KABUL – As part of their efforts to support the peace process in Afghanistan, Germany and Qatar co-hosted an Intra-Afghan Dialogue Conference to be held in Doha on 7 and 8 July, 2019, Markus Potzel, said in a statement on Tuesday. “Afghanistan stands at a critical moment of progress towards peace,” Potzel said, adding that “an essential component of any process leading to a direct engagement between Afghans.” “Only Afghans themselves can decide the future of their country. An Intra-Afghan Dialogue can help clarify the options and opportunities of each direct engagement,” he added. Germany and Qatar hope that this event will contribute to trust-building among key stakeholders, representing a wide spectrum of the Afghan people and society, and thus foster peace and stability in Afghanistan and the wider region.

Meanwhile, the US Special Envoy Zalmay Khalilzad is in Doha to resume a round of the intra-Afghan Dialogue Conference and said that this dialogue is an essential element of the four-part peace framework and an important step in advancing the peace and trust of the Afghan people and society, and thus foster peace and stability in Afghanistan and the wider region.

The source revealed Mohammad Younis Sadat was also in charge of sports teams. He claimed Sadat himself had prepared the budget for sport teams and spent it in violation of procurement procedures.

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On the other hand, 290,000 afghans has been allocated for a kindergarten of DAB in the ongoing year. A credible source told Pajhwok the budget was spent on purchasing equipment such as benches, halls, rent of ground, salaries of coaches and food for players.

Businessmen Lose Millions of Afghans in Kabul

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The attack claimed by the Taliban left more than a hundred people killed and injured. Khan Jan Alikoosi, Deputy of Afghanistan’s Chamber of Commerce and Investment on Tuesday said that the attack has destroyed a lot of nearby shops in the capital of the country.

He added that insecurity and such attacks discourage Afghan investors to invest in the country. “Unfortunately, the investors are escaping from Afghanistan every day and the investment environment is decreasing day by day,” Alikoosi said.

The shopkeepers and entrepreneurs who have lost everything in the attack say they will not return to the market and invest anymore. “880,000 was invested in the [National Olympic Committee] but it is totally damaged,” said a shopkeeper. (ATN)

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3,800 Men, 750 Women Register as Voters in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY – At least 3,800 men and 750 women have registered to vote in the Sept 28 presidential polls in southern Kandahar province.

Kandahar province’s voter registration process ended on Saturday in Kandahar, but insecurity and lack of accessions kept most of the people from taking part in the process. Hazsam Durani, head of the provincial Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) office in Kandahar, in an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News said the voter registration process was launched on June 8 and wrapped up on June 30.

He said during this period 3,480 men and 750 women have arrived as voters in Kandahar City and 13 districts.

Information about voter registration has not arrived from four insecure districts (Ghorak, Marod, Maishanand and Noori) but 400 people might have regis tered in these four districts. Employers and employees had been sent to these insecure dis tricts through air and the out come would take several days to arrive.

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Ghani Accused of Using Govt Facilities for Election Campaign

KABUL – Presidential candidate and former head of the National Directorate of Security, Rahmatullah Nabil, on Tuesday accused Ashraf Ghani and the First Lady Rula Ghani of using the national treasury for the election campaign.

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