Kabul City Has Five Million Residents but no Mayor

KABUL - Capital Kabul is home to more than five million people yet the city has no mayor.

It has been over a year since the National Unity Government (NUG) was established - but until now the leaders have yet to appoint a mayor.

Analysts say the lack of a city leader has led to numerous problems including the ever growing piles of garbage on the city’s streets. They say no attention is paid to the cleanliness of the city and that complaining does not help as officials fail to take responsibility.

The head of Kabul municipality’s media office said that at the moment the city has no mayor and no technical deputy of construction and urban services - therefore Kabul city faces irregularities.

Head of the media office, Abdul Qadir Arezo, said: “It is almost one year that technical and construction deputy and also the caretaker’s working period ended - they retired. At the moment the mayor’s post and the two deputy posts are empty and we are waiting for them to be filled.”

But residents are becoming more and more ...(More on P 3 - 9)

Imran Khan Supports 4-Nation Push for Afghan Peace Talks

PESHAWAR - Pakistan’s legendary cricketer-turned-politician has supported the four-nation push to resurrect Afghan-led reconciliation talks.

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Protesting Sherin Tagab Residents Shut Down Court

MAIMANA - Dozens of protesting people shut down the gate of a local court in Sherin Tagab district of northern Faryab province, accusing the judge of not attending office meetings more about peace talks between the Taliban and Kabul. Imran Khan, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman, said: “I think it is a very positive thing. The hope and prayer is that there is some sort of peace deal, some sort of a power-sharing agreement.”

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KABUL - A three-day photo exhibition titled “Thousands of Tailors for Peace” was officially opened in Kabul on Tuesday under the auspices of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF). Organizers of the exhibition said the photo exhibition aims to raise awareness about the need to help Afghan forces, which include two children, a woman, and a man, (More on P 11)

Tehran Rejects Coercing Afghans to Fight in Syria

TEHRAN - An official with Iran’s foreign ministry has rejected reports on sending Afghan immigrants to Syria to fight alongside forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad. The source speaking on condition of anonymity said that claims about sending Afghans right into the middle of the Syrian crisis by some Iranian organizations are not true and follow promotion of American goals, Iran’s ISNA news agency reported Tuesday. The official further said there is information that the Afghanis fighting on both sides, however it is impossible to determine whether they are fighting alongside Daesh (ISIS) or not.

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