

## Quote of the Day

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

P. J. O'Rourke

# 'Tangible Reforms to Make Electoral System More Efficient'

KABUL - The election reform commission reassured that after introducing reforms in the country's electoral system neither the president nor the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) would be able to hire or fire election commissioners.

Sadiqullah Tawhidi, the commission's deputy head, told reporters on Saturday that existing election law had several problems and two separate committees had been tasked to work on these laws.

The first committee would scrutinize existing election law and recommend fresh suggestions while the second committee would work upon the structure, responsibilities and powers of election commissions.

He said members of the commission



would introduce new ways to prevent fraud, rigging in Wolesi Jirga, presidential, provincial and district coun-

cil's elections. The election reforms commission had formally started working last week.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah during a meeting with its members ...*(More on P4)...(1)*

## Omar's Death Offers Chance to Stabilise Afghanistan: US



WASHINGTON - The White House Friday confirmed the death of Taliban leader Mullah Omar, saying it represented a chance of progress on the path to a stable and secure Afghanistan.

"The US Intelligence Community assesses that Mullah Mohammed Omar, the former leader of the Afghan Taliban, is dead," White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said in a late-night statement.

"While the exact circumstances of his death remain uncertain, it is clear that his demise, after decades of war and thousands of lives lost, represents a chance for yet more progress on the path to a stable, secure Afghanistan," he said. He said in last year's Afghan election, President ...*(More on P4)...(2)*

## Feldman Lauds Gen. Raheel for Afghan Talks



ISLAMABAD - United States Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Dan Feldman on Saturday lauded Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif for his role in bringing together all parties to hold

peace talks between the Afghan government and the Afghan Taliban, Director General (DG) Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Asim Bajwa said on Twitter. The visiting envoy met Gen Raheel ...*(More on P4)...(3)*

## Electoral Reform Panel Working Efficiently: UN

KABUL - The UN deputy special representative for Afghanistan said on Saturday the reform commission had started well, efficiently and with full support of the two leaders of the national unity government.

A statement from the United Nations Assistance Mission (UNAMA) quoted Tadamichi Yamamoto as saying the process had been completely Afghan-led, Afghan-owned, with all Afghan initiatives, as should be reflecting the sovereignty of the country.

"The process, as you have seen, is very inclusive, very intensive and very efficient. The work ...*(More on P4)...(4)*

## SIGAR IS Presence to be a Serious Threat to Afghan Peace Talks

KABUL - Islamic State (Daesh) in Afghanistan is not only a threat to stability of Afghanistan, but also a serious threat to Afghan peace talk's process special inspector general for Afghanistan Reconstruction said. SIGAR has reported to US congress that Afghan security forces have had poor acts on ensuring security for



Afghanistan. SIGAR has not only written about the poor acts of the Afghan security forces but also about corruption, Narcotic drugs, combating insurgency, and spending of the US aids in Afghanistan to US congress.

Part of the SIGAR report indicates the concerns on growing ...*(More on P4)...(5)*

## New Taliban Leader Rejects Talks, Vows to Fight on

KABUL - Rejecting peace talks, the Afghan Taliban new leader, Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour, has appealed for unity in the insurgency and has asked the rebels to end their internal differences.

The Taliban through a statement



had confirmed their supreme leader Mullah Omar had been dead some time ago, choosing Mullah Mansour his successor and Sirajuddin Haqqani and Maulvi Haibatullah Akhonzada his deputies. On Saturday, the Taliban ...*(More on P4)...(6)*

## Ulumi Commends Troop Achievements against Militants

KABUL - Interior Minister Noor-ul-Haq Ulumi on Saturday warned militants to shun violence or be ready for decisive action by security forces. He expressed these views at a meeting of security officials from Ministry of Interior (MoI) where the forces' performance and operational preparedness were discussed.

Ulumi said that enemy wanted to turn the entire country into battle ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

## Iran-Afghanistan Pen 3 MoUs on Customs Cooperation

TEHRAN - Customs departments of Iran and Afghanistan signed three memoranda of understanding (MoU) to open a new chapter in mutual customs cooperation, public relations of Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) announced on Saturday.

The head of Iran's Customs Administration Masoud Karbasian and Customs Director General of Afghanistan Najibullah Wardak signed three memoranda of understanding (MoUs) on areas of ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

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