Ghani Sets Up Commission to Arrange Swearing-In Ceremony

KABUL - Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has set up a commission to arrange a ceremony for him to take oath of office for second term.

In an order issued on Saturday, the president has tasked the commission to finish preparations within the next few days.

After months of delay, the Independent Election Commission last week announced the final results of 2019 election saying the incumbent president had won the vote.

Ghani’s main challenger Abdullah Abdullah, however, rejected the results and vowed to form his own government.

Abdullah’s side has been introducing its governors in provinces.

On Sunday, Abdullah’s team introduced Abdulhai Hayat as its governor for northern Jowzjan province in a ceremony in the office of Junbush-i-Milli political party led by Abdul Rashid Dostum.

Security forces, however, barred him from entering the provincial governor’s office. (TOLO NEWS)

A Conditions-Based Reduction in Violence Is a Win for Afghanistan: Miller

KABUL - The NATO forces commander in Afghanistan, General Scott Miller said that the Afghan and foreign forces uphold commitments to US-Taliban “reduction in violence” agreement.

Miller at a press briefing with Afghan top security officials Acting Defense Minister Assadullah Khalid and Acting Interior Minister Masoom Andarabi at NATO’s headquarters in Kabul said that today was the first test day of the week-long reduction in violence agreement. “Very clearly, this is a conditional effort…we are very committed and very serious about our obligations.”

“Personally, on behalf of Resolute Support, we are very committed, very serious about our obligations and we expect all sides - to include Taliban - to be very serious about the obligations as well,” said Miller.

“A conditions-based reduction in violence is a win for Afghanistan. The Taliban must fulfill their commitments,” said Miller “It is up to the Taliban to move the ball forward toward peace.”

Meanwhile, Assadullah Khalid said that there are concerns regarding the possible disruptions by internal and foreign elements.

“We are committed to a comprehensive ceasefire. According to the President’s orders, we have paused all offensive operations against the Taliban. We are concerned that there are some groups inside Afghanistan…” (More on P4…(1)
Telecommunication services have on credit card tax says that revenue in nearly four years, Pajhwok Afghan News has revealed. The government has declared victory and vowed to form a parallel and inclusive government. A gathering here, one elder was satisfied with the government's statement.

KABUL - The government has collected over $170 million extra from mobile phone users after imposing a 10 percent revenue on mobile phone credit cards in many provinces. Pajhwok Afghan News has learned from experts that 10 percent on mobile phone credit cards was imposed in Afghanistan's capital Kabul last December by the Afghan government. The Afghan security forces deal with a different threat since the beginning of the year. Every individual will automatically pay tax on telecom (telecommunication services) including fixed telephone services, telephone services Mobile (Mobile) Domestic Roaming Services, International Domestic Roaming Services and Rental of Communication Services. Every individual will automatically make tax in the name of the government (a "telecommunications tax") when he/she adds 100 afghans (currency of credit card in his/her SIM card. After imposition of the 10 percent extra-credit card in his/her SIM card.

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Kabul Residents Call on Security Forces to Crackdown on Crime

Afghan Forces Convoy Attacked in Kandahar

PUL-E-KHUMRI - Tribal elders in northern Baghlan province on Sunday voiced concern to Dr. Abdullah's statement on the creation of a parallel government. In support to tribal elders called the statement an anathema to the constitution and democratic principles. Last week, the Independent Election Commission unveiled the final results from the September 2019 presidential polls after delays due to rigging claims.

The commission has declared that Ashraf Ghani won the presidential election with 51.63 percent of the vote. Abdullah Khan, who finished second with 39.52 percent, contested the result, de- claring victory and vowed to form a parallel and inclusive government.
Coronavirus: the Most Dangerous Disease in Last 20 Centuries

The Coronavirus seems to be one of the deadliest diseases in twenty-first century. Though the modern world is equipped with advanced technologies, it has failed to mitigate the spread of the virus to more than 200 countries in four continents of the world. Since the emergence of the virus, over 5,000,000 people have been infected and 100,000 deaths have been recorded worldwide. Several people are still under quarantine in many countries in the world. The situation is dire and the government and health officials have to decide their next move to mitigate the spread of the disease.

