Unmoved by Ghani’s Request, WJ Unsets 2 Ministers

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On Saturday, lawmakers elected former Minister Salahuddin Rabadi Labour and Social Security; and former Interior Minister Abdul Rashid Dostum as new ministers. Dostum was appointed by the president on the recommendation of WJ’s House of Commissioners. He had signed bilateral agreements with 15 countries to promote peace -- will sponsor the conference.

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Earlier in the day, a letter from the president, Karzai asked MPs to put on hold the no-trust vote against ministers and heed the warnings of the U.S. administration against putting a brake on cooperation.

KABUL – President Ashraf Ghani has said that a transparencies of budget spending of the QCCM will be held in Pakistan’s capital Islamabad next week, said a source invited to event.

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WASHINGTON - Deeply saddened by US casualties in a bomb blast at the Baghram airbase, US Defence Secretary Ashton Carter on Saturday said the incident was destabilized in its mission.

"An apparent suicide bomber has taken the lives of two US service member and two US contractors working on the base," said Carter.

"The explosion wounded in other US service member and one Pakistani soldier participating in the NATO mission," he said.

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