Electoral Reform Commission Swings Into Action

KARUL - As the Electoral Reform Commission formally started its work on Wednesday, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah said the panel would not be a symbolic body because the unity government examined committed to electoral reforms. Electoral reforms are a major issue of the US-brokered agreement between President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah in a national unity government. Four months back, lawmaker Sharif Akhand was appointed by President Ghani to head the electoral reform panel but the CEO disagreed with his appointment. On the eve of Eid, President Ghani decreed establishing the commission and appointing members.

Jio Mohammad

Ceasefire High on Agenda in Next Talks

KARUL - Presidential advisor and member of the Afghan government peace delegation, Jio Mohammad, on Wednesday said new Taliban leaders were expected to attend the next round of peace negotiations. Jio Mohammad, a powerful tribal elder in eastern Nangarhar province, told Pajhwok Afghan News an exclusive interview as Kabul that a ceasefire agreement would be high on the agenda in the next meeting between...More on P4. (5)

Ulomi Assures Public

ANSF in Driving Seat Against Insurgents

KARUL - Miniter of Interior Nouruddin Ulomi assured the public on Wednesday that the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) are in the driving seat and that there is no threat that any province will fall to militants. Speaking at a press conference in Kabul, Ulomi said that militants will never be able to pose a permanent threat to any province and that Afghan security forces are able to face any type of attack if properly equipped...More on P4. (4)

Haji Mohammad Mobaqiq

ISIS Recruiting Fighters in the Outskirts of Kabul

KARUL - The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group has started recruiting in the outskirts of Kabul province. Mohammad Mobaqiq the Second Deputy to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has said. In an interview with Voice of America Afghan TV, Mobaqiq said and based on the information they have received the ISIS recruits are receiving salaries up to $1,000 along with a motorcycle. He said the group has so far recruited around 700 to 900 fighters at the country and warned that the group poses a serious threat to Afghanistan. Mobaqiq further added that the group will fight the Taliban militants in the first step as witnessed in eastern parts of the country where they have captured some districts. Mobaqiq also added that the ISIS affiliates have also started generation of Hazara and Shia where they abduct 34 Hazara passengers in Zabul and some others were kidnapped by the group between Jaghobi and Qarghalan. He said ISIS affiliates also abducted two women which was one during the past three decades of war in the country.

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Trust Building

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