

**(1) MPs Call for...**

e-NIC had no credibility, arguing that it was launched against his will.

MPs split on presidential decision

In addition, lawmakers in parliament have said that at a time that the war is ongoing in at least 20 provinces of the country, rifts between the government leaders could further escalate the scale of threats in the country.

"Leaders of national unity government need to address issues of national importance with unity and consensus and avoid any kind of brawls and disagreement," said first deputy of senate, speaker Mohammad Alam-Ezediyar.

"Rifts between government leaders causes disagreement among Afghan society and it strengthens the enemy," said one MP, DaudKalakani.

What the people say

Hekmatullah is a resident of Kabul who barely manages to collect 200 Af daily to feed his family. He says it is better for government leaders to focus on the nation's economic and security issues instead of engaging in disagreements.

"These leaders first need to settle their own issues and think about people's security and economy instead of causing rifts," said Hekmatullah.

"Their (government leaders) brawls could have a severe impact on the economic and security situation," said another resident of Kabul, Tamim.

"You see the unemployment, poverty and suicides, but the leaders are still grappling with disagreements, they should resolve the people's problems," said one other, Mohammad Ewaz.

Spokesman for Afghan Central Civil Registration Authority (ACCRA) said: "We are working on the technical aspects to find out how to expand and help people to get access to more facilities to apply for electronic identity cards."

This is the second time that disagreements between government leaders have emerged over policy issues.

Previously, Abdullah strongly criticized the non-implementation of the political agreement on the formation of national unity government. (Tolo news)

**(2) ACCRA Plans...**

"Overall we have so far distributed one million IDs across Afghanistan," said Rohullah Ahmadzai, ACCRA spokesman.

Meanwhile, the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) has said that the body has worked for a nationwide awareness campaign ahead of elections.

"All provincial governors have been directed in their meetings with the people and influential personalities and local media, that they must inform the people about the benefits of taking the ID cards and encourage people to take part in this national and important process not only to promote participation elections, but also to strengthen the local governance," said Munira Yusufzada, spokesman of IDLG.

Shahabis a resident of Kabul who says that voter registration has been closed in Dasht-e-Barchi in PD13 of Kabul following last month's deadly suicide attack on an election-related facility.

"No one will apply for ID or participate in elections unless their security is maintained," said Shahab.

"First the government should have ensured security, then it should have called on the people to come to vote," said a resident of Kabul Ewaz.

But, ACCRA officials say that they plan to establish more ID centers in Kabul including

Dasht-e-Barchi in the near future. (Tolo news)

**(3) ADB's Assistance...**

the world. And to achieve this goal, your continued support will be crucial in the coming years so that we together address challenges that our region faces," said Khalid Payenda, the deputy minister of finance, addressing a ceremony in the Philippines on Saturday.

The ADB director Takehiko Nakao meanwhile said the bank will complete a strategy on improvement of infrastructures in Asia which will be completed by 2030.

"We plan to complete the strategic plan by 2030. We already have had extensive consultation. We will continue to seek views from various stakeholders including civil society organizations," he said.

Afghan officials said a joint session between them and the ADB officials will be held on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the bank.

Last week, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) officials said they are encouraging joint investment in developing countries including Afghanistan, adding that such projects will be implemented efficiently.

The officials said the implementation of a joint investment policy is important for attracting investment and building infrastructure in developing countries including Afghanistan.

Participants at the meeting said the Philippines was a leading country in implementing its joint investment policy between government and the private sector. (Tolonews)

**(4) Insurgents Enter...**

Barmak also said more than 30,000 Afghan police are illiterate and over 30,000 others have joined the Afghan National Army.

"When the interior ministry stopped four or five vehicles (black-tinted cars), a number of people in the senate or parliament came to us to ask for the vehicles to be released. I do not want to name those individuals. So, what can I do?" asked Barmak.

Barmak continued and said the region's countries continue their proxy war in Afghanistan and also Pakistan, and want to provoke people against the government by increasing instability.

"They (enemy) want to sabotage government by the people and think that when one or two attacks happen, then people get angry with government and automatically go to the enemy," Barmak added.

Senators, however, blasted security departments over the increased insecurity and movements of insurgents in the country.

