Electricity Shortage Affects Industrial Parks

KABUL — Factory owners from an industrial park in Kabul said lack of electricity, in a long term, had forced their products as they have "only eight hours of power" every day.

The investors told ToloDodos that they are damaged thousands of dollars with each break of electricity during the day.

"When the electricity goes off for some while, the plastic and other materials which stick inside the machines are affected and at the time the owner of the factory, are affected between $30 to $80 USD," said owner of a factory, who is from Kandahar.

The factory owners called on government to provide sufficient electricity to the industrial parks.

"The industrial parks should have 24 hours electricity. We send our products to all provinces. Lack of electricity will affect our production," the source said.

Kabul said lack of electricity, in a long term, has affected hundreds of factories in Kabul.

Kabul said the factories were affected on a daily basis.

"The factories have shared their problems with the central government, but no one has ever come back to us," he said.

However, added, the Afghan forces were still unable to push back Taliban attacks.

Khan said the Afghan forces were facing serious problems.

Air and ground operations were needed to clear the area of insurgents, he stressed.

He said the mill owners had "more problems."