## Ministry of Justice Presents Annual Activities and Achievements Report

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On Sunday, 4 September 2022, Sheikh Abdul Karim Haider, the Deputy Minister for Professional Affairs of the Ministry of Justice, presented the annual report on the activities and achievements of the Ministry in a press conference on the Accountability of the Government to the Nation.

"During the conference, the Deputy Minister of Justice said that the ministry has drafted and scrutinized 20 legislative documents, including procedure and draft legislative documents; it has provided 172 legal advice to the ministries and departments of the Islamic Emirate and has expressed opinions on 7 legislative documents of the ministries during last one year. The Deputy Minister further said that the ministry has provided its opinions on twenty-six drafts of international legal documents and approved the translation of 82,422 official documents from the country's official languages into foreign languages.

He further said, "The Ministry of Justice has registered and addressed 97,700 legal cases, including petitions and files across the country, out of which there

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were 33,700 real estate petitions, 57,000 petitions of commercial debts, and 7,000 family-related petitions".

According to him, 4,601 cases have been solved through mediation and conciliation without referring them to the courts, 19,000 cases have been sent to the courts, 7,700 cases have been sent to the responsible departments to be processed, and 39,000 cases are under process among these registered cases. He added, "1,504 files have been submitted to the ministry during the last year, out of which 695 files have been implemented, 609 files have been submitted to the Supreme Court and other authorities, and the other 200 files are in the process."



Referring to the responsibilities of the Ministry of Justice in providing free legal aid to indigent suspects and accused, the Deputy Minister of Justice said that the ministry defended the rights of 167 indigent suspects and accused in the justice and judicial institutions and provided 163 free legal advice in the last one year. He further added that the ministry has conducted 78 public legal awareness programs and has conducted public awareness programs for 6,936 people.

In another part of his speech, the Deputy Minister of Justice said that the ministry had issued 1,215 property dealers and 731 petition writers licenses in

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Kabul only. It has distributed 707 registration books and has published about 2,095 information forms for obtaining licenses for real estate dealers and petition writing during the last year. He further elaborated that 1,169 property dealership offices have been monitored and investigated, out of which 329 offices have been closed due to violations. In the last year, the ministry cancelled the licenses of 290 property dealers and revoked the licenses of 183 property dealers.

He said, "the Ministry of Justice, in the last year, has received 150 applications for obtaining licenses of associations and charitable institutions, out of which 92 applicants have been issued licenses, 17 of them have not applied again due to bank guarantees and tariffs, and the other 41 applications are under process". He further added that 212 organizations were visited and monitored, out of which are new and 62 are existing organizations. 4 charitable institutions have been closed due to their illegal activities and people's complaints.



The Deputy Minister of Justice said, "The Ministry of Justice has started assessment on the files of 600 institutions that have obtained licenses in the previous government; 532 files have been assessed, out of which 300 active institutions and 232 inactive institutions have been identified".

"The ministry, in cooperation with the People's Republic of China, has started the construction of a mosque in the premises of the ministry whose 75% construction has been completed and its construction is still going on", the Deputy Minister added.

He further elaborated, "The process of advocates evaluation continues two days a week in the Ministry of Justice, and so far, the ministry has held sixteen evaluation sessions for 844 advocates so far. As a result, 785 advocates have passed the exam while thirty-six others have failed, and the other twenty-three advocates have been absent". He added that 415 advocates had been issued licenses to practice law so far.

The Deputy Minister of Justice explained, "While defending the rights and interests of the government, the cases of more than 3,032 acres of land and a shop have been decided in favor of the Islamic Emirate based on the court's judgment, and the judgment has also been implemented. Moreover, 11,735,000 Afghanis and more than 760 USD have been decided in favor of the Islamic Emirate and have been deposited to its account, and the judgment of the court on more than 152 acres of land and sixteen houses that have been decided in favor of the Islamic Emirate has been sent to the relevant departments for implementation".

He added that the court order of more than 242,199,000 Afghanis and more than 27,278,000 US dollars had been sent for implementation.



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According to the Deputy Minister for Professional Affairs of the Ministry of Justice, a restitution order has been issued for more than 49,348 acres of land and 180 shops, or the order has been implemented in favor of the Islamic Emirate after confirmation during this period. The orders issued regarding 1,829 acres of land have also been sent for implementation. Based on the efforts of the Ministry of Justice, 308,935 acres of land have also been handed to the relevant departments.

Sheikh Abdul Karim Haider has also stated about the revenues collected during the last year that the Ministry of Justice has collected a total of 107,152,533,000 Afghanis revenue during this period and has been deposited to the treasury of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. He further added, "The total expenditure of the Ministry was about 150 million Afghanis last year, out of which 96 million Afghanis was used to pay the salaries of its employees, and the remaining 54 million Afghanis was spent on purchasing necessary items and maintenance of the Ministry and other matters".