



NEWS RELEASE: MEC Welcomes the Public Trials Held by Anti-Corruption Justice Center

Saturday November 12, Kabul, Afghanistan: The Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC) welcomes the first public trials held by the Anti-Corruption Justice Center (ACJC). MEC Chair Dr. Yama Torabi, who was present during the today's proceedings, described what he saw as just and transparent.

“These are the first cases of major corruption crimes to be heard by the ACJC. The nation was expecting this, today is a great day, a day of hope, for all those citizens who fight corruption every day and or those who have been its silent victims.”

MEC is encouraged that the court has fulfilled the Constitutional requirement for the trials to be open to the public. MEC believes that trials for those who enjoyed total impunity in the past is a strong signal and an indication of government's determination to fight corruption. MEC expects that these first steps will generate the momentum to prosecute other high level government officials. MEC will continue to follow these cases as they progress through the appeal process.

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