Abdullah’s Executive Authorities Curbed: CEO Office

KABUL - The office of the Chief Executive of the National Unity Government (AG), Abdullah Abdullah, on Sunday confirmed that the executive authorities of the CEO – defined by a presidential decree – have been limited, which has given rise to the recent tension between the two leaders.

“He is the chief executive. The chief executive means he should have the executive power, and government’s executive issues must be tackled from this address,” said Jawed Faisal, deputy spokesman for the CEO.

The following is the list of executive authorities given to Abdullah according to a decree.

- Taking part in cabinet and National Security Council meetings
- Approving the working plan of the Council of Ministers
- Implementing to cabinet meetings
- Approving the coordination in implementation to the sub-committees of the Council of Ministers
- Approving the leadership and management of the Chief Executive Office
- Approving the leadership and management of the Council of Ministers Secretariat
- The Council of Ministers
- Taking part in cabinet and National Security Council meetings
- Creating executive coordination in implementing international programs
- Creating and developing the sub-commitments of the Council of Ministers
- Approving the working plan of the Council of Ministers
- Reporting back on the implementation to cabinet meetings
- Undertaking the coordination in implementation of the working plan of the Council of Ministers
- Appointing or dismissing employees of the Chief Executive Office and the Council of Ministers
- Taking part in cabinet meetings
- Creating and leading the sub-committees of the Council of Ministers
- Creating executive coordination in implementing international programs
- Creating and developing the sub-commitments of the Council of Ministers
- Reporting back on the implementation to cabinet meetings
- Undertaking the leadership and management of the Chief Executive Office
- Approving the leadership and management of the Council of Ministers Secretariat
- The Council of Ministers
- Taking part in cabinet and National Security Council meetings

Taliban Storm Nuristan’s Want Waigal District

ASADABAD - Gunmen of Taliban stormed the Want Waigal district of eastern Nuristan province early Sunday morning, but security forces repulsed the attack successfully, an official said.

Governor Hafiz Abdul Jabbar Naeemi told Pajhwok Afghan News on the sidelines of the gathering that Adil had risen for a legitimate struggle and he should be respected.

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Militants Fleeting Nangarhar Vanquished in Laghman: Naemi

MEHTARLAM - The governor on Sunday said militants fleeing security operation in neighboring Nangarhar province vanquished in eastern Laghman after they tried to create insecurity.

Laghman Governor Abdul Jabbar Naemi told Pajhwok Afghan News on the sidelines of the gathering that Adil was not only a strategic province and a gateway to central capital Kabul, but a 4km portion of the transit and economic highway also passed through it. He said Laghman was not only bordered Nangarhar and Kunar.

Helmand’s War-Displaced Families Receive Aid

BASHGARAH - Nearly 600 of 3,000 families displaced by war in southern Helmand province have received aid packages, officials said on Sunday.

Asadullah Mayar, head of the Afghanistan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) for Helmand, told Pajhwok Afghan News on the sidelines of the gathering that Adil was not only a strategic province and a gateway to central capital Kabul, but a 4km portion of the transit and economic highway also passed through it. He said Laghman was not only bordered Nangarhar and Kunar.

Balkhi Clerics Declare Blood Feud Marriages Illegal

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Religious scholars in northern Balkh province on Sunday declared as illegal the practice of giving girls into marriages to settle disputes.

The scholars asked people to be part of a campaign aimed at eliminating the harmful traditional practice, called ‘Bad’. The scholars also said the practice of blood feud marriages was still common in many provinces of Afghanistan and no one took measures required to prevent the harmful tradition.

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Almond Yield in Kunduz Registers 7-Fold Increase

KUNDUZ CITY - Almond production in northern Kunduz province has increased seven times last year, bringing people higher income, agriculture and livestock officials say.

Agricultural Director Abdul Basir Faqiri told Pajhwok Afghan News on the sidelines of the gathering that Adil had risen for a legitimate struggle and he should be respected.

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