KARUL - Nearly 130 employees of the Kabul Municipality Service (KMS) were fired from the country pending corruption charges, the Attorney General Office (AGO) said Monday.

Attorney General Bara Azizi said all cases against former and incumbent government employees in Kabul and other provinces were investigated thoroughly at the anti-corruption unit center.

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First Lady calls on Nation to Unite Against Drug Addiction

KABUL - The First Lady Rula Ghani on Monday attended a conference that celebrated the International Solidarity Day of Courier Service, to which she urged the nation to unite against drug addiction and smuggling campaigns.

She said drug addiction damages the society and that stern action should be taken against this menace.

“We all have the responsibility to raise pub-lic awareness about the harms of the use of drugs,” she told the gathering.

The First Lady said she was concerned about the increasing drug addiction and smuggling campaigns and that the people should all pay their efforts to enhance public awareness about damages of this practice. This comes after the Second Vice President Mohammad Sarwar Danish said on Sunday that international borders and the national borders for war efforts is derived from drug-smuggling.

He said the government is trying its best to stop drug smuggling and that after the war was not curbed in Afghanistan, it would be able to attain stability in the country.

The Minister of Counter-Narcotics, Donabadi, called for wider public cooperation to combat the drug production and smuggling networks in the country.

According to a report, 75 percent of world’s drugs in 2015. The issue has been of major concern both to Afghanistan and its international partners. About 3.5 mil-lion Afghan are addicted to drugs (ToloNews)

Afghan Team in Islamabad to Attend Meeting on Refugees

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Habibullah Mashal, spokesman for the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation (MRRD) told Pajhwok Afghan News officials from Pakistan, UNHCR and Af-ghan state would take part in the meeting.

Refugees’ Minister Syed Hussain Ahmad, the high-level delegation, has reached Islamabad to at-tend the two-day meeting, scheduled for July 29-30, the spokesman said.

Afghan delegation would present an action plan to the repatriation of Afghan refugees from Pakistan. The stay of refugees in the neighbour country expires at the end of 2016. Answering a remark, the official said the Afghan team would discuss the refugees’ situation at the meeting.

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