Ghor Residents Worried about Skyrocketing Fuel, Food Prices

The prices of fuel and food items have increased with the arrival of winter in western Ghor province, complaints of residents blaming the local administration for their failure to take steps to check price hikes. Residents claimed prices of flour, sugar, frozen gas, and fuel had shot up in the capital and different districts of the province with the advent of the harsh Afghan winter when most link roads are closed by snow.

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