Prominent Historian ‘Kohzad’ Paid Homage at Presidential Palace

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Monday called Afghanistan’s renowned historian, Ahmad Ali Kohzad, to commemorate and glorify his services in the promotion of knowledge and culture.

Ghani said that Kohzad made memorable contributions in the field of Afghan history, emphasizing figures and representative of the Afghan nation and students of science.

According to the statement, Kohzad was addressing an international academic-research seminar held at the Presidential Palace to commemorate Ahmad Ali Kohzad as one of key Afghan historians and archeologists, who made significant contributions to the promotion of Afghan culture.

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The expected visit of HPC delegation will also be considered during the international academic-research seminar to be attended by senior Indonesian embassy officials on Sunday.

The visit was the follow-up of the discussion during the bilateral meeting between the President of Indonesia, Joko Widodo and the President of the Afghanistan, Mohammad Ashraf Ghani in Jakarta in early September this year.

The High Peace Council (HPC) delegation led by Second Vice President Karim Khalili will visit Jakarta, Indonesia from 19th to 25th November at the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, a statement issued by the CEO’s office said.

The purpose of the visit was to have exchange of views and discussion on the working procedures of the institutions and address complaints, said Naderi. (More on P 2)

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Leadership Vacuum can’t Justify IEC’s Poor Performance

KABUL - Election observers and monitoring groups on Sunday said the absence of a chairman for the Independent Election Commission (IEC) can not justify poor performance by members of the election management body.

This comes after the IEC has sped up ef- forts to fill the vacuum that has been created fol- lowing the dismissal of former IEC chief Naphal- lah Ahmadzai.

Lawsenators on Sunday raised concerns over the reluctance of young people. (More on P 4)

MPs Claim Fewer Youth are Interested in Joining Security Forces

KABUL - MPs said on Sunday that due to a slew of problems faced by security force members, the level of interest by possible candidate recruits has dropped.

Afghan U-19 Team Defeats Pakistan

Afghanistan defeated Pakistan on Sunday, winning their first under-19 cricket Asia Cup final in Kuala Lumpur, offering a rare opportunity for celebrations in a country desperate for a break from relentless rounds of deadly violence.

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The win demonstrated significant improve- ment in Afghan cricket, which spread in the war-torn country from refugee camps in neighboring Pakistan and has become one of... (More on P 4)