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KARUL - A number of politicians, religious scholars and civil society activists on Thursday expressed concern over road blockades by the protest tents in capital Kabul, saying the protesters should talk their demands with the government directly. The protest was launched two days after 18 people were killed and more than 30 others wounded in a truck suicide bombing in Wazir Akbar Khan diplomatic quarter of the capital on May 31. The protesters have been demanding investigation into the security incidents and removal of top security officials over their failure to protect citizens. Since last Friday, the protesters have erected five tents in different parts of Kabul city. Their demands include investigation into recent Kabul incidents, resignation of government officials and security chiefs and prosecution of those behind the attacks. A senior member of the Hizb-i-Islami Gulbuddin’s party of Afghanistan, said. "A number of concerned political scientists and talk shows discussed about improving bilateral ties and Afghanistan peace process. Meanwhile, Chinese President Xi Jinping in a meeting with Ghani pledged that China would continue to provide assistance to Afghanistan in its economic and security needs. "Our demand is clear. Pakistan should honestly cooperate in fighting against terrorism. In this meeting, it was agreed that a trilateral meeting will be held among Kabul, Islamabah and Beijing,"... (More on P4)...(14)

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