**Watchdog Concerned at Inordinate Delay in Elections**

KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Abdullah Abdullah is scheduled to visit India on Sunday (to day) to attend a counter-terrorism conference. Besides participating in the conference in Jaipur, the CEO would also meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, an Indian newspaper reported.

A report in The Statesman’s online edition said Abdullah would talk with the Indian premier on Monday and with Sushma Swaraj at the Hyderabad House. On Tuesday, the visiting CEO will proceed to Jaipur to attend the inaugural session of the event. The conference will be opened by President Pranab Mukherjee.

**UNESCO Calls for Bolstering of Afghan-Iran Cultural Relations**

KABUL - UNESCO Representative to Afghanistan, Nasir Ahmed Yawar, on Saturday called for expansion and bolstering of cultural relations between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Afghanistan.

After a meeting with a high-ranking Turkish diplomat, the UN cultural agency urged both countries to play a positive role in the region to bring peace to the world.

**Govt. Scorns SIGAR Report on Security Situation**

KABUL - Kabul on Saturday rejected the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan's report that the Taliban ruled 30 percent of the country's territory since 2001. SIGAR’s chief John F. Sopko informed Congress that the security administration had lost its writ.

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ANKARA - The International Organization for Migrant (IOM) warned that migrant deaths on the Aegean Sea route were increasing at an alarming rate. The statement came following two fatal shipwrecks in the past two years has unexpectedly become the site of several skirmishes and incursions back and forth between the Taliban and Turkmeni...