Snail-Paced Work on Solar Power Scheme

KANDAHAR CITY - Factory owners in southern Kandahar province complain that solar power work on a 10 MW solar power project, saying the scheme is not being implemented the way the government has promised.

Work on the project was launched in September 2017 after three years of delay. But completion was promised within a year. But 11 months on, construction of rotating walls and land preparation could not be completed.

US officials provided $50 million while the Zoila Khan Company, the contractor, is investing $9 million in the 10 MW solar energy project. Eight acres have been cleared on the Dahan district have been specified for the project.

Haj Shafiqullah, an independent contractor, said, "The IEC has fixed the date of the upcoming presidential election. The IEC has fixed the meeting on next year's presidential vote would be announced in a day."

KABUL - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) on Sunday said the date of the Presidential election would be announced in the next three days.

Deputy spokesman for IEC Mirza Mohammad Haqparast told Pajhwok Afghan News officials of the panel had held several meetings on next year’s presidential election.

He said, “The IEC has fixed the date which will be announced on the panel. Amendments and schedule for the election would be made later on,” he added.

Earlier, President Ashraf Ghani and his CEO Abdullah had urged the panel to announce the date of the upcoming presidential election as soon as possible. (Pajhwok)