Cabinet Announcement in Final Stages: Abdullah Aide

KABUL - The nomination process of cabinet members is almost complete and the names will be introduced to parliament for approval within a three-day period, a aide to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah said on Tuesday.

Jalal Fakir, a spokesman for Abdullah, and President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, also a CEO committee were committed to honouring their promise they held out during London Conference earlier this month.

At the conference, President Ghani and Abdullah had the cabinet.

Karzai: 136 Rebels Killed in Dangam

QALA-I-NAW - Residents say illegal armed groups in the area killed 136 militants in a firefight in Dangam, a district which is his birthplace. (Tolo News)

Jalal Fakir, told Pajhwok Afghan News that dozens of militants suffered casualties during raids by NATO-led forces in the district over the past two days.

He said ANA troops were making heavy headway in flash out militants. At least 136 rebels, including 17 Pakistanis, have been killed and 138 others wounded, Yusufzai said. One ANA officer was also killed and another wounded. But Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid rejected the claim as baseless. He said none of the militant had suffered casualties during the overnight operation. Some 30 days ago, hundreds of militants stormed Dangam, but several of the fighters lost their lives in the clash.

"I am a poor farmer, having some sheep. I sold them for my medical treatment. But they have snatched all my money," said one affected a farmer.

"I just sold my 10 cows and asked them to pay thousands of dollars. Recently they asked them to pay thousands of dollars for the land route to none."

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