Lawmakers Seek End to Culture of Acting Officials

KABUL - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) on Saturday asked the government to introduce nominees for the vacant Cabinet portfolios as soon as possible, demanding an end to the “culture of acting officials”. The Cabinet seats fell vacant on November 2 when the lower house summoned 16 ministers from Kabul, told today’s session that acting officials were just passing their time and did nothing incompetent administration prevailed in offices run by acting officials, a problem the government should resolve forthwith, she demanded. Semin.

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“Our discussions between governments and international organizations including UNAMA are ongoing in order to encourage them to convince donor countries to finalize a budget for the HPC,” he added. The IEC said two proposals have been submitted to government. One is on the issue of funding of the budget and the second is on the constituency issue. The constituency proposal is aimed at breaking up some provincial constituencies into smaller ones. For example the plan is to....(More on P4)

Quote of the Day

Arthur Schopenhauer

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