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UN Urges Reforms in Poll Panels

KABUL - The United Nations special representative for Afghanistan on Wednesday stressed for transparent parliamentary elections and urged the government to further reform the electoral panels. Nicholas Haysom, UN special representative for Afghanistan, told journalists in Kabul electoral reforms were part of the agreement among the unity government leaders. "We and the people of Afghanistan want elections free of rigging and fraud," he said, adding the UN was waiting for leaders to act upon their pledge.



The parliamentary elections are due a year from now and the UN representative said his organization was keen to cooperate with the Afghan government in conducting free and fair ballot. It has been five months since the unity government has been formed, but there has been no tangible progress in creating the reform commissions that agreed upon by the government leaders. Earlier, President Ashraf Ghani directed his 2nd Vice-President to work in consultation with election bodies, civil society members and political parties to identify essential areas ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

Displaced Families Want Early Repatriation



KUNDUZ - More than 2,000 families in northern Kunduz province displaced from heavy fighting demanded the government to ensure their immediate return with assistance to their homes. The families had been displaced since last three weeks after security forces launched clearing operations to purge Imam Saheb district of militants. Most of the families were shifted to Dasht Archi, Khwaja Ghar districts and Kunduz city. Mirza Abdul Rahi, a displaced person, told Pajhwok Afghan News he could manage to keep his eight ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

President Ghani Strongly Condemned Deadly Logar Attack



KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has strongly condemned the terrorist at the police headquarters of Logar Province which left at least 20 police officers martyred and a number of others wounded. President Ghani in a statement released by the presidential palace here in Kabul says that the enemy of Afghanistan is cannot stand in front ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

Herat Residents Protest Inflated Electricity Rates

KABUL - Dozens of residents including the religious leaders staged a protest in Herat city on Wednesday over what they claimed as skyrocketing electricity rates. The protestors claimed that the prices of electricity being imported from Iran had been increased by the Iranian government only by 20 percent, but ...*(More on P4)...*(9)

US Applauds Improving Kabul-Islamabad Ties

KABUL - Washington has lauded Islamabad's deepening security cooperation with Kabul, vowing support to the positive trajectory in relations between the neighbours. "We've long said that we welcome the prospect that we bring deepening cooperation between Afghanistan and Pakistan,"



spokesperson Jen Psaki told a daily press briefing on Wednesday. She was responding ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

Muslimyar Urges Govt. to Arrest Angiza's Killers



JALALABAD - Senate Chairman Fazl Hadi Muslimyar on Wednesday asked the government to investigate the bomb attack on Angiza Shinwari and arrest the perpetrators. Shinwari, a member of the ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

Public Order Police Yet to Get 5 Months Stipend

MAIMANA - Public order police officers in northwestern Faryab province on Wednesday warned to quit their jobs if their salaries were further delayed. Col. Gul Mohammad, unit commander of public order police, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the unit was deployed four years ago to the province for protection of a road construction company. The unit, he said was maintaining security of the Qaisar-Faryab road. He said that they did not ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

Presidential Office of Administrative Affairs Hears Athletes Protest

KABUL - The Presidential Office of Administrative Affairs advisors attended the protest staged by the national taekwondo athletes at Zarnigar Park in Kabul on Wednesday to discuss the



matter. Abdulrab Sultani, an advisor from the administrative affairs office, promised the athletes that he would submit the documents and demands of the athletes to ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

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