**Political Parties Boycott President's Advisory Meetings**

KABUL—Members of some political parties on Saturday said they are boycotting President Ashraf Ghani's advisory meetings as most of them are “meaningless and their advice is not put into practice”.

The spokesman for the Council for the Protection and Stability of Afghanistan said most of the meetings were merely of “tokenistic” and “lack depth.”

“The leadership members of President Ghani have ‘united’ to become a ‘conscience of government’ to resign and let the new government form the power by itself,” Aitab said.

A number of other political figures also accused Ghani of being “against the will of people.”

“President [Ashraf] Ghani has turned himself into a dictator,” he said. “He has grabbed all the powers in his hands. He has tightened his relations with the West and he does not have any plans for national interests, for ending the war and for maintaining security in the country,” said Fatima Jilg Gailani, chairman of Afghanistan’s Women’s Council.

“The President has not only distorted jihadi figures, but he has upset the Afghan people,” Gailani said. “In response to these remarks, Ghani’s deputy spokesman Dusan Khan Bidinpa said political parties that are unhappy with government should “clearly state” their reasons. “They [political parties] should explain the reasons behind their unhappiness. As a spokesman for the president I can say that decisions have been made based on advice by political parties in all aspects,” he said.

The government has received such advice, and as such, the president must explain their reasons. According to Ghani, it is his responsibility to explain the reasons behind making such decisions. As for the recent political developments, there seems to be no end in sight. The current political climate has become increasingly volatile, with tensions rising between the government and certain political factions. This has led to a growing sense of uncertainty and instability in the country. The recent remarks by political figures, including Ghani’s deputy spokesman, suggest that the government is facing significant pressure to make political concessions.

**Inadequate Hajj Quota Angers Nimroz Residents**

KABUL—A senior of the Afghanistan Science Academy of Medicine was gunned down by unidentified killers in Kabul on Friday afternoon, the victim’s family said.

Safar Rahman Shalarkai, deputy head of Islamic Affairs and Culture at the church, was shot dead in the middle of an argument in a mosque in the Bailey Minara area of the capital.

One of his relatives told Pajhwok Afghan News that other people who were also wounded in the shooting, were hospitalised. Security officials are yet to comment on the incident.

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**Three Haqqani Commanders Killed in Paktia Drone Strike**

KABUL—At least three Haqqani network commanders were killed in a drone strike by foreign forces in Paktia province last week, said 303 Spinghar Police Corps on Saturday.

Abdul Hafiz Misten, Qari Masood and Qari Seraj are among the Haqqani commanders killed in the strike, 303 Spinghar Police Corps said.

The drone strike was carried out in the Dandpatan district of Paktia province, officials said. Meanwhile Paktia police said that a military operation to clear insecure areas in the district is underway.

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