Seized Azure Truckloads Ordered Moved to Kabul

KABUL – The National Security Council (NSC) has directed local officials in northeastern Badakhshan province to move to Kabul for storage the 64 trucks they had seized following the failed attempt by a smuggler to bring in the trucks filled with smuggled cigarettes. The decision was made at the NSC meeting, chaired by President Mohammad Abdullah Ghani on Wednesday evening. The Ministry of Interior was informed of the decision immediately. (Pajhwok)

Residents Want Traffic Director Sacked

NIEL – A number of local citizens in northeastern Badakhshan province on Thursday demanded the government to sack the traffic director who allegedly allowed of-volunteer corruption. The protest held at the Waza Dara intersection also briefly put a ban on vehicles in the NIEL city, the provincial capital.

The protesters accused the traffic department of corruption and said that traffic officers take money between vehicles or otherwise.

Ali Jan, a resident of NIEL, said traffic police did not discharge their duties but they prefer to get money from people.

The driver who said Pajhwok Afghan News the traffic department should ban the unregistered cars. Many people. Currently, more than one thousand unregistered private cars were plying in NIEL.

The resident said that the cars were imported from West area in Taliban province of Pakistan without bearing valid number plates.

Ali Jan complained that a driver from the traffic department should pay more than 100 Afghanis to the traffic police.

A police officer said.

Ammar Jashar, police official in the city, said Pajhwok Afghan News every day they get hundreds of cases of unregistered vehicles. The amount of the fine should be increased.

He demanded the government to register the unregistered private cars.

Four children, two women and a man were killed in the crash, he said, adding that the slain man was a dental doctor by profession in Ghazni province.

The doctor, he said, was heading to Kabul with his family when he was collided with another vehicle on a road and died on the spot.

A police source also confirmed the accident.

The two were killed in the accident and two suicide vests were found during the investigation.

Thursday, Naseer Ahmad Abid Rahmani, director of the Ministry of Interior, said during a press conference, seven dead bodies were recovered. (Pajhwok)

Illinois Troops to Help with Afghanistan Drawdown

SPRINGFIELD – A dozen Illinois National Guard soldiers were deployed to Afghanistan to help with the withdrawal of US forces. (Pajhwok)