Residents Want Corrupt Officials Sacked

PUUL-KHUMAI - A number of people in Gardez Noor district of southern Paktia province on Sunday took to the streets against what they alleged of growing corruption among local officials, warning the government to act promptly. The demonstration, according to the district chief and district police chief for torturing residents and intimidation in aid allocated for flood-affected families.

Qas Muhammad Ashraf, an ag- gry protester, alleged police ar- rested innocent people and then demanded money to release them. “Police are using same money by arresting and maki- ing innocent people,” he noted. Simanjadin, another participant of the rally, said: “We are tired of local police officers. We will keep continue our protest until the...”

20 Rebels Join Peace Process

JALALABAD - As many as 20 Taliban, including two commanders, have re- turned to the fold of the government-organized peace process in eastern Nangarhar province, an of- ficial said on Sunday.

Speaking at a gathering, the Peace Committee Chairman Haji Malik Nazir said the group was earlier involved in insurgent activities at the

Taliban Free Kidnapped Students

FAKARA - The militants have set free seven persons, in- cluding five school students, they kidnapped last week in western Farah province, an of- ficial said Sunday.

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