

QUETTA: Pashtoon tribal chief Senator Nawab Ayaz Khan Jomezai has demanded of the government to recover the two kidnapped judges and three lawyers within three days, otherwise they would be forced to launch a protest movement in the province.

The kidnapping incidents have assumed an alarming situation in the province, while the government is oblivious to the gravity of the situation, he said at a news conference here on Tuesday. Expressing his deep concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in the province, Jomezai alleged that some ministers were allegedly patronizing those involved in the kidnapping incidents.

At least 10 incidents of kidnapping for ransom were being reported in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan daily in addition to snatching of vehicles and motorcycles, he said. The people of the province are not even safe in their homes, while traveling on national highways in Balochistan was a nightmare, he added. Why has the government become a silent spectator? he asked.

The senator said that it is the prime responsibility of the government to ensure security to the lives and property of the citizens. But, unfortunately, the government had failed miserably to fulfill its responsibilities, he regretted.

He said that the government should take cognizance of the situation and added that if it did not improve the law and order situation, then they would be left with no option but to convene Jirga meeting of tribal elders in order to launch a movement.

Replying to a question, he said that the writ of government could be seen only in police stations, governor and chief minister secretariats and cantonment, while people are running in search of security from pillar to post. He said that some provincial ministers, police officials, administrative officers were directly or indirectly patronizing the criminals involved in the activities.

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