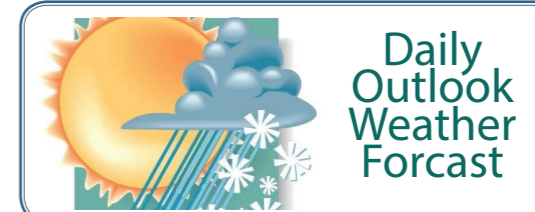


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China Stresses on Support of Peace Process by International Community

China Stresses on the support of the peace process by the international community and preparations for the upcoming presidential election.



NEW YORK - "The preparation of the election and the peace reconciliation process are moving ahead side by side as the security situation is a source of concern and humanity situation remains grim," said Ma Zhaoxu, the permanent representative of China to UN. "The United Nations and the international community must

continue to support the Afghan political and reconciliation process, its preparation for the presidential election, and its capacity in fighting terrorism and maintaining stability," he further said. Meanwhile, the representatives of other countries in UN stress that the women rights and human rights should be preserved in the peace process.

"Whatever outcome the political process has that these rights which have been achieved so far have to be guaranteed," said Christoph Heusgen. Moreover, Dian Triansyah Djani, the permanent representative of Indonesia to the UN, says that Indonesia believes that the presence of women in the peace negotiations ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

Boys Removed from Uruzgan Police Checkpoints

TIRINKOT - Police commanders keeping boys during duty time in central Uruzgan province have been



shown the door, an official said on Monday. Provincial police chief Col. Khitab Khanjari told Pajhwok Afghan News in an exclusive interview he had launched a drive to remove boys from check-posts and other facilities. Since his takeover, Khanjari said, hundreds of such boys had been removed from police posts and handed over to their families. Khanjari alleged some police commanders and officers kept the boys for sodomy and sometime they were forced to dance in music parties. He said these boys were sent to beauty saloons by the po-

lice commanders. The boys were dressed and beautified like girls, the police chief added.

He said the culture of Bacha Bazi, keeping boys, had struck root in Uruzgan, like other provinces of the country. The practice called bacha bazi (male prostitution), which had also entered police ranks, often resulted in attacks and fatalities among security personnel, he said. Khanjari revealed at least 27 boys, nine to 13 years old, had been removed from police check-posts in the past four months and handed over to their families. Some of these boys belonged to Helmand, most to Kandahar and some to Uruzgan provinces, the police boss said, explaining the culture of keeping boys had declined in Tirinkot's check-posts. In the districts, however, the practice remained widespread, the police chief continued. He said some of these boys belonged to families that had lost their elders to war. In the absence of parental checks, there boys became victims of bachabazi. He added poverty and friendship with wrong people encouraged boys to opt for the wrong practice and police checkpoints were a comfortable place for them. Khanjari ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

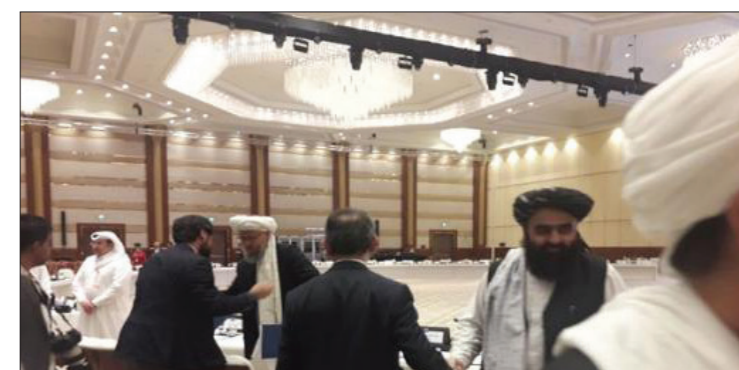


Media Asked to Follow Principles as Electioneering Begins

Kabul - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) on Sunday urged media organizations to follow journalistic principles, accuracy and impartiality while covering electoral campaigns and warned of disciplinary action in the event of a violation. Mohammad Rafi Rafiq Sidiqi, IEC media committee's head, told a process conference here that media's role in covering election campaigns in lead up to the Sept. 28 presidential election would have ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Afghan Conflict Parties Issue Contradictory Remarks

