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Finance minister disclose names of corrupt Afghan lawmakers

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Afghan finance minister, Hazrat Omer Zakhilwal in an unprecedented move on Monday disclosed the names of Afghan lawmakers involved in illegal activities.

The minister was summoned by Afghan parliament on Monday to brief lawmakers for his alleged comments regarding lawmakers involvement in illegal activities including smuggle of alcohol, fuel and flour from neighboring countries.

He said, “Lawmakers Haji zahir Qadir representing Nangarhar province, Arif Rahmani representing Ghazni province, Sulaiman Khel representing Paktia, Samullah Samir, Hamidzai

Lalai representing Kandahar province and Mohsini representing Baghlan province were involved in illegal activities.”

Hazrat Omer Zakhilwal initiated disclosing lawmakers names from Haji Zahir Qadir and said that he has continuously requested for financial aid from him to support “Peace Convoy” course.

According to finance minister Hazrat Omer Zakhilwal, the lawmaker, Haji Zahir Qadir has imported flour worth 269 million dollars illegally during the past two years.

Zakhilwal also added that lawmaker Hamidzai Lalai is importing alcohol and he has threatened a customs official to death after his illegal activities were disclosed yesterday.

Other lawmaker, Samiullah Samim representing Farah province of Afghanistan was accused of fuel and alcohol smuggle by Afghan finance minister Hazrat Omer Zakhil.

He said the lawmaker called from Germany and requested him to release five oil tankers which were seized for the smuggling of fuel in Farah province.

While pointing towards the smuggling activities in southern provinces of Afghanistan including Paktia and Paktika province, Hazrat Omer Zakhilwal said the customs officers of the two provinces were fired from their positions but Paktika lawmaker Mahmood Khan Sulaiman sent him money and requested to re-appoint his son as Paktika customs officer.

In the meantime finance minister Hazrat omer Zakhilwal accused lawmaker Mohammad Azim Mohsini representing Baghlan province for requesting the finance ministry to have illegal houses in Pul-e-Khumri city.

He also accused Arif Rahmani representing eastern Ghazni province for requesting the finance ministry to receive money and contracts.

Afghan finance minister, Hazrat Omer Zakhilwal’s comments created furor among the Afghan lawmakers however they were allowed to speak during the assembly meeting.

Meanwhile Afghan lawmakers accused finance minister for similar illegal activities but Hazrat Omer Zakhilwal vowed to resign from his position if the allegations against him were proved to be true.

Zakhilwal also said that Afghan lawmakers cases have been forwarded to Afghan attorney general office for further legal actions.