

## Dutch King and Queen Begin State Visit to Britain

LONDON - Britain's Queen Elizabeth hosts the King and Queen of the Netherlands at a banquet on Tuesday for the first UK state visit by Dutch monarchy for 36 years, during which they will visit the grave of the only Dutch king of England. King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima were formally welcomed by the British queen with a Guard of Honor before taking a state carriage procession along the Mall in London to lunch at Buckingham Palace.



the end of the 17th Century, and will also lay a wreath at the Grave of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey. Willem-Alexander will then deliver an address to parliament before afternoon tea with Elizabeth's heir Charles at his official Clarence House residence. (Reuters)

## The Squadron of Ex-Military Men behind Bolsonaro's Rise in Brazil

BRASILIA - The man who will likely be Brazil's next Defense Minister greeted two reporters waiting outside the door, then politely sent them packing. "I do apologize," he said, before slipping back into a cramped hotel conference room in the capital of Brasilia. "On orders from Bolsonaro, it is radio silence until the election is over." The patrician, gray-haired fellow was 70-year-old Augusto Heleno Ribeiro Pereira, a retired four-star Army general. The world may soon be hearing a lot more from him and a cadre of high-ranking ex-military brass now poised to help lead the world's fourth-largest democracy.



Their ascension has many here worried about a return to the days when the armed forces called the shots in Brazil. Heleno is the dean of a small group of former generals behind the

rise of presidential contender Jair Bolsonaro, who is predicted to win easily in this Sunday's election over his leftist opponent Fernando Haddad. (Reuters)

### (1) Voter Turnout...

they should pursue their goals through political means, not through violence.

Danish also acknowledged there had been shortcomings in the parliamentary election process and said that the electoral commission must address the people's complaints against the process.

"Of course, we all know that there were a lot of problems during the election process, and there were many violations, we hope that the political parties, civil society organizations, candidates, observers, and all the people of Afghanistan will arrange their complaints in a principled way and hand to responsible institutions," Danish added.

"This is the responsibility of the Independent Election Commission (IEC) and the Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC) to protect our people's votes and respond to people's complaints and electoral violations," Danish added.

Danish also assured the public that soon parliamentary elections will be held in Kandahar and Ghazni provinces. (Tolo news)

### (2) Imran Khan Says...

In addition he said he is hopeful that talks between Taliban and the US in Qatar will lead to peace in Afghanistan

As a serious debt crisis looms for Khan, he said during the session that Pakistan's "government is approaching the IMF and the friendly countries to seek loans to plug this financial gap."

He said: "Government is also endeavoring to reform our institutions to check the menace of corruption in mega development projects and white collar crimes."

"Government is also going to provide enabling environment for doing business in Pakistan to attract the foreign investors particularly the overseas Pakistanis to invest in various projects in the country."

The Prime Minister said the government will provide incentives to overseas Pakistanis to send their remittances through banking channels to enhance our foreign exchange reserves and check money laundering.

He said: "We have applied for IMF bailout package to get through tough period of next two to six months."

Khan said before leaving for Riyadh that he could not skip the conference because "we're desperate" for possible Saudi loans to shore up Pakistan's economy. It is Khan's second visit to Saudi Arabia in just over a month, but he has not succeeded in securing significant financial assistance to stave off a looming balance of payments crisis, Reuters report-

ed earlier Tuesday.

Khan meanwhile told the Middle East Eye in an interview published on Monday that he could not pass up the invitation to meet Saudi leaders again.

"The reason I feel I have to avail myself of this opportunity is because in a country of 210 million people right now we have the worst debt crisis in our history," he was quoted as saying.

"Unless we get loans from friendly countries or the IMF (International Monetary Fund), we actually won't have in another two or three months enough foreign exchange to service our debts or to pay for our imports. So we're desperate at the moment."

Islamabad has already asked the IMF to open negotiations for the country's second potential bailout in five years.

Khan, who took office in July, still has been seeking alternatives to the tough conditions the IMF is likely to impose for loans, limiting his vision of an Islamic welfare state. (Tolo news)

### (3) Senators Want Clean...

due to lack of order.

The names some of voters were missing from voter lists while biometric system did not work in some polling stations, he said. About the extension of elections to a second day, he said: "This decision paved the way for fraud and the IEC is now responsible to separate clean votes from the fraudulent ones," he said.

He added people would not participate in the presidential elections if their trust was not restored and fraudulent figures not identified.

Nazar Mohammad Faqiri, another senator, also accused the IEC of failure and said despite huge spending; the commission was not able to properly manage the election process.

He said votes cast into ballot boxes without biometric verification should be invalidated.

Farhad Sakhi, a senator from Kabul, praised people's participation in the voting process and said: "If clean votes are not separated from fraudulent ones, people in future would not participate in democratic processes."

A number of other senators also praised huge participation of voters in the elections but complained about fraud and poor management.

Without naming anyone, some senators claimed that some government officials were involved in electoral fraud.

Mohammad Alam Ezdyar, first deputy chairman, asked the IEC to ensure justice in the elections and restore people's trust.

He said if people's trust was not restored, they would not participate in next presidential elections.

Haji Hazrat Ali a Wolesi Jirga candidate criticized the IEC at a

press conference here and said most of the commission officers in the eastern region worked in favor specific candidates and he had documents to prove that.

He said he had shared his evidence with the Independent Electoral Complaints Commission (IECC).

