
Helmandians cry for making both ends meet

LASHKARGAH: Residents complain skyrocketing of flour price in the war- stricken former Taliban stronghold of Musa-Kala district in restive Helmand province where many can not make the both ends meet.

Toryalai a local complained the price of a piece of bread increased to 20 afghanis. "People will face great problems unless emergency aids were provided to the locals here." He warned.

Shir Muhammad, another resident of Musa-Kala district of the province, lamented price of bread was being sold from 12 to 16 afghanis. People preferred to buy cookies to eat from the market rather than the bread; he complained price of a 100kg wheat bag went up to 3000 afghanis here.

Prices of other food stuff also registered increase here, he said.

Shah Wali a wheat seller in Lashkargah complained assassination of Ms Bhutto had badly affected wheat exports to Afghanistan. He said "not a bag of wheat had been imported to Afghanistan since the assassination of Bhutto."

Reports and interviews with individuals in other districts of the southern Helamand province also reveal hike in edible commodities.

They demanded of the International NGOs and central government to heed to their plight and send them emergency aid.

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