**WJ Confirms Five Members of ICOIC**

KABUL - Five members of the Independent Commission for Overseeing the Implementation of Constitution (ICOIC) and a member of the High Council of the Supreme Court that introduced to Wolesi Jirga (WJ) by second vice president, Sarwar Danish a month ago have been confirmed by Parliament members on Monday.

Ghaiz Haris with 132 votes of confidence and 40 negative votes, Abdullah Shirzay with 125 votes of confidence and 47 negative votes, Muhammad Arif Hafiz with 131 votes of confidence and 46 negative votes Sayed Abobakr Mutaqi with 126 votes of confidence and 43 negative votes, Abdul Raouf Harawi with 128 votes of confidence and 26 negative votes, Hasib Ahadi with 149 votes of confidence and 26 negative votes, and Istanikzai, Logar representative in Wolesi Jirga claimed that Logar police commander involves in illegal extraction of mines in this province.

Illegal extraction and mines grabbing are still ongoing in Logar and the province’s security institutions involve in it,” he said. Afghan president, Logar representative in the Wolesi Jirga. But Logar police commander said that they have prevented those who involve in illegal extractions of mines.

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**China Welcomes Afghanistan, Pakistan’s Efforts to Improve Ties**

BEIJING - China welcomes efforts by neighbors Pakistan and Afghanistan in improving ties, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lu Kang said Monday in Beijing.

Lu’s comment came after the two countries agreed that the first round of dialogue between Afghanistan, Pakistan, the United States and China will be held in January to lay out a comprehensive roadmap for peace, as Afghan President Ashraf Ghani met with Pakistan’s Army Chief General Raheel Sharif on Sunday in Kabul.

“This is conducive to restarting the reconciliation process in Afghanistan and will contribute to Afghanistan’s peace and reintegration.” Lu said, adding that China is open to any proposal that contribute to Afghanistan’s peace and reintegration. He also said that China backs the “Afghan-led, Afghan-owned” reconciliation process and (More on P4)(5)

**MPs Complaint over Illegal Extraction of Mines**

KABUL - A number of Wolesi Jirga (lower house of the parliament) Members on Monday complaint over illegal extraction of chromite mines in Logar province.

Logar representatives in Wolesi Jirga claimed that Logar police commander involves in illegal extraction of mines in this province.

Illegal extraction and minerals are still ongoing in Logar and the province’s security institutions involve in it,” said Adbur Rahman, Logar representative in the Wolesi Jirga.

But Logar police commander said that they have prevented those who involve in illegal extraction of mines. “We have prevented those powerful who involved in illegal extraction of chrome mines and we will not allow this.” (More on P4)(6)

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Etidisat Completes Second Global High Potential Program

KABUL - As part of Etisalat commitment to partnering in development of Afghanistan, the company announced on Monday the completion of its second global High Potential Program (HiPO) and the selection of two of its employees, trained under HiPO program, as the new board of directors for Afghanistan’s Telecom Regulatory Authority (ATRA).

The second global HiPO program started in early 2014 aiming at training a sustainable leadership pipeline for future growth of the company and the societies where Etisalat operates. The assessment for participation in the second program was conducted. (More on P4)(6)

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