About absence of voter lists in some polling stations and out of charge biometric devices, he said: "The commission has failed in managing the elections, the IEC is now responsible to find and investigate those involved in fraud."

Abdul Baday Sayyad, the IEC chief, said that fraud cases would be seriously followed and fake votes would be invalidated. About poor management of the IEC, he said: "The performance of a one-day worker should not be compared with the performance of permanent officials, problems existed and all complaints would be addressed." (Pajhwok)

### (4) Mullah Sherin...

According to Nabil, the governor's guard who helped in the execution of the plan has managed to flee the Kandahar city.

Nabil also added that Mullah Sherin has close links with the Haqqani network's Sirajuddin Haqqani, currently operates as Taliban's intelligence chief and is based in Quetta city.

The provincial intelligence chief of the province Gen. Abdul Momin was also killed in the attack while the provincial governor Zalmay Weesa sustained injuries.

The attack was carried out by one of the security guards of Kandahar governor Zalmay Weesa. (KP)

### (5) Experts Predict...

He said looking at the situation in Kabul a man candidate might get maximum 10,000 votes.

He said 804 candidates contested the Wolesi Jirga elections from Kabul and one could pave his way to the lower house by securing 2,000 votes.

According to Shinwari, in Kabul a woman candidate may secure 6,000 votes the maximum but said a woman candidate may win the lower house seat with over 1,000 votes.

Adam Khan Serat, an election expert and former employee of the IEC, said 500,000 of the total 1.6 million registered voters in Kabul cast their votes.

He said non-availability of voter lists and closure of some polling stations brought down the turnout on the polling day.

He said it is possible no man candidate might get more than 6,000 votes and a woman candidate maximum 4,000 votes.

He predicted in Kabul a man candidate needed at least 3,000 and a woman candidate need-

ed 1,900 votes to succeed in the polls. (Pajhwok)

### (6) World Bank...

and that the current decade has been the decade of education and they want to make a good result from the decade to improve the country's education.

At the same event, Mujib Rahman Karim, acting minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, said the program has two sections: one of them is about reconstruction of schools in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and another is on economic development in rural areas which aims at improving the economy of those living in villages. He said it will cover 5,000 villages over five years.

Karim said the reconstruction of schools covers 6,000 schools which was announced by President Ashraf Ghani - in March. (Tolo news)

### (7) IEC to Start...

to the commission tomorrow and visit the center. We will inaugurate the center tomorrow," said Hashemi.

The election commission said results of parliamentary elections will be announced on November 6.

In the meantime, a number of election watchdog organizations said if the vote counting process is managed in the same way as the elections were - on Saturday and Sunday - the results will not be credible.

The watchdogs said the management of the elections had been poor as there had been many problems on election days. They said there should be no problems during the vote counting process.

"If vote counting is managed as the election day (was managed), what has been expected will not be gained," Naem Ayubzada, executive director of Transparent Election Foundation of Afghanistan said.

"Problems with the biometric system show that the commission managed the election process poorly. These problems should not be repeated in the vote counting and the commission should not make promises to the people that it cannot fulfill," Yusuf Rasheed, executive director of Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan said. Afghanistan's long-awaited parliamentary elections were held on Saturday, October 20, and at some polling centers on Sunday, in 32 provinces of the country. However elections in Ghazni were postponed a few months ago due to security issues and Kandahar elections were held over for a week following last week's assassination of the provincial police chief Gen. Abdul Raziq. (Tolo news)

### (8) Iran, India...

"Fortunately, Chabahar agreement has been approved by related legal sources of Iran, India and Afghanistan, and today, with the holding of the first meeting of the deputies of transport ministers, the areas for implementation of the agreement are provided by the three countries." (IRNA)

### (9) Nearly 500...

minister said 6,000 schools would be constructed in coming two years from locally produced materials.

The construction of 3,000 schools had been launched in 17 provinces and work on remaining schools would be launched next year. (Pajhwok)

### (10) Taliban Kidnap 125...

Niamatullah, a resident, said: "The Taliban kidnapped all teachers and education staff two days ago and since schools are closed."

But Governor Mohammad Arif Noori told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban had released the teachers and the staff.

"The Taliban kidnapped 160 teachers and staff members and told them to get salaries through school cashier, not from the bank," he said.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said the issue would be investigated and information shared with media later.

Nearly 8,000 teachers are imparting education to 500,000 students in around 600 schools across Ghazni province. (Pajhwok)

### (11) Czechs in US...

Monday, prompting speculation that an insurgent had infiltrated the forces.

Taliban insurgents quickly claimed responsibility. However, the New York Times, quoting unnamed Afghan officials, reported the shooting may have resulted from an argument at Herat's Shindand base and had nothing to do with the Taliban.

An investigation into the incident is ongoing, Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman Ghafoor Ahmad Jawed said Tuesday. (AA)

### (12) Mullah Baradar...

Pakistani media reported that Mullah Baradar was released on the solicitation of Qatar's government. Recently, high level delegation of Qatar visited Islamabad and met senior leadership of Pakistan. According to the Taliban, Baradar's family and friends could meet him easily now in Karachi guest house. Afghanistan has often demanded Pakistan release Mullah Baradar but Islamabad would reject it. Baradar hails from Dehra Rud district of Uruzgan province and belongs to the Popalzai tribe. (Pajhwok)