern Ghazni province on Tuesday promised his administration would launch development projects and improve security in areas that had been ignored in the past.

Abdul Karim Matin held out the commitment at a provincial council conference in Ghazni City, the provincial capital.

On the other hand, residents complained of serious security problems. Rahmatullah, a tribal elder from Maqur district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the development projects had been implemented in his area. Although the security situation was not bad in the district, he alleged, Maqur had not received any government attention.

"Eighty percent of this district is under government control, but no projects have been executed here. We don’t have a single road, or bridg-es built by the Rahmatullah, hailing from Ghlan district, said the people were faced with a whole host of problems, including insecurity. “People here have no access to health services, most of schools have no buildings and the security situation is deteriorating.” (Pajhwok)

Anti-Locust Campaign Kicks off in AIBAK

AIBAK - In response to growing concerns, a campaign for eradica-tion of locusts attacking crops has kicked off in northern Samangan province, an official said on Tues-day.

Golabuddin Gulayoi, plant pro-tection manager at the agriculture department, told Pajhwok Afghan News the campaign had been launched in all parts of the province under the supervision of the ministry. Gulayoi said around 10,000 be-tween of grasshoppers possibly in-fected would be sprayed with insecticide. He added 5,000 litres of insecticide procured by the de-partment would be sprayed by five teams each having 10 mem-bers.

The drive would be implemented in Talubern, Balaqad, Mansi-pan, Achpopul, Dariq Eshberd, Tangylir, Daquiet Larzaghan, Lalaloi, Urusi and Gores areas of Hazrat Sultan district and parts of Khuranfar, Darzi and Saud Payer.

He said the locusts appeared after the winter was over and that was why the agriculture department was launching the campaign. If the drive was not carried out, the pests would spread to all farms, he warned.

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