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Mass Youth Migration Most Pressing Concern
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tion of Afghan youth, the New Line Organiza-
tion (NLO) on Thursday accused the government of emigration to create job opportunities for them.
Fahim Sadqi, NLO di-
rector, told journalists bre-
aking the illegal migra-
tion of youth to foreign countries added that the government itself was creating the problem and would subsidize it to the govern-
ment. He said they should also incorporate views of civil society activ-
ists, political and religious ethnics in their plans.
He said their sugges-
tions included regulating the consequences of illegal emigra-
tion and the creation of a committee composed of representatives from these relevant groups and negotia-
tions with civil society organisations and the UN to find ways.
NLO also suggested that the government should number fewer emig-
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