President Ghani Suspends Karzai’s Request for Indian Arms

KABUL - Government sources have confirmed that President Ashraf Ghani has suspended a request made by former president Hamid Karzai in his final months in office that India supply Afghanistan’s military with heavy weaponry.

When the request was made, Karzai was on his way out, relations with India were continuing to grow, and the Afghan Ministry of Defense (MoD) had said the national security forces were in dire need of more heavy weaponry. President Karzai provided a list of weapons to the Indian government, which was usually expected, but later New Delhi agreed to assist the request.

Regarding Ghani’s choice to reiterate the ask, Hajji Mohammad Mohajer, the Second Deputy of Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah, said that the government would work with another source. “If president the has rejected this, there is the possibility that he has thought of another place to confidently get these arms from,” he said.

Mohajer went on to suggest that President Ghani would likely follow in Karzai’s footsteps when it comes to expanding... (More on Pg.25)

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KABUL - The six-day International Training Center on Disaster Management Risk (NDM) for the Afghan Disaster Management Agency kicked off in Islamabad on Tuesday.

The training course is being organized by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

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