Causes of Violence Against Women

Afghan women have always been the victims of domestic violence in different ways. Women are required to be docile and obedient in the family. They are required to be able to work hard along with having beauty and charity while being married. Most of the women observed only women and men are above all such considerations. Moreover, after marriage, women are asked to compromise with men in every situation that he requires. They are required to sacrifice their entire lives for the benefit and happiness of their husbands and families.

The situation has given rise to a very sort of discrimination and violence against women. The unjust and ill-treatment of women in our society has given rise to even greater troubles for them in life. The whole social structure and behavior are designed in such a way that supports discrimination and deception on them. The government has to take any sort of action to tolerate all these without even raising their voices. The Afghan officials violate the rights of women in Afghanistan which are not stopped even through the governments have been established.

The situation is very hard for Afghanistan as the country has not been stopped though there have been considerable developments in different fields of life, there is still margin of considerable development regarding the emancipation of women. Torturing, beating and discrimination unfortunately is quite a reality in Afghanistan society. It is not unusual in Afghan society to arrange the marriages of the girls before they are mature and in most of the cases by the time they are ten years old and they really do not understand the dynamics of marriage and are sandwiched in the complication of the different aspect of life. The system in Afghanistan is that the girls after marriage are basically not allowed to carry over any one responsibility. It is very difficult for them to utilize the way they please – in most of the cases they are no choice.

There is no doubt that the social and economic conditions in Afghanistan are very bad. On the other hand, the Afghan women’s rights are also a dominant factor. No matter on the occasion the women have no choice to put up with the much more complications; rather they are chosen made by the people - though voluntarily.

The situation prevailing around it is really difficult to fulfill the domestic violence of women. The situation may be different due to the discrimination and violence against women. By the present situation, it is very obvious to the fact that the situation might go worse when the society goes through any type of crisis and disaster. The instability and disorder, though influence all the strata of Afghan society, are more in the case of women; therefore, the most and unfortunately women form one of the same strata. They have not been able to express their voices in different ways and in different different ways. The same can be observed in our country Afghanistan as the women have not been able to express their voices in any large extent and today, when there has been some sort of development in different fields of life, there is still margin of considerable development regarding the emancipation of women.

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Tensions Rise in Syria After Turkish Soldier Killed in Idlib

ANKARA - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has threatened to launch a ground offensive into Syria, re-igniting a conflict in the region. Erdogan has accused the Syrian government of allowing Kurdish forces to advance into Turkish-controlled areas.

South Sudan's Rival Leaders Form Coalition Government

JUBA - Rival leaders in South Sudan have formed a transitional coalition government, in an attempt to end years of deadly conflict that has killed almost 400,000 people and forced millions from their homes. The government includes Prime Minister overhead 100 members of the Security Council.

Three Things We Learned from France’s Win Over Wales

PARIS - France carried off their sixth Nations tournament, after a 23-20 victory over Wales on Saturday, to reclaim their Grand Slam crown. France now play Scotland away in their final match on Saturday. France’s win over Wales was their seventh consecutive win over the Welsh, and their 14th in 16 meetings.

Silver Wins Big in Nevada, Stretching Lead in Democratic Race

Sanders’ win in Nevada, the third Democratic primary state, is a major blow to his political rivals. Sanders is now leading in the delegate count and is poised to win the party’s nomination.

Canary Islands Hit by African Dust Storm

GRAN CANARIA - Spain’s airport operator AENA has suspended all flights in and out of Gran Canaria and Lanzarote islands due to large amounts of African dust reaching the islands.

Novel Coronavirus Contained in Australia: Health Minister

CANNBERA - The Australian government has relaxed its coronavirus travel ban to allow some students and workers from the country to travel to the country after Minister for Health Greg Hunt said COVID-19 has been contained in Australia. As a result, Chinese students enrolled in Australian secondary schools - excluding those from Hong Kong - are now able to apply for an exemption to travel restrictions and travel to one of Australia’s 19 quarantine-free, “safe-to-return” categories.

