Fifteen journalists were killed or caught in the cross-fire, according to IFJ President Philippe Linhart. The IFJ’s black list of journalists killed in 2016, with 28 media professionals, rose from the 2015 total of 22, according to the federation. It is the third consecutive year that journalists have faced an increased threat in Afghanistan. The attacks are concentrated mainly in the capital, Kabul, and in the provinces of Kandahar, Logar, Ghazni, Zabul, and Uruzgan.

The journalists were killed in the course of their work in targeted attacks, bomb blasts, or caught in the cross-fire, according to the IFJ. Fifteen journalists were killed in Iraq, while 13 were killed in Afghanistan followed by Pakistan with 12.

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JALALABAD - The Trans Afghanistan Fast Action (FEFA) has launched awareness campaign in eastern Nangarhar province about the next parliamentary and district council elections. The group has been working in cooperation with civil society activists to increase public awareness about elections in Nangarhar province, and their vote properly.

The journalists were killed amid double efforts to mobilise for credible steps to remove the shadow of violence over journalists across the country, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Saturday. The IFJ and its affiliates around the world will redouble efforts to mobilise credible steps to remove the shadow of violence over journalists, “said IFJ President Philippe Linhart.

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KABUL - MPs demanded to stop poor quality fuel; Government also has an obligation to develop Kabul city’s combustion sys-
tem,” said Mohammad Abbis, an MP. Speaker of the house, Abdul Basit Ibrahim, said the high level of pollution is caus-
ing serious health problems for residents in the capital and called on officials to take action in this regard.

“Government has not carried out its duty of keeping the air clean; therefore, we warn gov-
ernment to take action against the polluted air in Kabul,” Ibrahim said.

According to MP’s, the use of subsidized fuel in motor ve-
hicles and the use of fossil fuel in homes and business is a key reason for the pollution problem. “Through this small demonstration, we wanted to make the officials aware of their duties,” said MP Fawzia Kofi. The National En-
vironmental Pollution Agency (NEPA) reusable fuel air may be improved if govern-
ment provides the people with a convenient and low-cost alternative to fuel, decreases the price of fuel and helps Afghan citizens improve their financial situation so as to be able to afford decent fuel,” according to NEPA’s strategic plan, at least 25 percent of air pollution will decrease by 2020 as the city roads will be asphalted,” said Ghulam Mohammad Malikyar, director of NEPA.

This comes after Kabul last had decent rain to clear the air three months ago. Despite bringing snow and truly into winter, snow has yet fallen. (Telenews)