Policing in Volatile SouthComplain of Not Being Paid:

KABUL - Police in parts of volatile provinces have not been paid for weeks, chasing them with a morale at a time when Taliban militants have traditionally increased attacks on security forces.

The NATO-led coalition in Afghanistan has also warned that the effectiveness of police in the country has not been undermined by irregular pay and bonuses, but by corruption and weak leadership of the Interior Ministry.

“Police forces have not been paid for a month,” said Ghulam Farouq Sangari, a police major in the country.

“The police forces have spoken at the Interior Ministry about this issue, but have received no satisfactory response,” added Sangari.

An interior ministry spokesman said there had been some problems with salary payments in Uruzgan and the eastern province of Nusrat due to a failure with the transfer system at a large Afghan bank.

The police task force said the problem was also caused by corruptions in some areas that paysrolls were being falsified by non-existent “ghost police” and mistreatment by delayed officers.

“Police forces have been paid by the interior ministry without assurance that they would get the money at the end of the month,” Sangari said.

The ministry said police in some parts of the country had not been paid for weeks, and had received the money after five or six days.

The Interior Ministry assured that police in some areas had not been paid, and that they had been paid in other areas.

Residents Unregistered SIM Cards Deactivated

SAFAR LAL RASUL - The two regional authorities in Sar-e-Pul and Jizzakh provinces have complained about what they said was illegal and uncontrolled use of unregistered sim (SIM) cards as some individuals use it to make calls for mischief.

“The security forces in the two provinces have been dealing with the use of unregistered SIM cards by persons who pose a threat to the peace and security of the two provinces,” Jizzakh District Police Spokesman Erkan Hanif said.

The minister said police in the two provinces have been identified as officials and police officers who had been involved in the use of unregistered SIM cards to communicate with criminals and incite violence.

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