They also emphasised the importance of holding and backed the government’s efforts to that end. The Security Council members renewed support for an ultimate political settlement. Preconditions and without the threat of violence to the Taliban to engage in direct peace talks without any announcement by the Afghan government of a ceasefire.

KABUL - The UNSC members welcomed the announcement by the Afghan government of a second conditional ceasefire with the insurgent movement. In a statement, they reiterated their call upon the relevant actors to address outstanding electoral issues without delay and condemned any attempts to impede the work of the electoral institutions to hold timely and credible parliamentary polls. (Pajhwok)