KABUL - The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on Thursday said that massive return of Afghan refugees and Afghans fleeing other countries separately and then decide whether to send them back or absorb them.

We are concerned about the refugees’ situation, especially that winter is near and returning more refugees may cause humanitarian crises,” said Farhad Farhat, spokesperson for the UNHCR-Mashal. Minister of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) said European countries have warned that a German government does not start accepting the returnees, they will stay in Afghanistan.

“European countries asked us that you accept our aid for refugees or for your development projects. Which one do you accept? And told us that we cannot support both development projects and refugees.”

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Kabul - President Ashraf Ghani on Wednesday announced the formation of a new cabinet, in which he named 14 key positions, including heading the ministries of foreign affairs, interior, labor and social security, transport and works, public works, communication, information and culture, agriculture, mining and industry, and water and energy.

The officials said Taliban militants are not able to fight face-to-face against security forces.

"We are not in an offensive mode. We have put pressure on the insurgents in Kabul," said Balkhash Police Chief Chemal Saki Ghbouri.

"Taliban carried out two large attacks against us but they were defeated. Now government must let us to chase them and eliminate them from Jurm, Yamgan and War Dzai districts," said Darmo (More on P3).

KABUL - High Peace Council (HPC) ranking government officials, including former President Hamid Karzai, Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Dr Abdullah Abdullah, signed papers for the disbursement of $100 million to the National Development Partnership (NDP). As part of the U.S. support to the government of the Afghan people, the release of these funds is tied to the Afghan government’s achievement of specific development and anti-corruption reforms, including implementation of key policy initiatives, collection of revenue, and reducing poverty by helping the poor and marginalized, especially women.

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