Women Under-Represented in Unity Govt: Watchdog

KARUL - The Transparent Elec- tion Foundation of Afghanistan (TEFA) on Thursday criticized the government for giving women fewer representation in its structure. TEFA chief Naeem Ahsbanda told a gathering, “women’s par- ticipation in future elections” in Kabul that Afghan women had widely participated in the pres- ent elections but the govern- ment “egregiously paid less attention to the new government’s forma- tion.”

More than seven million people, including 30 percent of those women, exercised their right to re-elect the April 5 election. The number should have a sig- nificant representation in the government given their active role in political and democratic arenas,” Ahsbanda said. He said the gender should be given leadership roles and a say in making... (Move on Fp1.10)

2 Soldiers Sentenced to 10 Years in Jail
KANDAHAR CITY - A pri- vate court on Thursday sentenced two Afghan Na- tional Army soldiers to 10 years in prison in an attempted obstruction case in southern Kandahar province. The attorney told the court that the ANA service members had attempted... (Move on Fp1.10)

Peshawar Killings Provoke Crackdown on Afghans
KARACHI - Thousands of Afghans in Pakistan have been arrested or moved from their homes in recent years as the war in Afghanistan’s Kill- ing of over 100 schoolchil- dren in the city of Peshawar. The Afghan government, the majority of whom are not registered refugees, have been targeted in a government crackdown announced immediately after the killings. Responsibility for the Peshawar Killings - in which... (Move on Fp1.10)

15 Women Committed Suicide in 3 Years: Official
NIELI - The Afghanistan In- dependent Human Rights Com- mission (AHRC) on Thursday launched a suicide prevention campaign in cen- tral Danduzi province amid reports that 15 women in the province committed suicide during the last three years, of- ficials said. According to AHRC, at least 123 females attempted to commit suicide in the last three years but 15 of them lost their lives. Another 47 had attempted suicide this year alone, the commission said. The... (Move on Fp2.13)

President Appoints His New Chief Spokesman
KARUL - President Ashraf Ghani has appointed Aqel Obaid Alibi, a senior member of his campaign team, as his new chief spokesman, replacing Shafikaullah Sebzwai. The president’s Facebook page said Alibi, the founder of ARIA TV, had played a key role in Ghani’s election campaign as a special advisor and strategist. Alibi had also worked with the United States Agency for Interna- tional... (Move on Fp2.13)

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