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Afghan Parliament Calls National Unity Government ‘Illegitimate’

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The Lower House of Parliament – Wolesi Jirga called the national unity government illegitimate for being failed to announce the new cabinet.

Lower House Speaker Abdul Rauf Ibrahimi said President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and CEO Dr. Abdullah Abdullah should not violate the law.

His remarks were followed by growing objections from the lawmakers, criticizing the national unity government for being failed to form the new cabinet as the Afghan constitution do not allow the acting ministers to serve more than two months.

Ibrahimi said the term of service for the acting ministers expires today and the government should take immediate steps to introduce the appointed ministers to parliament to receive vote of confidence.

He warned that the Lower House will not remain silent if immediate steps were not taken in this regard.

This comes as President Ghai had promised to form the new cabinet within 45 days. However, there have been no breakthrough despite two months have passed from the formation of the national unity government.

In the meantime, unconfirmed reports suggest President Ghani and CEO Abdullah are at odds on power-sharing which has resulted in delays to introduce the new ministers.