**Watchdog Wonders: More Ghost Soldiers in Security Forces**

KABUL - Integrity Watch Afghanistan (IWA) on Sunday said the number of ghost soldiers in the security forces had increased to more than 30,000, indicating the military and police commands had failed to implement the conditions for the general election due to the insecurity in the country.

IWA, a civil society group, however rejected the claims made by the Ministry of Interior (MoI) that there were only 500 ghost soldiers under the structure of the MoI. IWA said that within the last five months, their security depart- ments had carried out spot checks in different parts of the country, and had found that more than 30,000 soldiers were employed in the security forces, but there was no evidence that the military and police departments were doing their job properly.

**Concerns Raised over Corruption at Interior Ministry**

KARUL - The High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption (HOOAC) and the Joint Committee of Monitoring Anti-Corruption said they appreciate the recent moves made against a number of officials in the Interior (MoI) in fighting corruption but said the MoI should be eliminated and the HOOAC should be empowered.

According to the HOOAC, the reported corruption cases, which includes a list of 28 officials, are linked to contracts.

"Our findings reveal that most violations and corruption are linked to the MoI contracts and there is a need to follow the issue through judicial organizations," HOOAC chairman Gulnara Daudzai said.

"This is the beginning - which has started with the MoI - but this should continue in other government departments," Daudzai said.

She added that reports about corruption in the Interior Ministry were in response to a request from the HOOAC and the joint committee, which includes the Interior Ministry, the HOOAC and the Ministry of Finance.

**Municipality Plans to Privatize Sanitation Services**

Municipality of Kabul is interested in privatizing the sanitation services. It is planned to start this process with the full cooperation of the Ministry of Interior (MoI). Michael Habr, Kabul’s Mayor, expressed his willingness to privatize sanitation services and said they had started written inquiries to find out the structure of private companies.

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Affirming the aim of the corruption laws, she said: "We are deeply saddened by the death of the plane crash. The passengers were the most protracted humanitarian assistance in 2017.

"We are working hard to overcome the problems. But ghost soldiers is a separate issue and we are addressing the concerns raised in this regard," MoI spokesman, Gen. Sediq Sediqqi said.

However, concerns have been raised that if reports on corruption in security departments are proved to be correct, it will have negative consequences on the overall situation of the country.

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