Afghanistan Has a Justice System that Money Can Buy: Sopko

KABUL - Special Inspector General for Afghanistan John Sopko, highlighting widespread corruption in Afghanistan, says the war-torn country has the best justice system that money can buy.

In an interview published in a British newspaper on Tuesday, he was asked to comment on how dealing with corruption in Afghanistan compared to tackling the mafia. "It’s different and it’s harder," Sopko replied.

He told the Independent: "When I was with the organised crime section, Department of Justice, you're dealing with a legitimate legal system...you don't have that in Afghanistan," says the war-torn country has the best justice system that money can buy.

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Sopko exposed in recent months millions of dollars were spent on importing rare goats in a bid to boost the cashmere industry in Afghanistan, but the animals vanished.

Additionally, a petrol station that should have accounted for a few cents per liter, "...isn’t money that Afghanistan has the best justice system that money can buy," Sopko said.

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