**Uninterrupted Power Supply to Kabul Resumes Yesterday**

KABUL - The power supply problem will be resolved with extension of a permanent transmission line to Kabul by Wednesday evening, authorities say.

Da Afghanistan Breshna Shirkat (DABS) said work on fixing a power cable was delayed later in the day.

Last month, power supply to 11 provinces, including Kabul, was cut after a pylons was blown up in Sar-e-Sang. That was later temporarily reconnected the power cables.

Walidullah Tashiwal, spokesman for DABS, said Pashto Afghan News technical experts had been busy over the past few days to repair the destroyed pylons.

He promised electricity supply to the north capital would resume permanently by the evening.

A resident of Mirwais Maidan area, Jalal Pohtork, said “Previously, there was loadshedding in winter only. But now we don’t have to...” (More on Pkl-Ji)

**Dermalog Delays Results of Vote-Filtering**

KABUL - Dermalog, the German company that provided biometric biometric machines, has delayed results of filtering its data on votes cast during September 28 presidential election in Afghanistan.

The company was expected to provide results of its filtering to the Independent Election Commission on Saturday, but three days from the deadline, it has yet to do so. The IEC commissioner Awarangabj said that they have no other option but to wait.

He said that the commission was prepared to carry out its investigation as it receives report from Dermalog.

Some electoral camps criticized the delay saying it was due to lack of coordination between IEC and the company. They said that further delay was not acceptable.

Between 1.7 and 1.9 million votes were cast using biometric verification machines during the election day.

**Taliban Wants ‘80 Prisoners for 2 Expat Hostages’**

KABUL - The Taliban has demanded the release of 80 prisoners, including Anas Haqqani and Hafiz Rashid—two leaders of the Haqqani Network—as part of a prisoner exchange to free two US professors, sources close to the Taliban told The New York Times on Wednesday.

The sources said a prisoner exchange would offer a restart to the US and Taliban peace talks that were halted by US President Donald Trump about two months ago.

The US envoy Zalmay Khalilzad is trying to secure the release of Kevin King, an American, and Timothy Weeks, an Australian, who were abducted in Kabul in 2016 while employed at the American University of Afghanistan.

The sources said there is some disagreement over the release of Haqqani leaders, however, Anas Haqqani and Hafiz Rashid. Both were captured in 2014 outside Afghanistan while traveling in the Persian Gulf.

US forces are pressuring Taliban leaders to release the professors who are in the custody of the Haqqani group, nothing was discussed about peace during his visit with President Ghani,” Mo- hib said adding that “The US is seeking our cooperation regarding the release of the professors and we are ready to cooperate.”

(Dail News)

**US Conducted More Than 1,100 Strikes in Afghanistan in September**

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**Reducing Violence in Afghanistan Discussed in US-Pakistan Talks**

PESHAWAR - The importance of reducing violence in Afghanistan was discussed in talks between US Special Rep- resentative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad and Pakistani officials.

During the two-day visit to Islamabad which ended on Tuesday, Khalilzad met with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa, and other government officials, US Embassy in Pakistan said in a statement released Wednesday.

The envoy discussed the cur- rent status of the Afghan peace process and the importance of reducing violence, according to the statement.

He also underscored the econom- ic and security benefits peace can bring to the region, the statement said.

US President Donald Trump helded peace talks with the Taliban last month citing a deadly attack in Kabul. Last week, US Defense Secretary Mark Esper said that the aim was to still to get a peace agree- ment at some point (1TV News)

KABUL - President Ghani has appointed Deputy Foreign Mini- ster for Political Affairs Idrees Zaman as Acting Foreign Mini- ster, presidential spokesman Sedig Sediqqi tweeted.

Mr. Zaman has been serving as Deputy Foreign Minister for Po- litical Affairs since October 2018. The Office of Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah yet to make a comment in this regard. (ATN News)

Preliminary results from the votes were originally scheduled to be an- nounced on October 19, but the IEC postponed them till November 14. Meanwhile, the Attorney General’s Office said that three individuals who were accused of breaking the lack of IEC’s digital data centre had been referred for prosecution. 

