

# Legitimacy of Power Based on Elections: Ghani

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MUNICH - Legitimacy in Afghanistan is now based on the elections, President Ashraf Ghani said Sunday. "Legitimacy in my country now comes from the ballot," Ghani said Sunday at the Munich Security Conference. Ghani stressed that the people of Afghanistan now want to have sustainable peace, enabling them and



their children to leave normal lives. "Peace in the world firmly anchored in our great civilization and commitment to progress," Ghani said. According to Ghani, the country's security has been beefed up. The president also urged to fight against the Islamic State, al-Qaeda and other extremists. (Agencies)

## UN Urged to Take Notice of Refugees' Harassment



KABUL - The Young Activists Network for Reform and Change (YANRC) on Sunday urged the UN and others international organizations to clarify their stance over the current harassment of Afghan refugees in Pakistan. The YANRC spokesman Sayyed Maisam Ihsan in a press conference said. "Recent reports have shown that the government of Pakistan has forced Afghan refugees to take part in militant activities in Afghanistan, otherwise they will face the harassment." He said Pakistani security officials has been arresting innocent... (More on P4)...(4)

## KP Police Won't Harass Afghan Refugees: Imran

KABUL - Pakistani politician Imran Khan has assured the Afghan Ambassador in Islamabad that police would no longer harass Afghan refugees in northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province. The assurance comes after the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) said thousands of Afghan families are fleeing Pakistan to escape harassment after a deadly Taliban attack on a school in Peshawar in December. Afghan Ambassador in Islamabad Janan Musazai held a meeting with Imran Khan and KP Chief Minister Parvaiz Khattak and discussed with... (More on P4)...(5)

## Provincial Councils Agree to IDLG's Plan

KABUL - Provincial Council leaders nationwide have accepted a draft plan by the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) to reconstitute their oversight powers when it comes to local governance and development.



In a meeting today with the leadership of the IDLG, Provincial Council representatives agreed to end their strike and reactivate themselves according to the final draft outlining their new oversight authorities. The IDLG has said that the draft will be completed on Sunday, at which point it will then be forwarded on to President Ashraf Ghani for approval and then on to Parliament. Although the details of the new stipulations remain unclear, the chairman of all 34 of Afghanistan's Provincial Councils endorsed the IDLG's course of action. "In the discussion that our leadership had with the chairmen of the Provincial... (More on P4)...(1)

## 89 Militants Killed within a Week: Official



KABUL - Afghan security forces have killed nearly 90 militants during series of crackdowns across the country over the past week, Interior Ministry Spokesman Sediqi said on Sunday. "A total of 89 terrorists have been killed and 90 others

captured during military operations over the past one week," Sediqi told reporters at a press briefing, Xinhua reported. The security forces including police have conducted 79 joint operations over the past week... (More on P4)...(6)

## Leadership of Previous IEC a Failure: Barmak

KABUL - An Independent Election Commission (IEC) commissioner warns that if the leadership of the commission is not replaced before the upcoming parliamentary elections the country will witness yet another non-transparent and difficult election. Sareer Ahmad Barmak, a commissioner at the IEC, added that the commission has sent a reformation draft to the president addressing that the main reason behind the failure of the presidential elections was the leadership within the IEC. "We were not the managers of the elections, we were observ-



ers," Barmak said. "We were taken advantage of; our trust was broken on the secretariat level, commission level, and provincial level. And when my trust and other commissioner's trust were taken advantage of they must be held accountable. And now when a failed leader starts something new, despite the unresolved crisis, the result will also be another crisis... (More on P4)...(7)

## MoE, UNFPA Present New Five-Year Plan



KABUL - The Afghan Ministry of Economy (MoE) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), on Sunday presented the new five-year plan of the organization to promote reproductive health, youth empowerment gender equality and the access and use of accurate data in the country. Through this new country programme, UNFPA will invest in Afghanistan \$82 million supporting the Afghan Government in the achievement of seven major objectives: improve the delivery of quality... (More on P4)...(2)

## Afghan People Has Been Really Pretty Special And Enormous: Hagel

By Lailuma Sadid

BRUSSELS - After NATO Ministerial meeting in Brussels US Defense Secretary, Chuck Hagel, said that we have two years in the glide slope out with our Resolute Support mission, as we, the United States and our Resolute Support mission partners, many of those are NATO partners, as we continue to train, advise, assist the Afghans,

especially in the area of institution building, which gets very little attention. Answering the question in press conference that how have you seen the situation in Afghanistan evolve? How do you assess the situation now? And where do you think is it going with new mission, like the Resolute... (More on P4)...(3)

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## Ghor Ranks First in Administrative Graft: Survey



FIROZKOH - A recent survey shows corruption has drastically increased in some government departments of western Ghor province. Conducted by a strategic planning team, the survey carried out in Firozkoh, the provincial capital, Lal wa Sarjantal, Dawlat Yar and Dolina districts took 45 days to complete. It ranks Ghor first in administrative corruption. Representatives from the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), civil society groups, provincial councils and local councils took part in the survey as part of the team. It found and placed on number one the court of

appeals, education, attorney's office, police, public health, municipality, justice and agriculture sectors in corruption. The survey found less corrupt and listed on number two position departments including Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Services Commission (IARCSC), Rural Rehabilitation and Development (RRD), the Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) and the Economy Department. Ranked third include Independent Election Commission (IEC), the Governor's Office, Directorate of Hari-road River Zone, Labour... (More on P4)...(8)