President Briefed on Nationwide Security Situation

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The palace said in a statement that the president talked to Chief of Army Staff Gen.Sher Mohammad Karimi, Interior Minister Noor Jal Glamm, acting Defence Minsiter Inayatullah Nazari, National Security Advisor... (More on P4)...(9)

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Nuristan

The agriculture director said the province had improved and all roads were secure, urging the government and adjoining authorities to continue their cooperation with the agriculture sector of the province.

Nuristan said 75 percent population of the province cultivated crops and that the province had almost been cleansed by the security forces.

The agriculture sector had been greatly affected by the conflict and the government faced a number of challenges in the area, he said.

Other human rights activists said that security forces should investigate cases of human rights violations in Godar Similarly in Zabul province, a joint... (More on P4)...(14)

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