Laura Bush Wants Afghan Women Empowered

PESHAWAR - More than 2,000 Afghan refugees have been detained in Peshawar during operations against illegal settlers, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) a news report said on Tuesday. The provincial government has set the June deadline for all Afghan citizens to get their documents registered. Police have launched a crackdown on those who are yet to register in Peshawar, according to Dawn.

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