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**SCo Supports Efforts to Launch Intra-Afghan Political Dialogue**

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We support the efforts of Afghanistan’s National Unity Government as well as of the international community aimed at launch of the intra-Afghan political dialogue and further reforms in order to transform the country into a stable state,” Abdrakhmanov said at an SCO ministerial meeting in Astana. He added that the activities of the SCO Afghanistan ConTokhem (Afghanistan) Con.Cont: (More on P4)...(9)
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**IEC Accused of Ignoring Complaints Commission’s Suggestions**

KABUL - A number of election monitoring organizations on Friday accused government and the Independent Election Commission (IEC) of failing to take suggestions about the electoral process made by the Electoral Reform Commission. The suggestions were sent by the Electoral Reform Commission to the IEC after a three-month working period.

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A section of the suggestions has not been consid- ered in the legislative decree and another part has not been implemented by the IEC,” Rahmatullah Safi, a member of Four and First Electoral Foundation of Afghanistan said... (More on P4)...(11)
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In 2016, over 225,000 unregistered Afghan refugees returned from Pakistan. The number of people returning fell between December 2016 and March 2017, with less than 350 unregistered Afghans on average returning each day. However, since the end of March, the num- bers have increased sharply. Unregistered Afghan refugees are now again returning to Pakistan from in- creasingly high numbers. (Monitoring Desk)
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**Alternatives to the Role of Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan**

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**RARE INITIATIVE UNDERWAY TO PROTECT TENSION-FREE PAKISTAN-AFGHAN TIES**

ILAMABAD - Members of parliament from Pakistan and Afghanistan are sched- uled to hold a rare official dialogue nest week in Kabul to find ways to promote tension-free ties between the two countries.

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Officials on both sides Thursday told VOA that Pakistan lawmakers are travel- ing to the Afghan capital on April 29 for the “open ended substantial discussion.”
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**Ghani Inaugurates Phase 3 of Kamal Khan Dam**

ZARANJ - President Ashraf Ghani arrived in southwest- ern Nimroz province on Thursday to inaugurate the third phase of work on Kamal Khan dam, an official said.

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Ahmed Agha, the governor’s spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the president arrived at the head of a high- level delegation in Zarang the provincial capital, early this morning. He said the president kicked off work on the third phase of the dam project. The dam is located on Helmand River, about 75 kilometres from Zaranj. When completed, the dam will have the capacity to generate eight megawatts of power besides irrigating more than 30,000 hectares of land.
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