President Ashraf Ghani

Law be Implemented in Letter and Spirit

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani asked ministers of justice on Sunday that all steps in contradiction of law be immediately suspended and resumed as per law. The president expressed his concern in his meeting with Minister of Justice Abdul Basir to evaluate his 100-day plan. Base was accompanied by several other officials from his ministry to attend the meeting. Ghani emphasized that law should be implemented in the form of a statute to facilitate people to have a national foundation, for the sake of the next generation. He emphasized that short and inordinate plans should be worked out and implemented. The reforms in the Ministry of Justice were one of the main points in the 100-day plan and comprehensive plans were presented. The president highlighted that a comprehensive plan should be revised for least educated and uneducated people so that they could be included in the national building process. The minister of justice presented his work plan in four different sections including formation of law. (More on Pg.4)

Wolesi Jirga Pushes Govt. to Finalize Parliamentary Poll

KABUL - Afghan lawmakers on Monday called on the government to finalize the date for the upcoming parliamentary elections, saying that in accordance with the constitution, its five-year tenure ends on May 22. "The date for the elections needs to be announced and the process should be carried out. We do not want the national assembly to be a national unity assembly as already the National Unity Government runs the country," MP from Parwan Abdul Sattar Khan said on Monday. Printing towards parliament’s legal obligations, another MP Ghulam Hussein Niazi asked the government to meet its constitutional responsibilities and announce the dates. (More on Pg.3)

Status of $20mn Belonging to Deported Afghan Nationals Uncertain

KABUL - A group of Afghan businessmen have been deported from the United Arab Emirates, which has thrown them and their money, which is estimated around $50 million, into limbo. One of the businessmen named Mohammad Ehsanuddin Sama who has been kept in the dark about what has become of the roughly $5.5 million he invested in real estate in the UAE. "Nothing can be done in 40 hours, our company, the assets and capital is still there, and I will owe 10 to 15 companies, as well as a number of Afghan investors, we own," Sama said. (More on Pg.6)

MoFA summons UAE Chargé d'affaires

KABUL - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Chargé d’affaires was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) over deporting of Afghan nationals from the Gulf country, on official said. According to the report recently, over 600 visas of Afghan... (More on Pg.6)

Nawaz Sharif to Visit Ghan, Abdullah

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and other officials are scheduled to visit Kabul on Tuesday to meet with Afghan leaders, including President Ashraf Ghani and Vice-President Mohammad Qasim Fahim. Pakistan's Prime Minister will lead a high level delegation, including the army chief, the prime minister’s special advisor on foreign affairs Sartaj Aziz, the FM’s special assistant on foreign affairs Tariq Fatemi, Secretary Gen. (More on Pg.4)

Int'l Donors Pull Funding for Election Commissions

KABUL - Election commissioners on Monday announced that international donors had decided to cut their funding for Afghanistan’s election commissions at the end of last year’s troubled presidential election and the ongoing uncertainty around electoral reforms and parliamentary elections, according to the (More on Pg.6)

GoI Stay Visas of Huge Benefit to Afghan Refugees

NEW DELHI - The Government of India’s (MoD) initiative of granting long stay visas to refugees from Afghanistan has played a positive role as providing opportunities, better access to basic facilities. There are around 10,000 Afghan refugees registered by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), who are staying in India currently. So far, the Government of India has provided stay to 750 Afghan nationals, while 3,500 applications are still being processed. Faisol Amin, an Afghan refugee who has been in India for the... (More on Pg.6)