

Quote of the Day

Laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the general progress of the human mind.

Thomas Jefferson

Constitution

If the Presidential term of office, and or the legislative period expire during a state of emergency, the new elections shall be postponed, and the presidency, and the legislative period shall be extended for up to four months.

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Norway Hosts Afghan Officials, Taliban Talks

KABUL - A six member Afghan delegation will hold face-to-face meeting with Taliban in Oslo, the capital of Norway, a source privy to the development revealed on Monday.

A government official wishing not to be named told Pajhwok Afghan News that deputy foreign minister for political affairs Hikmat Khalil Karzai led the government delegation. The president tasked Khalil Karzai to talk directly about peace with Taliban, he added. Former vice president Yonus



Qanoni, deputy chief executive officer Mohammad Muhaqiq, former commerce minister Dr. Anwar-ul-Haq Ahadi, former minister of women affairs Hassan Bano

Ghazanfar and high peace council member Farhadullah Farhad are part of government team.

While Tayyab Agha and Hashmi represent Taliban in the crucial round of meeting. A source in Norway Embassy in Kabul confirmed the visit of Afghan delegation. The conference is being held every year where important political and non-political figures participate, the source said. The source said that former director of National Directorate of Security (NDS) Amrullah ...*(More on P4)...*(1)

UNAMA Helps Create Northern Network to Address Electoral Issues



KABUL - More than 100 people gathered in Mazar-e-Sharif, Balkh province this week to discuss electoral issues and form a new regional civil society network designed to address them. Participants at the event, facilitated by the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), established the regional network to connect civil society groups from five

northern provinces with government officials at the provincial, regional and capital levels. The meeting brought together provincial council members, academics, civil society representatives, human rights activists and journalists to identify the most effective ways civil society groups can contribute to electoral reform while encouraging ...*(More on P4)...*(2)

100 Etisalat Employees Voluntarily Donate Blood



KABUL - The second phase of Etisalat Blood Donation Campaign started on 15th June 2015 in the main office building of Etisalat Afghanistan to mark 14th June - the international blood donation day. After the evaluation of potential donors and testing for disease that can be transmitted by a blood transfusion and making sure that the donation is not hazardous to their health, more than 100 Etisalat employees voluntarily donated blood as an act of charity.

'We believe in working towards improving the quality of life of members of our communities through caring, sharing and inspiring individuals. Today, we donate blood to help those in need of blood transfusion and spread the message of peace and love.' said Salah Zerguerras, CEO of Etisalat Afghanistan. ...*(More on P4)...*(5)

Presence of Lawmakers Legal Until Parliamentary Elections Held: MPs

KABUL - MPs in the Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) on Monday reiterated their stance saying their continuation in Parliament does not need to be authorized by any one organization and was legal until parliamentary elections are held as they were authorized by the public to hold office in the first place.

This comes amid mounting concerns over the matter as their term effectively ends on June 22. But the MPs state they will stay on until parliamentary polls are held.



Hanidullah Tokhi, an MP from Zabul, said it is government's failure not the lawmakers' fault for the

absence of parliamentary polls. Qudratullah Zaki, an MP from Takhar, said ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

Australia to Invest \$50m on New Counter-IED Kit to ANSF

KABUL - The government of Australia will invest up to \$50 million on new kit for the Afghan national security forces to counter the threat of the deadly Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

Developed by the Australian defense scientists and defense companies, the new system is a low-cost version of sophisticated electronic countermeasures which jammed insurgent radio ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

Kabul Hosts First Ever Afghan-EU Joint Session on Human Rights

KABUL - The first ever joint session on human rights was held between Afghan officials and European Union (EU) representatives in Kabul on Monday.

Addressing delegates at the meeting, European Union Ambassador to Afghanistan, Francis Michael Milibon,



voiced his concerns over human rights violations in the country and said the country's judicial system needs to be reformed. ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

CMSJ Delay in Parliamentary Polls to Harm Democracy

KABUL - The Civil Movement for Social Justice (CMSJ) on Monday alleged the government planned to postpone parliamentary elections in order to cover up its expected future failures.

Some members of the Wolesi Jirga - or lower house of parliament - have urged the government to specify a date ...*(More on P4)...*(8)

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