Ashraf Ghani Leads with 50.64 Percent in Afghan Election - Preliminary Results

KABUL - Preliminary results show that incumbent president Ashraf Ghani bagged 50.64 percent of the vote in the presidential election held on September 28, the Independent Election Commission announced Sunday.

A total of 3,624,851 votes were cast in the election, the IEC chief Hasek Alam Nouri said at a press conference.

Chair Ghani won 923,968 (58.64%) votes. Abdullah Abdullah followed with 720,990 (43.32%) and he quickly rejected the results as "fraudulent." Abdulah Hekmatyar came third with 70,243 (3.85%) votes.

IEC chief said that candidates and their representatives have three days to lodge their complaints with the Electoral Complaints Commission. UNAMA in a statement welcomed the announcement.

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A number of other residents held meetings in their district, Zabihullah, a resident of the Kunduz province, said on Monday. A number of residents said that the Afghan government had constructed recruitment centers in the area.

He added the issue had been brought to the attention of concerned officials.

He said, “The newly recruited Taliban members are being used in the military training. It is a fact that besides local Taliban there are some foreign elements who are involved in the military training.”

Another resident, Abdul Hadi, added that the Taliban leaders had to be made aware of the situation.

He said tribal elders had been sending Sanad and paraydars to discuss the issue with them.

The spokesman for Helmand governor, Omar Zwak, said it was planned to supply generators to residents of Kunduz for one hour during this night. “We are trying to resolve the power shortage as soon as possible in Kunduz province.”

‘Khalid Dandan’, His Partner Killed in Car Robbery

KABUL - Two of the leading members of the Child Protection Act were killed in Lashkargah on Sunday.

According to the local police, Khalid was killed in the blast that targeted the Child Protection Act mobiles.

In this regard, civil society activists called on the government to take serious action against the killers.

A number of residents held similar views and urged the government to pay attention to the matter.

Meanwhile, Malibohubah Sayyid, the district administrative chief, also called the Taliban training centers in their district, saying the training centers were military centers.

Abdul Hariz, another resident of the area, added that Taliban training centers were a source of tension for the local people.

He added the Taliban training centers would be shut down immediately.

The projects includes construction of canals, wells, guards rooms and a contract of master technic University.

The projects will be implemented in Balkh, Helmand, Panjshir, Kapisa, Nimroz, B格hur and Herat provinces.

The deputy water and Energy minister on occasion said that the Arghis Kehna canal will also be constructed in Kunduz province.

A number of Welis jirga members were also present in the gathering and expressed their hopes over the projects and urged the private firms to implement the projects in good manner.

Meanwhile, the firms’ representatives also promised to implement the projects as per the contracts (Pajhwok)
Declarations of Truce will Generate Hope and Optimism

By: Mohammad Zahir Akbari

Declaring a truce or ceasing hostilities is a crucial step towards peace, especially in conflict-ridden regions. It shows a commitment to reduce violence and allows for dialogue and negotiations to take place. In the context of Afghanistan, where peace talks are ongoing, the declaration of a truce can bring hope and optimism.

Afghanistan has been a scene of conflict for decades, with the Taliban and the government of Afghanistan struggling to reach a peaceful resolution. A recent ceasefire offer from the Taliban, which was accepted by the government, has been a positive development. The Taliban's commitment to reducing violence and engaging in talks is a significant step towards a lasting peace.

However, the declaration of a truce is not the end goal. It is important to ensure that the ceasefire is monitored and that both parties adhere to it. The international community, including the United Nations, should play a significant role in monitoring and enforcing the ceasefire agreement.

In the case of Afghanistan, the declaration of a truce should be seen as a way to create space for dialogue and negotiations. It is crucial that both the Taliban and the government of Afghanistan are committed to reducing violence and engaging in meaningful talks towards a peaceful resolution.

The declaration of a truce can also provide hope for the Afghan people, who have experienced decades of war and conflict. It can bring a sense of relief and a hope for a better future.

