Turkey to Become Main Market for Afghanistan’s Saffron

Turkey which reportedly needs up to 300 tons of saffron a year will turn into a major customer of Afghanistan’s saffron, said Ali Arghon Chin, of Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA).

“We want to boost the market for Afghanistan’s saffron through Turkey. I hope that the saffron sector if it is implemented, will be helpful in this regard and will be an achievement for saffron sector if it is implemented,” said Qudratullah Rahmati, deputy head of the saffron producers union.

Officials from Afghanistan’s Saffron Producers Union said Turkey can play an important bridge for exporting the product to United States and Europe-markets.

“Removing customs charges will be helpful in this regard and it will be an achievement for saffron sector if it is implemented,” said Qudratullah Rahmati, deputy head of the union.

Chinar said that they will continue to remove the 30 percent tariffs on Afghanistan’s saffron. “We want to boost the market for Afghanistan’s saffron through Turkey. I hope that the saffron sector if it is implemented, will be helpful in this regard and will be an achievement for saffron sector if it is implemented,” said Qudratullah Rahmati, deputy head of the union.

The Wolesi Jirga elections conducted on October 20 and 21 across 32 provinces of the country and in Kabul, on October 22. Initial results of the elections were recently announced after many complaints about fraud and violations.

KABUL - Some MPs criticize WJ’s performance in 16th legislative term

The Wolesi Jirga members at the final session of 16th legislative term of the lower house on Saturday criticized the performance of the house during the period while some other MPs apologized for their shortcomings.

This legislative term of the lower house was begun in February 2011. The current legislative term of the Wolesi Jirga had to end at the end of 1394 solar year but the election for the house was postponed for some reasons and the president extended the working term of the house until elections for new lawmakers.

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