The law also defined the duties and responsibilities of election commissions in the country. The President had previously said that the third legislative decree would be implemented without being referred to the parliament on the basis of legal advice from the Independent Commission for Overseeing the Implementation of Constitution (ICOIC).

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Cabinet Holds Deep Discussion over Election Reforms Strategy

KABUL - The cabinet on Saturday held deep discussion over the reformation of election law and decided to review the law again and present the reformed version in the next cabinet meeting, a statement from the Presidential Palace said.

The meeting was chaired by President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani before noon in the palace when second Vice-President Mohammad Sarwar Danish and head of the election law scrutiny and evaluation committee presented the reformulation strategy to the president. According to the statement the reform version of the election law was comprised of 16 chapters and 109 articles that involved the conduct of free, fair, direct, secret and general elections on different levels in the country.

The meeting was attended by the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Chief Executive Officer, CEO, the ministers of interior, defence, information, foreign affairs and other high-ranking officials.

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KARL - The United Nations has called for increased international partnerships to address the root causes of humanitarian needs, reduce conflict, vulnerability and promote reconciliation after the promulgation of the Helsinki Humanitarian Day in Kabul on Saturday.

CIVIL SOCIETY institutions in the country have called to the heart of conflict that has grown in intensity and geographic scope, affecting the lives of at least 6.5 million Afghans, a joint statement from the world body and OIC.

More than 210 Afghan millions have been internally displaced by conflict in 2016 alone and 3.5 million people a day; the continued war and displacement continue to fuel humanitarian emergencies, stressed another country's basic services.

Afghanistan has the world’s second highest mortality rate for children under five and almost 3 million people are affected by malnutrition. The deteriorating security situation severely hampers the delivery of health services and the displaced people are highly vulnerable to both diseases and malnutrition.

The Ministry of Health, Community and Humanitarian Partnership with the Middle East Cooperation Center has called for a UN Humanitarian Conference in Washington that day said: ‘Nearly a third of the people of Afghanistan are in need of humanitarian aid and this continues year after year’. It is critical, the UN says, to resume humanitarian partnerships that can support and generate the income of the poor immediately and in longer-term needs.

A 2016 midyear UN report recorded a total number of 3.56 million civilian casualties, the largest since 2001. One third of the casualties were children; this year, the number of civilian casualties since 2009 amounted to 2,500.

Ambassador Yousuf Yousef, assistant secretary-general of OIC for humanitarian affairs, said: ‘It is evident to us that much more effort is needed to address the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan, which will continue to endanger the lives of our colleagues and intensify efforts to address the escalating conflict’.

We also hope to be able to benefit from this mission in Afghanistan.

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Karzai made the remarks while speaking to a group of Indian researchers in New Delhi during his visit to the country.

“India should be a lot bolder. If they want to be more of an effort to help Afghanistan’s defense capabilities,” he said in a report by The Indian Express.

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The statement stressed that India should also be a lot bolder in meeting the new security needs by India’s upcoming election. India wants India to take bold steps and put pressure behind, to bolster Afghanistan’s defense capabilities,” he said.

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