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## Relatives of martyred ANA, ANP, NSD personnel to be sent to Haj

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The Council of Ministers has decided to send a number of family members of martyred ANA,ANP sand National Security Directorate ASD, personnel for Haj. In the session of cabinet on Monday headed by the president Hamid Karzai, the president Hamid Karzai , the council assigned the Ministry of Haj and Islamic Affairs to adopt practical measures for sending family members of a



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number of martyred personnel of Defese and Interiors Ministries and National Security Directorate and other victims of terrorist attacks in 2006 for performing pilgrimage to Mecca. The council also decided to distribute residential lands for free, for the families of those army, police and National Security Department personnel who have been martyred since establishment of the Interim government in struggle for national interests and sovereignty. The Council ordered the Ministries of Urban Development, Agriculture and Irrigation and provincial municipalities to implement this decision as soon as possible. Later on, the head of Central census office was introduced to the council. Abdul Rahman Ghafory who has enough experie3nce in affairs of management and administration is appointed to the aforesaid position by the president. Afterwards, Mohammad Karim, the Second Vice president, briefed the participants about the primary activities of commission for preventing Environmental pollution. He asked the ministers to personally attend the sessions of this commission and offer their constructive and ideas to the commission. The draft of new ordinance for settling the performances of associations and private security firms was also discussed in the meeting of cabinet. The Committee for Laws was assigned to finalize the draft and present it to council fo Ministers. The council ordered the Ministry of public Health to present the exact number of HIV-AIDS patients in the country and specific solutions and pro9psals for preventing the infections by this hazardous virus, to the next meeting of the cabinet. The Ministry of information and Culture was also assigned to report the performances of this ministry for assessing financial resources of media associations and vio9lations of media organizations to the upcoming meetings of the council. Based on the agenda, Commerce and industries Ministry adopted to decrease prices. Commerce minister said that meetings with representatives of the neighboring countries, discussions of the Economic commission of the Lower House and opening border with Pakistan had positive impact on decrease of prices. Minister of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock MAIL, told the council about the meetings they had with world food program WFP representatives and Indian Ambassador adding that b oth the WFP and the government of Indian agreed to import enough wheat through foreign countries to decrease prices. The council while admiring the work of MAIL and commerce Ministers instructed them to make efforts to maintain price balance in the market and negotiate with US and india to import more wheat to fulfill the need of the people. Minister of Justice talked about abandoing smoking in government and other public places . keeping in mind the convention of the World Health Organization WHO, the council esteemed the step of the ministry of justice adding that smoking should be

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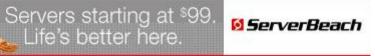
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abandoned in govern mental places an d violators will be punished. For eign Affairs minister shed light on the agreements the Turkish Government for free visas and agreement with Kazakhstan for better coordination and strengthening bilatera ties. The councial ordered the concerned authorities for adopting steps to empower bilateral relations with foreign countries.

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