They said security officials' negligence has caused Afghan soldiers to suffer heavy losses, and civilians to suffer heavy fatalities in suicide attacks in the country, especially in Kabul.

NDS operational deputy head, however, refused to respond to senators in front of cameras about the increase of Daesh activities and their attacks in Kabul. (Tolo news)

**(5) Deadly Bomb...**

violence. The Taliban has denied involvement.

Late last month, a suicide bomber detonated his vest at a voters' identification card distribution center in Kabul, killing nearly 60 people and wounding over 100 others.

Islamic State claimed claimed responsibility for that attack. (VoA)

**(6) Closer Than...**

I also be given to 5.9 million children aged between two and five years.

Dr. Feroz said the start of the high transmission season increased the risk of polio virus spreading and as a result children were being paralyzed.

"It is important for all caregivers to get their children protected from the virus by vaccinating ... The high transmission season for polio virus is about to start, and this is the last campaign which is organized before it ...an important opportunity for parents to protect their children."

Dedicated polio workers will visit houses to reach every last child across Afghanistan to ensure all children are immunized. Afghanistan has the largest number of polio cases in the world.

Speaking at the event, Dr. ShafiqSamim, Deputy Minister for Islamic Teachings at the Ministry of Education, emphasized the importance health and well-being of all members of society, particularly the children, from the perspective of Islamic values.

"Disabled and paralyzed children will not have a bright future and it is the responsibility of parents to protect their children against this crippling disease by vaccinating them in each round of the polio vaccination campaigns."

The representatives of WHO and UNICEF and a number of Islamic religious scholars also spoke in the event, and stressed the importance communities cooperating with the polio eradication efforts.

The polio vaccine is extremely safe and very effective and has been endorsed by leading religious scholars in Afghanistan and throughout the Islamic world.

Only Afghanistan and Pakistan have recorded any cases of polio in 2017 and 2018. While any child anywhere carries the poliovirus, all children around the world remain at risk of this crippling disease.

The oral polio vaccine builds immunity gradually, and several doses are needed for children to be fully protected against paralysis. To eradicate polio in Afghanistan, it is crucial to vaccinate all children in every polio campaign until they reach age of five.

Currently, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria are the only three remaining polio-endemic countries in the world. Nigeria has not recorded any cases since August 2016. Afghanistan has recorded seven cases of polio this year and Pakistan has recorded one case to date. (Pajhwok)

**(7) Women Showcase...**

I have a shop in Herat where I have few customers, but here I have earned up to 40,000 AFs in a day," SediqaTamasuki, a woman investor, said.

The women said their business will improve well if they have a market for their products.

"We cannot have good revenue from selling our products in Balkh (province) but such exhibitions will be a good opportunity to gain more customers," said Zahra, an investor. (Tolo news)

**(8) Human Rights...**

increased protection of human rights and promote good governance.

Topics for discussion ranged from women's and children's rights to the freedom of expression and the protection of Human Rights Defenders (HRD) and from the treatment of socially vulnerable people to the prevention of torture and ill-treatment.

While Afghanistan made progress in putting mechanism in place for minimizing the use of the death penalty, the EU recalled its principled opposition to the death penalty and stressed the importance of Afghanistan instating a moratorium on execution as first step towards abo-

lition.

Afghanistan gave an update on the implementation of its National Action Plan on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.

The EU stressed the need for provision of the law on preventing the Violence Against Women (EVAW) to be fully implemented.

The implementation of the National Action Plan to Eliminate Early and Child Marriages was also underlined as priority.

Participants also discussed ways to eliminate child labor and the need to continue promoting education at all levels across the country.

The EU commended Afghanistan for the accession to important UN human rights conventions and encouraged their speedy implementation.

The meeting took note of the first developments aimed at ensuring an independent, accountable and professional judiciary for upholding democratic principles, protecting human rights and ensuring justice through fair trial and due process.

On the situation of Human Rights Defenders in Afghanistan concrete steps to enhance their protection were discussed.

On the issue of the fight against corruption, the Afghan side reaffirmed its commitment to continue implementing the Anticorruption Strategy, which the EU side committed to continue to support.

