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Karzai dismisses Afghanistan's intelligence chief

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Afghan President Hamid Karzai's spokesman has confirmed that the country's intelligence chief Rahmatullah Nabil has been dismissed, Press TV reports.

The dismissal on Wednesday comes as Karzai prepares to name new defense and interior ministers.

A statement from Karzai's office said the decision came as Nabil had finished serving his two-year term. The statement added that the former spy chief would take up a new job as an ambassador.

Other reports say current minister of border and tribal affairs Assadullah Khaled is to take over as the new National Directorate of Security chief.

The dismissed Interior Minister Bismillah Mohammadi is reportedly said to be nominated as defense minister and current Deputy Minister of the Afghan Public Protection Force Mojtaba Patang as interior minister.

Mohammadi is to replace ousted defence minister Abdul Rahim Wardak.

Afghan lawmakers say the ousted ministers had failed to prevent deadly militant attacks, as well as shelling from neighboring Pakistan.

The recent reshuffling is expected to formally announce by the Afghan government soon.