Nine Dead in Turkey After Quake Hits Rural Iran

After three years of negotiations and international efforts, the border between the United States and Mexico is now open again.

South Korea on Virus High Alert, Italy and Iran Take Drastic Steps

SEOUL - South Korea was on high alert Sunday after a sharp jump in coronavirus cases, as Italy and Iran took their own drastic containment measures, including lockdowns and mandatory quarantine for a period of 14 days. Italy had 2,345 new cases, making it the country with more than 200 countries, and South Korea is raising the nation's alert to its highest level, President Moon Jae-in said Sunday after the number of infections nearly tripled overnight to 620.

India’s Online Plumbers Scramble to Give Trump a Mega-Rally

AHMEDABAD, India - The sun-baked city of Ahmedabad was pulsing with activity Sunday as workers cleared roads, planted flowers and hoisted hundreds of billboards featuring President Donald Trump, a day ahead of his maiden two-day visit to India after Prime Minister Narendra Modi promised him a befitting public welcome. Hundreds of thousands of people in the northeastern city are expected to hold an exuberant rally on Monday for a road leading to a massive stage at what has been treated as the world's largest cricket stadium. Trump’s motorcade will travel around the city in a battery of carefully planned and vetted Modi loyalists and workers from his Bharatiya Janata Party who will stand for hours alongside the nearly 240,000-seat stadium.

Neighbour News

Iran’s Enemies Tried to Use Coronavirus to Impact Vote: Khamenei

TEHRAN - Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei has said that the coronavirus could have been used by “enemies” to influence the upcoming presidential election in Iran, though he dismissed their claims as baseless.

Novel Coronavirus in India: 268 Deaths, 10,530 New Cases

New Delhi: India’s confirmed case count rose to 4,58,918 including 268 deaths and 10,530 new cases, the health ministry said on Saturday.

Indian Muslims Call for a ‘Day of Prayer’ to Fight COVID-19

MUSLIM Comm research is suggesting that the coronavirus is particularly harmful to the Muslim community.

Chinese embassy in Iran warns against travel to the country after news of the virus outbreak in China.

Japanese authorities state that the virus is under control in Japan, though they admitted that the situation is still serious.

South Korea says that the coronavirus is under control in South Korea, though they admitted that the country is facing a record-high number of cases.

South Korea declares a state of emergency in the greater Seoul area.

India’s religious leaders urge people to stay home and avoid social gatherings.

The Indian government has announced a nationwide lockdown to prevent the spread of the virus.

India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the nation on television, asking people to stay home and follow strict guidelines.

India’s President Ram Nath Kovind issues a statement, urging people to stay home and follow the guidelines of health experts.

India’s armed forces announce a strict quarantine for all personnel deployed in areas affected by the virus.

India’s Supreme Court orders the government to ensure that essential services continue.

Indian Railways launches a special train service to transport medical equipment and personnel.

India’s aviation ministry issues guidelines for air travel during the lockdown.

India’s state governments initiate strict lockdown measures in their states.

India’s banks announce a three-month moratorium on loan repayments to reduce the financial burden on people.

India’s mobile network operators offer free data to support online learning and work from home.

India’s wildlife ministry issues guidelines for reopening national parks.

India’s health ministry updates the number of confirmed cases, recoveries, and fatalities.

India’s Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launches a campaign to raise awareness about the virus.

India’s Ministry of Finance announces a package of economic measures to help the country recover from the lockdown.

India’s Ministry of Defence announces a program to train medical professionals for Covid-19.

India’s Ministry of External Affairs issues travel advisories.

India’s Ministry of Railway announces special trains for migrant workers.

India’s Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment announces a package of measures for the welfare of vulnerable groups.

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Trump arrives in India on Monday for a two-day visit for talks with host leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on a variety of subjects.

Ahead of the presidential visit, an unnamed US official was quoted as saying: “We would just encourage India to support the peace process in Afghanistan, as we are all regional countries, to do whatever it is to support this peace process.”

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