Women's presence remains limited in Faryab govt offices

MAIMANA - A number of women activists in northeastern Faryab province say security problems, negative traditions and discrimination against women outside their homes are reasons behind the limited female presence in government offices of the province.

They criticize low women's presence in government offices and say they are working only in a limited number of offices.

According to Faryab labor and social affairs department, around 2,000 people are working in civil services areas in the province and 50 women are working in offices of government including in districts.

She said only one woman was symptomically appointed as chief of Khilaf Churbagh district and a few others worked in Andikhoi district.

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Saudi, Afghan Ambassadors Meet in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD - Top Saudi and Afghan diplomats have discussed bilateral relations and other matters if bilateral importance.

Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan Nawaf bin Saud Al-Malihi and his Afghan counterpart Shukrullah Moshahid met in the Pakistani capital on Tuesday.

During the meeting, the ambassadors conferred to, strengthen diplomatic relations as well as issues of common interest, according to the Saudi Press Agency. (Pajhwok)

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KABUL - Dr. Karima Hamid Faryabi, a member of the Ministry of Women's Affairs, said that there were no female officers in a majority of government offices in Faryab province.

According to Faryab labor and social affairs department, around 2,815 women are working in government offices and say they are working only in a limited number of offices.

Faryabi, a teacher in Star High School in Maimana city, the provincial capital who was also a member of the Constituency Loyas Logar for peace, said, "We are waiting for our rights..." She said women could help improve governance and transparency in performance and elimination of corruption in offices, but they were given no chance to work there.

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