Ghani Orders Rebuilding of Blast-Damaged Areas

MAGAR-E-IHRAF - The number of illegal armed individuals has increased by five times in northern Afghanistan during the past two years, an official said on Thursday.

Disbandment of Illegal Armed Groups (ESAG) program chief for – northeast area, General Abdul Saman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban militants, who had joined the peace process still hold guns.

He said other groups involved in the name of public uprisings and Afghan Local Police (ALP) forces were considered illegal armed groups due to their poor management.

On the other hand, civil society activists accused security officials of taking no action against illegal armed groups and weapons.

Mal, Sayed Kamal Safi, the police chief for northern Balkh province, confirmed the presence of irresponsible armed men in his province.

While handling two weapons to ESAG, he told Pajhwok that some 20 residents (More on P4)...