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KARUL - Calling administrative corruption a great challenge to ensuring good governance, second vice-president Saver Danish on Monday said the menace had decreased in Afghanistan, but incomplete eradication needed time.

Addressing the European Union's (EU) anti-corruption conference in Kabul on Saturday, Danish said corruption threatened good governance and service delivery to people.

"Unfortunately this phenomenon remains a challenge for good governance in Afghanistan," he said.

He said reforms in financial, administrative, judicial and sectors and utilization of civil and media role could help overcome corruption.

"Unfortunately there is no unified policy and strategy for fighting corruption, doncernments prepared in this regard during the past years had mistakes and need an in-depth review," he said.

Danish expressed concern over corruption in customs departments and said efforts so far made to curb the menace in the vital sector were insufficient. He added more steps needed to prevent tax evasion at customs offices. "(More on P.11)"

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