

Quote of the Day

Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime.
Aristotle

Constitution

During the state of emergency, the President, with the consultations of heads of the National Assembly, and Chief Justice can transfer some authorities of the National Assembly to the government.
Article 144

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Unconstitutional Decisions Unacceptable: Ghani

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Saturday warned unconstitutional steps were unacceptable and stressed every institution should avoid decisions contrary to the constitution.

He expressed this during separate meetings with different groups of people to discuss parliamentary elections and polls' reforms.

According to a statement from Presidential Palace, the participants of the meetings included representatives of women, media, civil society and political figures as well



as representatives of UNAMA. After hearing views of the representatives, Ghani said: "We will never allow any vacuum in the system of the government." He pledged

decisions would be made in accordance with the country's constitution and in light of national interests.

He urged participants to hold more meetings and share their final suggestions and views with the Presidential Palace.

According to article 83rd of the constitution, new members of Wolesi Jirga should start work on June 22. The article includes the election for the lower house should be held one or two months ahead before the period of current lawmakers expired. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Suffered Severe Setback This Year: MoD



KABUL - The Ministry of Defense (MoD) on Saturday said militants have accelerated anti-state activities this year but they faced a humiliating defeat after security forces conducted over 8,000 anti-insurgents operations in parts of the country.

Addressing a press conference, MoD operation director Maj. Gen. Mohammad Afzal Aman said security forces have passed hard phases but

inflicted heavy casualties on rebels during the first three months of the current year.

He said that 8,160 military operations had been launched this year to foil rebels' plots nationwide this year.

Militants continuously fought in four parts of the country that included Chaharsada district of Ghor province, some areas in Kunduz province, ... (More on P4)... (1)

WJ Again Asks Govt. to Specify Elections Date

KABUL - A number of lawmakers on Saturday stressed that the government should specify a date for parliamentary elections.

Based on article 83 of the constitution, parliamentary polls should have taken place by now, but the Independent Election Commission (IEC) cited lack of funds as a reason for postponing the democratic exercise.

Ramazan Bashardost, a lawmaker from Kabul, stressed the government should specify a date for elections soon. He said without a



date there was no legal basis for lower house of parliament to continue with its work beyond June

22-- a date that the incumbent parliament's term was getting over. "Without a date, ... (More on P4)... (2)

First Ramadan to be Observed from Thursday



KABUL - The holy month of Ramadan (fasting) will begin on Thursday, a known astrologist predicted. The month of Shaaban would be of 30 days while Ramadan moon would be sighted on Wednesday, Abdullah Kandahari told Pajhwok Afghan News. "The coming Thursday (June 18) will be the first day of the holy month of Ramadan," he added.

The astrologist went on to say that Eid would be observed on Friday (July 18). (Pajhwok)

'Talk Peace if You're Afghan and Recognise Afghanistan'



KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Friday urged religious scholars to highlight the importance of peace and play a proactive role in advancing the peace process.

The president held a meeting with members and head of the Afghanistan Ulema Council at the Presidential Palace, a statement from the palace said. At the meeting,

the president said ulema should highlight the importance of peace and help strengthen the peace process.

The Ulema Council issued a declaration at the meeting read out by its member Maulvi Attaullah Ludin, the statement said.

In the declaration, the council had urged all print and electronic media or ... (More on P4)... (5)

MoI Fully Prepared to Distribute Electronic National ID Cards: Ulomi

KABUL - The Minister of Interior Noor-ul-Haq Ulomi said Saturday that the Ministry of Interior Affairs is fully prepared to start distribution of electronic national identification cards during the current year - 1394.

While presenting the ministry's 100-D plans and strategies,



against the old version of national ID cards which are ... (More on P4)... (3)

Ulomi said the ministry has recruited professional employees for the distribution of the electronic national ID cards.

The Afghan nationals will receive electronic ID cards

MPs Express Grave Concern Over Insecurity

KABUL - Some Wolesi Jirga (WJ) members on Saturday expressed grave concern over boiling insecurity and warned that some districts might fall to insurgents if steps were not taken to bolster law and order.

Fawzia Kofi, a lawmaker from Badakhshan, said security had deteriorated in northeastern province. Taliban had been killing innocent people in Yamangan

which was captured by the group ten days back, Kofi added.

She warned more Badakhshan province might collapse if security forces did not launch operation to flush out rebels from the area.

Kofi said Taliban had been preparing for assault in Yamangan to capture more districts in the strategically important Badakhshan. ... (More on P4)... (4)

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