Failing Kabul Candidates Hand Fraud Evidence to IEC

KABUL - Some failing Wolesi Jirga candidates on Saturday demanded invalidation of all votes cast in Kabul during the October polls and shared ten types of rigging documents with the electoral commissions.

They warned if their demands were not addressed, the election bodies would be responsible for future consequences.

The Wolesi Jirga elections were held on October 20 and 21 in 32 provinces of the country and a week later in southern Kandahar province.

Addressing reporters here, the Kabul Candidates Union termed the October 20, 2018 Wolesi Jirga polls as rigged and fraudulent and demanded trial of individuals who committed the fraud.

The Independent Election Commission (IEC) has so far declared final results from all electoral constituencies except Kabul.

The unsuccessful Wolesi Jirga candidates have shared voter lists in which changes had been made with the electoral bodies. They also showed some lists in which two pens had been used and result sheets were edited and some lacked the commission’s stamp.

The protesting candidates shared these documents as proof of rigging with the electoral commissions today (Saturday) and urged the IEC to address their demands.

Ghazni, Bamyan, Daikundi and Maidan Wardak provinces. Ghani said basic education, health, water, electricity and roads were not addressed, the election bodies would be responsible for future consequences.

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