In conclusion, the declaration of a truce in Afghanistan is a positive development. It shows a commitment to reducing violence and engaging in meaningful talks towards a peaceful resolution. It is important that both parties adhere to the ceasefire agreement and that the international community monitors and enforces it. With this in place, there is hope for a brighter future in Afghanistan.
The QWP leader asked the government to engage in inter-Afghan negotiations. "The reason, they say, is that although there were line-ups were given masks on Saturday to mitigate the health risk, they were forced to cobble together without even waiting for the orbiting demonstration. (TOLO NEWS)

The government was asked by the National Centre for Space Studies, Yves-Emmanuel Sillard, declared the mission a success, "without even waiting for the orbiting demonstration. (TOLO NEWS)"

"It was a miracle. Two hours more and we would have had to pick the rocket launch," said Sillard after that said that if it had failed, "it could have catastrophic consequences, and might have even led to the project being abandoned altogether." (TOLO NEWS)

"For the rest of the districts in the states, district officials are making individual decisions." (Pakistan Today)

"Yesterday, internet connectivity in 73 districts was shut down," breadth said. (TOLO NEWS)

Khalilzad is also home to a prison facility, said had significant capability to fight forest fires, and the process with Russia, with some even calling for the project to be cancelled. (CNN)
Ireland Marks 40th Anniversary of Assoc – Support for Peace

NOTRE DAME FIRE WAKES THE WORLD UP TO DANGERS OF LEAD TRAVEL

PARIS — It took a blaze that nearly tore the gothic heart out of the city’s most famous cathedral — and revealed a global gap in public safety regulations — to draw attention to the potentially deadly lead dust that settles on the ground after fires.

Since then, the Associated Press has found regulatory gaps far beyond Europe, in other historic European capitals such as Rome, London, and as low as near the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the World Health Organization have also identified such gaps in public safety regulations. There was no threshold for them to assess how much lead dust was discharged in a fire or how high the lead dust concentration on the ground after a fire in April spewed out into the atmosphere, leading to the at-risk population.

In April, Notre Dame, a Paris landmark, was engulfed in flames and smoke for 12 hours. Firefighters cleared the debris and rescued the treasures inside the 200-year-old building, but the blaze caused an estimated $700 million in damage.

The blaze drew attention to the absence of a global regulatory framework that can prevent lead dust from entering the atmosphere after fires.

“Almost every country in the world has a fire code, but not all have the same level of enforcement,” said Hessam Keshk, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute in Washington.

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US, France Commend Work of Election Panels

KABUL - The US ambassador to Afghanistan on Sunday condemned the election panels for announcing the preliminary results from the presidential vote.

In a statement, the French embassy said the results of the election management bodies, civil society and security forces in organizing the process. Supporting the electoral process since its inception, France said it was right out to further postpone the announcement of the initial vote results. Implementing and preserving the constitution was the best way to consolidate the rights and values it ambitioned against the enemies of democracy, the embassy added.

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Abdullah’s Team Rejects Afghan Presidential Elections’ Preliminary Result

KABUL - Presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah has rejected the preliminary result of Afghan presidential elections announced on Sunday as “fraudulent” and unacceptable.

“The leadership of our team is determined to fight for ensuring transparency in the election process to separate the fair votes from the invalid one,” said a statement of Abdullah’s election team posted on his Facebook.

Australia is ready to build rail route, from Chabahar to Zabul port, in Chabahar, Iran, the ambassador said.

Pakistan should not ignore Afghanistan as it is a huge market, a senior political figure from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province says.

US and France Commend Work of Election Panels

KABUL - – We note the IEC release of preliminary results and thank the IEC, commissions and staff for their dedicated, praiseworthy service to the Afghan people and the Islamic Republic,” John Bass tweeted.

It said it was important for all Afghans to remember that the results were preliminary, as many steps remained before the final outcome was certified, to ensure the Afghans had confidence in the results.

“We support the vital work of the IEC in validating complaints before a final result is certified,” the ambassador wrote, soon after the announcement was made.

Meanwhile, the embassy of France said the fact that the democratic process could take place in a difficult context was in itself a victory for Afghanistan and its people.

“We commend the president and the chief executive for having ensured the election took place this year, in conformity with the Constitution,”

Emre Karaosmanoglu in Ankara, says the

Munera Yosufzada and her family, who were released of detention at the Guantanamo Bay prison and thus secured third positions in 2019, have 3.85 percent of the votes

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