With regard to the parliamentary and district council election scheduled for October 20 and presidential elections in 2019, both sides agreed on the necessity for a timely, inclusive and transparent process.

An increase participation of women as voters and candidates should be particularly supported. (Pajhwok)

**(9) Reluctance in...**

and too, the election commission has made registration conditions harder," Abdullah Qaraloq, a senator said.

According to IEC statistics, so far over one million voters have registered their names across the country and daily about 60,000 to 70,000 voters register.

IEC figures show Kabul and Kandahar are at the top of the list in terms of having a high number of people referring to the registration centers, while Nuristan and Wardak provinces are at the bottom of the list.

According to IEC, from the total number of registered voters, over 292,900 of them are women and more than 25,000 of them are nomad people.

The voter registration process was launched on April 14 in the cities and will continue for another week. (Tolo news)

**(10) Special Security...**

mines in the province. The ministry would not sign new contracts until security for mines is ensured.

There are many mineral sources such as marbles, chromite, nephrite and others in Nangarhar. Marble extraction and processing officials say they are obligated to close the factories if their contracts are not extended. (Pajhwok)

**(11) Journalist Sustains...**

Tanin said a bullet touched his head and he sustained a minor injury.

The unknown men then fled from the area. (Tolo news)

**(12) Work Resumes...**

which had been assured of their security.

Mohammad Humayon Barlas, administrative head of Feroz Nakhchar district, said the project in his district faced no threat or problem.

He said security of workers and the company was looked after by

locals and security officials.

The project of electricity line extension was launched in 2014 with financial support of Germany. Currently 70 percent work on the project has been completed. (Pajhwok)

**(13) MRRD Signs...**

been surveyed and the design for reconstruction of 36,000 canals prepared.

Talking about his recent trip to England, Karimi said England-based RECAP organization, which has 17 member countries including India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, granted membership status to Afghanistan.

The organization would cooperate with Kabul in rural transport sector and technically aid MRRD in surveying rural roads and finding budget for their reconstruction. (Pajhwok)

**(14) Rashid Khan...**

This was Rashid's third Man-of-the-Match award in IPL 2018.

"Rashid Khan is the first leg spinner I have seen who bowls leg spin from the back of the hand like you would bowl a googly. He gets his fingers to do that. Fascinating!" the commentator and former India batsman Sanjay Manjrekar said.

With Saturday's win, Sunrises are back to top of the IPL table with 14 points in nine matches.

Chennai Super Kings on second place also with 14 points and played 10 matches and Kolkata Knight Riders third place with 10 points and played nine matches. (Tolo news)

**(15) More Than...**

As many as 17,847 of them been captured by security forces. The migrants come to Turkey via Iran, through the eastern provinces of Van, Igdir, Agri and Hakkari. (Pajhwok)

**As Debate Rages, Britain Still Weeks Away from Customs Decision**

LONDON - Britain is weeks away from making a decision on its future customs arrangements with the European Union, a minister said on Sunday, adding fuel to a debate that is all but stalling Brexit talks in Brussels and politics at home.

After local elections last week when Prime Minister Theresa May's Conservative Party did better than many expected, how to make Britain's new border with the EU "as frictionless as possible" when it leaves the bloc is becoming a headache.

May, dependent on the support of a small Northern Irish party for a majority in parliament, is under pressure from Brexit campaigners to drop what some say is her preferred option of a customs partnership to keep trade flowing freely.

On Sunday, her business minister, Greg Clark, again made the case for that partnership, saying ministers were working on it and another high-tech option.

Both options have been dismissed by EU negotiators. "I've never been so clear-eyed in my life about this. I do feel very strongly, for this reason. It is absolutely right that we should be leaving the customs union ... but what we replace it with is of huge importance," he told the BBC, denying he left a crunch meeting on customs teary-eyed last week.

Clark, who used the example of car maker Toyota which relies on components crossing borders to manufacture cars in Britain, said businesses needed the certainty of what happens next, but warned that it could take some time not only to make a decision, but also to implement it once it had been agreed upon.

"As part of the work over the next few weeks I think it would be a mistake to move from one situation and to another and to a third," he said, arguing that ministers could improve the two options while admitting they both have drawbacks. (Reuters)