Afghanistan Anti-Corruption Network

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In support of the latest decision by the President on

"The suspension of the senior officials over corruption charges"

Since one and a half decade, corruption is considered as the biggest crisis for the government of Afghanistan that has challenged peace, health, economic and social growth. Due to the lack of strong political will of the previous government, Afghanistan still remains among the most corrupt countries of the world.

The National Unity Government (NUG) created hopes in public for combating corruption however, nothing considerable has been done neither to meet the expectations of the International Community nor the public.

The formation of Anti-corruption Justice Centre (ACJC) was a step that boosted up the hopes and belief of public over the commitment of the government. Though, the number of trials taken on resulted in disappointing public opinion.

Now the suspension of some of the senior government officials by the President of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GoIRA) ascertains his promised commitment to fight corruption. We (Afghanistan Anti-corruption Network) would like to acknowledge, praise and fully support the decision against such corrupt officials and further emphasize not to let others to miss-interpret this decision.

We believe that most of the government ministries have similar problems, thus request the NUG in particular the President to continue taking strong actions against corrupt officials. In addition, we suggest the NUG not to rely only on suspensions which is not a solution indeed, but rather to forward the cases to ACJC for further proceedings.

Respectfully,

Afghanistan Anti-corruption Network (AACN)