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Demonstration due for Kabul over TUTAP project

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A major demonstration is due for Kabul on Saturday as the protesters were looking to rally against the transmission of the major 500kV TUTAP power project through Salang pass.

Earlier the Office of the Second Vice President said an agreement has been reached following three days of ongoing efforts by the government to organize a meeting and discuss the issue through negotiations.

Second vice President Mohammad Sarwar Danish called on the people of Afghanistan to remain vigilant and not be deceived by certain people and refrain from unnecessary moves that could lead to chaos.

He said the people should trust the agreement which has been reached in this regard and should be assured that the outcome of the agreement would be for the betterment of the country.

President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani issued a decree after a commission concluded its review regarding the implementation of the project.

The commission was formed after President Ghani suspended the execution of the project following a massive demonstration in capital Kabul in mid-May.

In his decree following the conclusion of the commission, President Ghani ordered that a 220kW double circuit power line will be transmitted from Doshi to the central provinces to transmit 300 megawatt of electricity that would be enough for the entire central provinces.

The decree further stated that the power 220kV power line should be executed to include the construction of a 220kV (double circuit) electricity network to transmit 300 megawatt of electricity from Doshi to center of Bamyan with the start of the project to be from the first of the month of June and should conclude in the solar year 1398.

It also added that a substation should also be constructed in Bamyan province with the execution of the project to be the start of the month of June and must finish in the solar year 1398.

The decree said a distribution network should be constructed in Bamyan to supply electricity to at least 20,000 families. The project should in the month of June and should conclude in November of 1398.