

Quote of the Day

Reading maketh
a full man, conference
a ready man, and writing
an exact man.
Sir Francis Bacon

Constitution

After the end of the state of emergency,
the measures adopted on the basis of
Articles 144 and 145 of this Constitution
shall be considered invalid immediately.

Article 148

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WJ Extends its own Term Amid Criticism

KABUL - Wolesi Jirga or lower house of parliament on Saturday approved continuation of its work beyond 22 June, amid criticism by some lawmakers calling the extension as illegal. In line with constitution, the elections should have taken place by now, but has been postponed indefinitely by the Independent Election Commission (IEC), citing lack of funds. The Presidential Palace on Friday said in a statement the incumbent house could continue with its work until the results of the next elections were announced and new lawmakers introduced.



According to the statement, the decision was taken following technical and financial issues, the need for electoral reforms and existence of security threats. Abdul Rauf Ibrahim, lower house speaker, told a general session the presidential palace would specify the elections date in one month. Lawmaker Shukria Barezai said: "I have severe objections over president's statement. I wish the president had announced the elections date before this crisis." She said unless the new lawmakers were ... (More on P4)...(1)

UNHCR Warns of Dangerous New Era in Worldwide Displacement



KABUL - A UNHCR report released on Saturday that shows that worldwide displacement from wars, conflict, and persecution is at the highest levels and accelerating fast, a statement from the UN refugee agency said. UNHCR's new annual Global Trends report shows a sharp escalation in the number of people forced to flee their homes, with 59.5 million people forcibly displaced at the end of 2014 compared to 51.2 million a year earlier and 37.5 million a decade ago. The increase since 2013 was the highest ever seen in a single year. The main acceleration has ... (More on P4)...(2)

Afghan Refugees Registration to Start from July 25



KABUL - In a fresh decision by Pakistan, the registration of Afghan nationals living there without legal documents would start on July 25, Pakistani media reports Saturday. Waqar Maroof, acting commissioner for the commissionerate of Afghan Refugees, told Dawn.com around one million undocumented Afghans would be registered across the country. The national database and registration authority (Nadra) had been tasked with carrying out the exercise, which would be ... (More on P4)...(4)

Efforts on to Print Ballot Papers inside Country: Ghani



KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has said government is all ready to invest in domestic printing houses aimed at printing ballot papers inside the country. The meeting with officials of electoral panels held on Friday at Presidential Palace, a statement said. Officials of both electoral panels presented their suggestions regarding parliamentary and district council ... (More on P4)...(5)

Each Ministry to Have Reform Committee

KABUL - All ministries will have their own committees to bring about administrative reforms and prevent the civil service from being politicized. To the effect, the ministries of information and culture, rural development and telecommunication and information technology on Saturday inked separate agreements with the Independent Administrative Reforms and Civil Service Commission. Noor Mohammad Noor Zurmati, the commission official, told Pajhwok Afghan News the proposed



committees would comprise officials of the ministries concerned and the commission. The committees would evaluate all affairs of the ministries and on the basis of their assessment, provincial departments of the ministries concerned would present their plans, he said. Keeping in view those plans and their standard, the committees would recommend ... (More on P4)...(3)

Spiraling Insecurity Irks Lawmakers

KABUL - Some Wolesi Jirga (WJ) members on Saturday expressed grave concern over spiraling insecurity and warned districts would fall to insurgents if steps were not taken to ameliorate the situation. Safia Aymaq, a lawmaker from Badghis province, said Abkamri district had become a strong hold of Daesh, which had exemplary peace months back ... (More on P4)...(6)

Teachers' Strike Enters 20th Day

KABUL - The strike being observed by teachers in some schools of Kabul and other provinces has entered 20th day, wasting precious times of students. The teachers of some schools in Kabul and 20 other provinces went on strike, asking for salary increment, residential plots and accusing President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani of not delivering his promises to teachers. Safiullah, a 9th grade student at Isteqlal High School, ... (More on P4)...(7)

Af-Pak Border Regions Remain Terrorists' Safe Haven: US

WASHINGTON - The border region of Afghanistan and Pakistan is an under-governed area which hosts terrorist cells active in both countries, the US said here Friday in its annual report on terrorism. In its report to the Congress, the State Department said Afghanistan has struggled to assert control over this remote terrain where the popu-



lation is largely detached from national institutions. Afghanistan generally cooperates with US counterterrorism efforts. Since President Ashraf Ghani's election, he has actively pursued cross-border security cooperation with the Pakistan, including the prospect of joint operations to reduce safe havens on both sides ... (More on P4)...(8)

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