Govt. Criticized for Not Breaking Electoral Reforms Deadlock

KABUL - The National Unity Government was once again accused for not taking the automatic step by breaking the electoral reforms deadlock, as it was expected to do Friday.

The negotiations completed in November 2015, the protocol on accession was signed on December 17 (Agreement).

Afgahnistan to Implement AISA Merger Plan with Ministry of Commerce

KABUL - Afghanistan is due to implement the merger plan between the Afghan Investment Promotion Agency (AIPA) with the Ministry of Commerce and Industries.

The Administrative Office of the President (AOP) said the decision has been taken to merge the parallel administrations and based on the request of the private sector.

The decision was taken during a meeting of the National Economic Council chaired by President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani who said the duty of the government is to serve the people and not the steps of the government should be approved by the private sector.

According to the AIPA, the merger of AISA will include two transition processes, including the transition of licensing to Ministry of Commerce and Industries and modernization of trade and investment law.

Karimov Stresses Improved Security in Southern Border

KARAL - Uzbekistan President Islam Karimov has expressed concern over security situation in the southern border with Afghanistan, a media report said on Friday.

According to the report, the Uzbek president during a Security Council meeting on international security situations in neighboring Afghanistan and its spillover effects on the country’s south border. The presidential services said the meeting which was chaired by the president stressed on improved security and addressing the challenges in the southern border.

The meeting also discussed about strengthening an anti-terrorist cooperation with the regional countries.