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## Eshchi released after 16 days in NDS detention

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The family of Eng. Ahmad Eshchi, a tribal influential in northern Jawzjan province, on Saturday said the elder has been released by the provincial National Directorate of Security (NDS) department after spending 16 days in detention.

The family had earlier accused 1st Vice President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum of kidnapping the elder and holding him captive.

Batoor Eshchi, the elder son of Eng. Ahmad, told Pajhwok Afghan News that his father had been held captive by Gen. Dostum for 16 days.

Around 1pm, Eng. Ahmad was freed with mediation of tribal elders from the National Directorate of Security (NDS) department, he said, adding his father was in good health ①.

Earlier, Eng. Ahmad's sons had said Gen. Dostum had a verbal clash with his father at the Buzkashi ground in Shiberghan, the provincial capital, and after that Dostum's bodyguards came and took him away.

However, a statement from the 1st VP office had said the man had been arrested by security forces on the charge of financing insurgents.

Eng. Ahmad, a former active member of the Junbish-i-Milli Afghanistan party, had served on many key posts before Taliban's invasion of the north. As Taliban regime collapsed, Ahmad kept his distance from politics.

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