Political Parties Threaten Protests if Election System not Changed

Political parties on Tuesday reiterated their demand for change in the election system and warned of establishing protesting tents in front of the Independent Election Commission (IEC) if their demand was not met.

KABUL - Addressing a press conference here, representatives of major political parties including Jamiat-i-Islami, Hizb-i-Islami, Jamhori-Islami, Hizb-i-Wahdat Islami, Hizb-i-Afghan Melat and Hezb-i-Mahaz Melli, said the current system of election was one of the major problems of the country. They slammed over introduction of Proportional Representation (PR) and demanded a well-reformed system in which tribal, provincial, geographical and political balance of the population was protected.

Asadullah Saadati, from the Wahdat Islami Afghani, said the government was protected. "Every step that stops a bullet being fired and saves human life is admirable," he said. He added that the Taliban has limited it's threat to Afghanistan, but many problems would be resolved gradually.

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