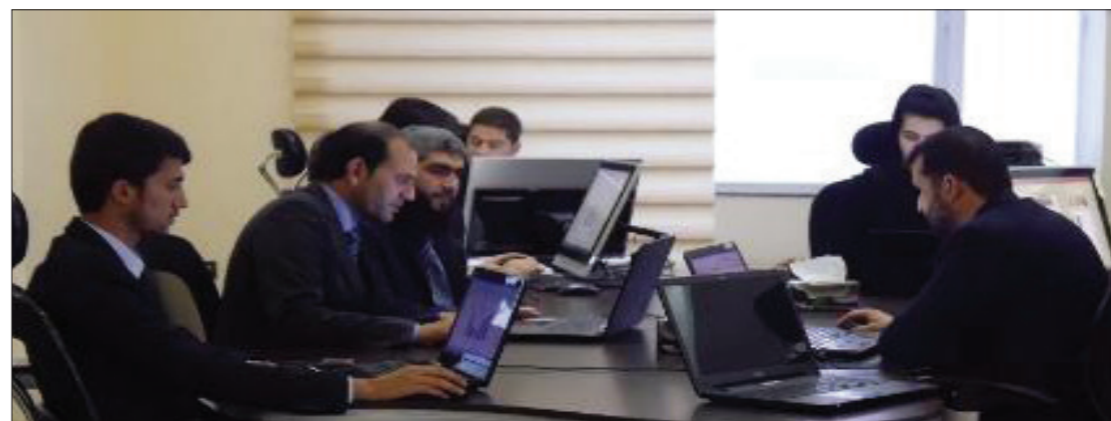
KABUL - The Afghan government, the Taliban and the US Special Representative for Afghan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad offer different views about the Afghan peace process. Since the launch of peace talks with Taliban, the US top negotiator ended every round of talks saying "nothing would be agreed until everything is agreed" as he refers to the four points on which both sides have reached agreement in principles. Withdrawal of foreign forces, fight against terrorism, cease-fire and intra-Afghan talks are the four points on which the US and Taliban had agreed to move ahead. The Taliban, however, insisting on the pullout of foreign



forces, never showed interest to provide details about the remaining two items which belong to the conflict's internal side. The Afghan government on Saturday announced it was preparing for direct talks with Taliban militants through an inclusive 15-member delegation and

the talks could happen within next two weeks. A statement from the newly-created Ministry of Peace Affairs said preparations for holding the talks were underway and the direct talks were expected to take place in next two weeks. It said discussions and consultations were underway to finalize the ...*(More on P4)...(6)*

Special Dept. Formed to Probe Cases of Harassment Against Women



against women in public institutions. The office will operate within the framework of Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, presidential spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said on Sunday. "The main objective of this secretariat is to investigate recent allegations related to sexual abuse of women

in government and non-government institutions in a transparent way," Sediqqi said. "This secretariat provides a specific address for the women in Afghanistan and those who have become the victims of such incidents whether at the Presidential Palace or other institutions," said Latifa Sultani, member

of the human rights commission. Some MPs said the members of the new secretariat should act impartially. "Members of this secretariat should be impartial and should act independently," said Fatima Aziz, an MP. The secretariat is expected to investigate the allegations within the next three months. (Tolo news)

Helmand Farmers Happy with Melon, Watermelon Yield

LASHARGAH - Farmers in southern Helmand province are happy with melon and watermelon yield this year, but complain about no reasonable market price. Helmand agriculture department officials say around 5,000 hectares of land was cultivated with melon and watermelon in the province this season. He said the land produced 52,000 tons of watermelon and 69,000 tons of melon, showing a 20 percent increase compared to the previous year. Gul Ahmad, a watermelon and melon grower, told Pajhwok Afghan News his crop was good compared to last year following rains which had a positive impact on their crops. He said though their yield in-



creased because of rains but he was not happy with the market price. He said had they good market and cold storages inside the country, they would have exported their produce to foreign countries as well. He also expressed his deep concern over forcing farmers

to give money to powerful individuals and police on highways. Agriculture director Eng. Zalmay Aloko expressed his satisfaction with this year's watermelon and melon yield and said watermelon yield surged by 17 percent and melon 21 percent compared to the previous years. ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

No One Should Use State Resources for Electioneering: CEO



KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah said on Monday government servants reserved no right to support

or oppose the presidential election campaign and stressed state resources should not be used for election campaign.

Addressing a cabinet meeting here, the CEO said government employees were supposed to serve the people and had no right to get involved in election campaigns. "Until the end of the unity government's tenure, discharge your duties in line with the law and no one can tell you to serve any particular election team. Your concentration should be on your job and convey this message to you subordinates," the CEO told the meeting. He said state resources were owned by the people of Af-

ghanistan and no individuals had the right to use them for personal or election purposes. The CEO said he expected no support for his campaign from government employees. Forcing government servants to support certain election teams would harm public trust in the electoral process, he warned. He noted with concern continued terrorist attacks and continued Sunday's deadly assault on the political office of former spymaster Amrullah Saleh in Kabul. ...*(More on P4)...(11)*