New York - UN Secretary General António Guterres on Monday submitted his report on Afghanistan to the UN Security Council in which he provided an update on the activities of the United Nations in Afghanistan, including political, humanitarian, development and human rights efforts, since the issuance of the previous report, on September 10 this year.

According to the report, parliamentary elections were held as scheduled on October 20. In response to long delays and widespread operational difficulties, the Independent Election Commission (IEC) extended voting in some polling centres for an additional day.

Violence peaked on election day, causing the highest number of civilian casualties in any single day in 2018. In Kandahar province, elections were delayed for one week following the death of two high-ranking security officials in a Taliban attack.

Controversy over the use of biometric voter verification dominated both the pre-election and post-election phases, as the electoral management bodies and political parties debated whether to count ballots cast without the use of the technology.

The report states that the political leaders began negotiations to form tickets for the presidential elections, scheduled for April 20, 2019. The appointment of Zalmay Khalilzad as the US Special Representative on Afghanistan Reconciliation reflected renegotiated peace efforts.


**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

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