Government Afraid of Transparent Elections: Manawi


KABUL - Former Independent Election Commission chief Fazl Ahmad Manawi on Friday claimed the government had no intention to hold parliamentary elections and was afraid of fair vote. Speaking at a gathering of the Afghanistan Salvation Alliance here, Manawi, a former judge, said the government had not yet reached the conclusion whether it could hold the next year's elections or not. He said the government was afraid of a strong parliament and thus trying to repeat the 2015 elections.

"The international community wants elections to become a reality here, but if the government insists they will hold a parliament in six months, it will be better to cancel the elections," Manawi said. The incumbent IEC members were not independent and they were weak compared to their predecessors because they were insulated and their chief removed illegally. Similarly, the former IEC chief said the government had no intention to bring peace and the Taliban were also not willing to reconcile with the government. Other speakers also criticized the government performance.

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