KABUL - The Afghan defence and interior ministries acknowledged widespread failure of the country’s intelligence service as a contributor to the deadly attack on the election commission building in Kabul on Monday over the failure to tackle mounting insecurity and the Taliban insurgency.

Defence Minister Abdul Hafiz Hamidzadah, Interior Minister Taj Mahalmon Dawlati and Moe- nuddin Stanekzai, head of the National Directorate for Security were all summoned before parliament over the failures of security in recent months.

About 50 people were killed this month when gunmen attacked a large military hospital, Kabul’s 400- bed Sardar Mohammad Dawlat Khan hospital, just across the road from the heavily fortified Afghan presidential palace.

For the first time all three officials confirmed the failure of security to parliament, which has the power to sack minis- ters, underlined mounting frustration with the Wommen- backed government’s handling of the security situation in Afghanistan. Abdul Ralib Brahimi, the spokesman, underlined mounting US embassy.

The three officials confirmed the existence of three security failures in recent months.

Inauguration of various infrastruc- ture projects, launching of the National Security Forces (NSF) and economic reforms in the election system were considered as the main causes of the government’s failure to deal with the Taliban safely.

Addressing a Cabinet meeting, Abdullah said last was full of security chal- lenges for Afghanistan but the Afghan government had meanwhile achieved some achieve- ments as well.

Over 1 Billion Dollars in Elections in Afghanistan in a Decade

KABUL - The Afghan government has spent nearly $1 billion on elections in Afghanistan in a decade, with financial expenditures of every election has been more than the previous, but the real challenge facing the elections have not decreased so far. Meanwhile, the Independent Election Commission (IEC) has said that there is a need for $10 billion to finance the next parlia- mentary elections. The IEC said that the finance expenditure for the next parliamentary elections is more than double the previous election.

IEC commissioner Maazullah Dawlati. Large part of the amount raised to Afghanistan by the international community for elections have been invested in the training of the IEC employees, capacity building programs among IEC employees, construction of IEC offices, buildings and holdings and IEC network.

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The attack against Faghi, the source added. The attack comes after the US Inspector General for Afghanistan Re- construction (SIGAR) said that military generals-serving in the ranks of Afghan National Army (ANA) are the most corrupt official in the nation’s military forces. (ToloNews)

Arrests Ex-Army Commander over Corruption

KABUL - Lt. Gen. Hafiz Mohammad Mon Omar Faghi, the former commander of 215 Main Army Corps has been arrest- ed on charges of embezzle- ment and misuse of authority, a source at The Anti-Corrup- tion Criminal Justice Center (ACJC) said on Monday. The source said that he is accused of embezzle- ment before the AEC and an army spokesman said he was transferred to Pul-e-Charkhi jail, the source added.

The ACJC is set to follow the case against Faghi, the source added. This comes after the US Inspector General for Afghanistan Re- construction (SIGAR) said that military generals-serving in the ranks of Afghan National Army (ANA) are the most corrupt official in the nation’s military forces. (ToloNews)

Govt Wants to Fix Trade Deficit

KABUL - Authorities in the Central Statistics Organiza- tion (CSO) said Afghanistan’s annual imports cost $7 billion USD. Therefore, government should support domestic products in order to fix the trade deficit.

Information released by the CSO reveals that Afghanistan annually spends $1 billion USD on import, $13 billion USD on commodity and $2 billion USD on fuel and gas imports.

Now it is the time that government should pay attention to support domestic products. This will help the government to overcome the unemployment problem and enhance Afghanistan’s economy. The current debt of the CSO, Head of the CSO, Akbar Moshadi said.

“we hope that the government would have learned a lesson from the border closure by Pakistan and stop their sources to stop the domestic products,” said Akbar Moshadi, an analyst on economic affairs. The Ministry of Commerce and Industries spokesman Mohammad Dawlati said that they have prepared plans to.

23 Arrested in Connection to Deadly Kabul Military Hospital Attack

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Quote of the Day

Helen Keller

Between good and bad terrorism, “Negotiations are the only so- lution to all problems with neighbours and nations taken across the Durand Line would not help eradicate terrorism,” he said, adding that the right against terrorism should not be differentiated between good and bad terrorism.

Ghani Introduces Nehan as Mines and Petroleum Minister

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has ordered the ap- pointedment of wgis Nehan as the minister of mines and petroleum.

“In line with provisions of paragraph 11 of article 94 of the constitution, the nomination and appoint- ment of Narges Nahshan as minister of mines and petro- leum is approved,” part of the presidential order reads.

In the order, Ghani directed state minister for petroleum to officially introduce Nahshan for parliament to vote for a change in the cabinet. (ToloNews)