

<b>Jalalabad</b> Clear 16°C 4°C	<b>Ghazni</b> Clear 9°C -2°C	<b>Kandahar</b> Chance of Rain 20°C 9°C	<b>Mazar</b> Chance of Rain 12°C 6°C	<b>Herat</b> Chance of Rain 16°C 5°C	<b>Bamiyan</b> Chance of Rain 3°C -8°C	<b>Kabul</b> Clear 11°C -1°C
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## New Budgetary Units Delay National Budget Approval

*MPs said first they should clear the fate of the newly established budgetary units and then they will approve the national budget.*



KABUL - Members of the Wolesi Jirga, the Lower House of Parliament, on Saturday said some independent departments have been included in the national budget document as new budgetary units which have delayed the approval of the budget by the MPs. The MPs said budgets have been allocated to departments which the lawmakers were not aware of them before this. The MPs said these new budgetary units and departments such as

the National Authority on Disabled and Heirs of Martyrs' Affairs, the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Board of Afghanistan and Afghanistan Central Civil Registration Office are the new departments which have been established in the last fiscal year "without processing the legal steps and approval of the national assembly". "One of the attempts of government is to create position for some individuals and the second at-

tempt is to make a number of departments irresponsibly," MP Asadullah Sadati said. "Amendment, approval and cancelation of law is being done based on a suggested outline or by 10 MPs or by government. We have no amendment outline on amending a former structure which has been suggested by 10 MPs or by government," said MP Ramazan Bashardost. The MPs said that so far they have not agreed ...*(More on P4)*...*(8)*

## Pakistan's FM in Qatar to Discuss Afghan Peace Process

KABUL - Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi has arrived in Qatar and would discuss Afghan reconciliation process and other regional issues, according to a Pakistani media. Qureshi was received by the top officials of the Qatar Minister of Foreign Affairs and the embassy of Pakistan in Doha. During his one-day official visit the foreign minister would hold meeting with top Qatari leaders, including the prime minister and vice prime minister, Radio Pakistan reported. The officials are expected to exchange views about the Afghan reconciliation process,



bilateral relations and other important regional and global issues. Speaking about the Afghan peace process, Qureshi said that Pakistan had decided on

"regional outreach" and on taking important allies into confidence, as well as exchanging views with them about the regional situation and the Afghan issue. ...*(More on P4)*...*(7)*

## IEC unveils Paktia Wolesi Jirga result



KABUL - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) late on Sunday announced the preliminary result of Wolesi Jirga election for southeastern Paktia province. Addressing reporters, IEC Head Abdul Badai Sayyad said Mohammad Nawab Mangal led the list of successful candidates in the preliminary result with 4,578

votes he obtained. Yar Baz Khan Hameedi with 4,479, Mohammad Ibrahim Ghashtali 3,884 and Syed Hassan Gardezi with 3,854 votes were the other leading candidates. According to Sayyad, Razia Saadat Mangal grabbed the place at Wolesi Jirga from Paktia as the leading women candidates with receiving 2,195 votes. *(Pajhwok)*

## NDS SPECIAL FORCES STORM TALIBAN'S MILITARY COMPOUND IN WARDAK LEAVING 10 DEAD

KABUL - The Special Forces of the Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), stormed a military compound of the Taliban group in central Maidan Wardak province of Afghanistan. The Special Operations Corps of the Afghan Military said the raid was conducted in Karo Khel Village in Syedabad district. According to a statement released by the Special Operations Corps, at least ten militants were killed during the operation and the military compound used by Taliban has been destroyed. The NDS Special Forces also destroyed four vehicles, three motorcycles, and some weapons which were used by the militants to carry out guerrilla attacks against ...*(More on P4)*...*(9)*

## Candidates from Southeast Demand Audit of All Votes



KABUL - Protesting Wolesi Jirga candidates from Paktia, Khost, Paktika and Logar provinces on Sunday held a meeting in Kabul and demanded a recount and scrutiny of votes cast in the Oct 20 elections. The Independent Election Commission (IEC) conducted the long-delayed elections to the Wolesi Jirga or lower house on October

20-21 in 32 provinces and a week later in southern Kandahar province. The IEC has announced initial results from 30 provinces but the results from Kabul, Baghlan, Paktia and Kuchi constituencies are still awaited. Mohammad Siddique Ahmad-khel, ...*(More on P4)*...*(10)*

## Lapis Lazuli 'an Alternative' to Pakistani Trade Routes



KABUL - The Ministry of Industry and Commerce said the Lapis Lazuli Corridor is a good alternative to the Karachi transit route to Europe. The ministry said that with the arrival of the Afghan goods to Turkey, the ministry will discuss with member states on a fundamental solution to the problems faced by Afghan investors. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce said that based on their

findings, the Lapis Lazuli Corridor is low in cost, safe and close compared with Karachi port for transit of Afghanistan's goods to Europe. According to the ministry, it takes less than 16 days for Afghanistan's goods to reach Europe through Lapis Lazuli route, while the same goods will take more than 20 days and with dozens of problems to reach to Europe through Karachi port. ...*(More on P4)*...*(11)*

### Amendment 1

The following modifications are made through this amendment to the bidding document for Supply and Installation of Video Conferencing Equipments for DAB Head Office Ref number DAB/97/FSRRP/ICB/G-26.

#### Section II - Bid Data Sheet

Clause	Existing	Modified to read as
ITB 18.1	The bid validity period shall be <b>120 days</b> after the deadline for bid submission. Accordingly, each bid shall be valid through <b>2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019</b>	The bid validity period shall be <b>120 days</b> after the deadline for bid submission. Accordingly, each bid shall be valid through <b>28<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>
ITB 19.1	The Bid Security validity shall remain valid for a period of 28 days beyond the validity period of Bids (i.e. <b>148 (120+28) days from bid submission deadline date or extended bid submission deadline date</b> ), if extended in accordance with ITB Clause 20.2.  Accordingly, the bid security for both lots shall be valid until <b>30<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>	The Bid Security validity shall remain valid for a period of 28 days beyond the validity period of Bids (i.e. <b>148 (120+28) days from bid submission deadline date or extended bid submission deadline date</b> ), if extended in accordance with ITB Clause 20.2.  Accordingly, the bid security for both lots shall be valid until <b>25<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>
ITB 22.1	The deadline for bid submission is:  <b>Date: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019</b>  <b>Time: 14:00hrs Kabul time</b>  <i>In case the specified deadline for bid submission is declared a holiday by the Government, the bids shall be submitted at the specified time on the next working day.</i>	<i>The deadline for bid submission is:</i>  <b>Date: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>  <b>Time: 14:00hrs Kabul time</b>  <i>In case the specified deadline for bid submission is declared a holiday by the Government, the bids shall be submitted at the specified time on the next working day.</i>
Note	All the other aspects of the Original Bid Document remain unchanged.	