On Wednesday, a spokesman for AGO, however, said that the culprits should be dismissed before investi- gation begins. (1TV News)

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MOFA - The MOFA said it paid tribute to the great and unparalleled service rendered by Mr. Kubis in the field of human rights in the aftermath of the Cold War. He was a visionary leader who steered Afghanistan's post-war reconstruction process and played a significant role in the country's history.

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Women's Inclusion Important in Peace Talks

By: Hujatullah Zia

The issue of women's rights and freedoms has become one of the main points in the peace talks. It is a question of the future of Afghanistan. Naturally, notably women, urge the participation of women in the peace talks so that their rights and freedoms, achieved under the post-Taliban nascency, do not unravel in the future peace talks.

Following the downfall of the Taliban’s regime, Afghan women have participated in political, social, and cultural activities and played a highly significant role. They proved that their abilities and capabilities in social and political areas were as high as those of their male counterparts. However, many political positions, Afghan women broke cultural stereotypes regarding themselves and the society, changed public consciousness, and exerted an important role to a great extent. They played pivotal role in collective life and campaigned against deep-seated cultural taboos through joint military, forces, colorful parades, performances, athletic centers and bike riding competitions, firms, investment, etc.

Afghan women enjoyed the relative freedoms after the collapse of the Taliban regime. The post-Taliban governments entitled Afghan men and women equally in rights, freedoms, and dignity and a number of NGOs tried to empower women perhaps to undo the impositions on them during the Taliban’s regime.

Afghan women are making steady progress on day-to-day basis and try to increase their constructive role in the coming years. They have played an important role in national and foreign investments.

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BAGHDAD—Iraqi Prime Minister Abdel-Malik al-Maliki has agreed to work to remove him from office as protests against his government gained momentum in Baghdad and much of the Shi'ite populated south only to be met with violence.

Popular Shi'ite cleric Moqtada Sadr, who leads the government's largest bloc, has threatened to call an early election. While al-Maliki did not call on his main political ally, the Kurdistan Democratic Party—headed by Erbil— to help oust him.

Mr. Maliki—who leads a parlia-

mentary alliance of Iran-backed Shi'ite militias that holds the second-largest amount of votes in parliament behind Sadr's alliance—issued a statement late on Tuesday agreeing to help oust the prime minister.

"We will work together to secure the interests of the Iraqi people and save the nation in accordance with the Iraqi people's will," Mr. Sadr said in a statement.

Mr. Maliki took office last year after months of political wrangling, which Sadr and Mr. Maliki both failed to secure enough votes to form a new government.

They appeared to be working as a compromise candi-
date to avoid a fraught, coalition government. The protestsdont appear to be dying down by disaccord.
KABUL - Afghanistan’s Ministry of Energy and Water (MoEW) has issued a request for pre-qualification (RfP) document for a 40MW solar PV project located in the western province of Herat.

The project, also supported by Herat Provincial Council’s advisor for the project, is to be developed on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis that emulates the World Bank Group’s ‘Scaling Solar’ initiative, which has set multiple large-scale solar tenders and auctions delivered in Sub-Saharan Africa. For this reason, MoEW has called on the World Bank Group’s International Finance Corporation, which spearheads the ‘Scaling Solar’ initiative, to act as lead advisor for the project.

A meeting for interested companies and consortia will be organized on 3 November and prequalification applications must be submitted by 30 November 2019. The 40MW solar power plant in Baft County, central Kerman province, was connected to the national power grid in July. Meanwhile, a 10MW solar power plant in Kandahar province, supported by USAID and the utility Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS), was also connected to the national power grid in July. Afghanistan currently produces 2GW of solar energy.

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KABUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan has imposed limitations on staffs’ activities on social media websites. According to a formal letter issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the deputy foreign minister Ediza Zaman has instructed all formal employees of the ministry to refrain from political and security related comments in social media. Zaman has warned that the employees would face legal actions should they violate the instructions. Meanwhile, NAI organisation, (More on p. 46)