Election

Winning or losing of the election is less important than strengthening the country.

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Sharp Increase in Civilian Casualties Resulted by IEDs

Anti-government elements must immediately end the indiscriminate and disproportionate use of all improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in areas frequented by civilians, said UNAMA in a special human rights report released yesterday.

IECC Chief’s Residence Comes Under Grenade Attack

KABUL - Unidentified individuals have lobbed two hand grenades into the residence of the Independent Electoral Complaints Commission (IECC) head in Kabul, an official said on Sunday.

Basir Mujahid, spokesman for Kabul police, told Pajhwok Afghan News the grenades were thrown at 1am. Two men hurled the hand grenades into the Abdul Azziz Ariaee’s house. No one suffered casualties in the attack and police have launched an investigation. More information would be shared with media later, he said. At least 17 policemen have been tasked with the security of Ariaee’s house.

The number of the security personnel for the IECC chief’s residence... (More on P4)... (2)

Americans Split on Progress in Afghan War

KABUL - Almost half of American adults believe the United States has mostly failed in achieving its goals in Afghanistan, finds a new survey.

About a third of respondents (35%) say the US mission has mostly succeeded, according to a Pew Research Center survey.

Some 16% do not know if the US has succeeded or failed.

In 2014 and 2015, opinions about the mission were similarly more negative than positive. Between 2009 and... (More on P4)... (3)

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KABUL - The special report - titled “Increasing Harm to Afghan Civilians from the Deliberate and Indiscriminate Use of Improvised Explosive Devices” - documents a sharp increase from 1 January - 30 September 2018 in the killing and maiming of Afghan civilians by IEDs, which have caused almost half of the civilian casualties from conflict-related violence.

The special report outlines serious concerns over the increased number of deliberate and indiscriminate attacks by anti-government elements against the civilian population. These attacks primarily involved the use of suicide and non-suicide IEDs: bombs designed, planned and placed to detonate among crowds of civilians... (More on P4)... (1)

Sayedabad District Under Security Forces Control, Claim Officials

KABUL - Fourteen security personnel, including the Sayedabad district police chief, were martyred and seven others injured during clashes in the Sayedabad district of Central Maidan Wardak province, officials said on Sunday.

The security situation in the Sayedabad district has returned to normal after reinforcement dispatched there, Nasrut Rahimi, MoI deputy spokesperson in a joint press conference with the Ministry of Defense (MoD)... (More on P4)... (2)

Russia, India Agreed to Cooperate in Fight Against Terrorism

KABUL - India and Russia have denounced terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and reiterated the need to combat the menace with the decisive and collective response without any double-standards.

According to a joint statement in unequivocal terms, "The sides agreed to converge their efforts to eradicate... (More on P4)... (5)