Senators Call for Holding of Loya Jirga in Afghanistan

KABUL - Senators in the upper house of the parliament on Sunday called for holding of the Loya Jirga in order to overcome from the current situation in Afghanistan. They have stated that problems are increasing day by day and it directs the country into complete crisis, demanding the Government to determine the date for holding of parliamentary and provincial council election in the country.

Meanwhile a number of the senators in the upper house of the parliament have called for holding of Loya Jirga. Insecurity, poor economy, uprooting of Afghans, deserting of neighboring countries, having no clear policy against other countries are the major concerns of the senators who have expressed during the session today.

Senator Sohrab Mohammad Atmatzada said, “Government should do about the ongoing situation. Afghan-

TURKS CAST BALLOTS TO ELECT LAWMAKERS IN SNAP ELECTION

ANKARA - Turkish voters went to polls on Sunday to elect 500 members of the parliament in a snap election just five months after the June 7 parliamentary election in which the ruling party lost its 13-year majority and failed to form a coalition government.

The snap election is unlikely to result in the formation of a single-party government as political parties seem able to get a majority, similar to the outcome of the last election. In the previous election, the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) retained its majority in parliament, the number needed for a legislative majority, and formed an interim government, marking the loss of its 13-year majority in Parliament. But the AKP was still in the lead with 28.17 percent of the vote, followed by the Republican People’s Party (CHP) with 24.95 percent.

BALKHI SPEAKS OUT AGAINST GERMANY’S DECISION

KABUL - Referring to recent decisions by Germany to send the Afghan refugees back home, the Afghan Finance Minister Mohammad Balkhi on Sunday said that Afghanistan will not accept the deport- ed asylum seekers without a mutual agreement between the government of Afghanistan and the European Union.

However the ministry urged that the govern- ment of Afghanistan is ready to hold dialogues with the European Union.

ADB, DONOR COUNTRIES ANNOUNCE $858 MN GRANT FOR AFGHANISTAN

KABUL - The Asia Development Bank (ADB), which is the leading and largest infrastructure development partner of Afghanistan, together with donor countries, has announced a new $858 million grant for Afghanistan. The new grant was announced during a recent visit of Afghanistan’s Deputy Finance Minister Mustafa Mirzai to the headquarters. (More on PAJ-10)