HPC Positive about Indonesia Peace Meeting

KABUL - High Peace Council officials said Sunday they had agreed what they hoped for at last week’s Ul- uma conference in Indonesia. Officials from Afghanistan’s High Peace Council (HPC) on Sunday said they were opti- mistic about the outcome of a conference of religious scholars from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Indonesia last week.

We have achieved what we were expecting out of the conference, said the HPC. According to the officials, clerics from the three nations declared that militants were against the Afghan government and described as agreed to work with together with Islamic scholars in the region and in the world to bring about peace and stability in Afghani-

stan.

Religious scholars from Afghan- stan, Indonesia and Pakistan on Friday issued a declaration on Anti-Globalization which was expected out of the con-

ference of religious scholars in the region.

According to HPC officials, the Islamic scholars in the region were expecting out of the con-

ference. According to them, the Islamic scholars in the region are extremely differentiated as well.

No One Can ‘Threaten’ the Election Commission: CEO

KABUL - Addressing the Council of Minister’s meeting, Minister Abdul Ah-

lah said it was the job of the election commission to hold elections. Addressing the Council of Minister’s meeting on Monday, CEO Abdul Ah-

lah has warned that “no one has the authority to influence the election and everyone should understand that the election will be the end of democracy.”

Election commission is independ-

ent and has a responsibility to hold the elections. It’s our responsibility to provide the facilities for the holding of the elections,” he said.

His comments come after the Inde-

pendent Election Commission (IEC) deputy and two commissioners on Sunday told ToloNews that the decision to stamp copies of voter ID cards is illegal and that they are against the move.

The commissioners refused to talk on camera but said the decision was made by President Ashraf Ghani and IEC Chief Abdul Raziq Sayyad.

The commissioners said only Sayyad and another commissioner agreed to the decision, but they, four commissioners, were opposed to the move. In a statement, Sayyad and the four commissioners said they are under pressure and deci-

sions are being imposed on them.

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Shahla Haq, acting secretary of the Independent Elec-

tion commission (IEC), resigned from her post on Sunday night over the issue of stamping copies of ID cards.

In her resignation letter to the IEC, Haq said she was suspended by the IEC, her decision to stamp copies of IDs of people who have registered to vote will pave the way for election fraud. Haq also said in her resignation letter that the plan is technically challenging and that the decision is not practical. She said in such a case she does not want to carry on with the job as she feels election fraud will damage the credibility of the elections.

Shahla Haq has worked for the IEC for more than a decade. The Independent Election Com-

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