Paktika PRT Equipment Worth $7bn Go Missing

SHARANA - Equipment worth billions of dollars belonging to the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in southeastern Paktika have been stolen over the past few years and some recently sold to a businessman against BR Millions, Pajhwok Afghan News has learned.

Pajhwok Afghan News has obtained documents, which show different security officials of Paktika, including the PRT’s equipment of the PRT worth billions of dollars against a very low price and then transferred to neighboring country Pakistan.

Police Chief sold PRT equipment for BR Millions

A reliable source told Pajhwok Afghan News that the incumbent Police Chief of Paktika Brig. Gen. Ghulam Sakhi Rogh Livwar had sold PRT’s equipment to a businessman, Sayed Rahman Khosti.

“Press machines and functioning generators and other machinery of the PRT were sold and sent to Pakistan. Livwar earned all these equipment against BR.000 million dollar that their real worth was billions of dollars,” according to the source.

He said the National Directorate of Security (NDS) conducted raids against Brig. Gen. Livwar and arrested some persons.

But Livwar demanded six million rupees to release the detained persons.

The source added a delegation to meet the NDS, who had been tasked in Kabul and who soon travelled to Paktika.

The source provided some videos to Pajhwok Afghan News in which the persons detained by NDS personnel can be seen lying on the ground in the open air inside the PRT compound in Paktika.

In one of the videos, one of the drivers said, “I don’t know this person but we are 12 thousand rupees for the transport of an unlimited load.”

The PRT equipment also distributed among different government institutions who have their own share.

Pajhwok Afghan News received a letter sent by the Education Department to the NDS and police department.

The letter says the Education Department has no security guards and some of the equipment allotted to them were missing from PRT. It asks the NDS and police to be aware of the issue and provide help to the Education Department regarding the missing equipment.

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KABUL - Federal Mogherati met Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani at the Arg (presidential palace). Addressing a joint news conference with Ghani, Mogherati announced the EU is ready to serve as guarantor of the Afghan peace process.

“First and foremost the process belongs to the Afghan people and the Afghan institutions and there is no step backwards when it comes to democracy, the constitutional setup and especially human rights, role of law and all the achievements that have been gained especially for the Afghan women, for the children and minorities in the country,” she said.

Ghani, for his part, said Afghanistan is situated in the heart of Asia, and instability in Afghanistan would have implications on the whole region.

“Taliban cannot be brought with intimidation or with force and guns that would only harm,” he added.

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The EU foreign policy chief on Tuesday expressed full support for an Afghan-owned peace process during her visit to Capitol.

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