



Ninth Note

Like the previous issues of the newsletter, this issue also contains a collection of articles published in the printed publications of the country. A total of 70 articles have been selected for this issue number that include, 30 articles regarding elections transparency, 20 articles on corruption, 15 articles related to negotiations with the insurgents and 5 articles about transitional justice.

Transparency of the election: in this issue of the newsletter, news and comments regarding fraud in the first round of election and going to the run-off have been published. Coalitions of candidates, international community's welcoming of the second round election, opportunities and challenges ahead of the second round election and preconditions proposed by one of the presidential candidates have been covered in this issue. Issues related to post-election situation when Karzai was

announced as the president for the second term have not been covered. They will be included in the next issue.

Negotiations with insurgents: Karzai's talks supporting negotiations with the opponent armed groups especially the Taliban, Western countries proposals in this regard and the Taliban reactions are the major topics of this issue.

Corruption: Karzai's talks regarding elimination of corruption during his election campaign as well as the emphases placed by the international community that linked elimination of corruption to the flow of international aids into the country brought about various comments and analyses. The international community by introducing a schedule for elimination of corruptions urges for a quick end to all types of corruptions. While the Afghan government criticizing the international community, blames the aiding

countries to be the real problem in this regard. During recent days, corruption has been the main topic for the countries media. In this issue of the newsletter, we have selected 20 articles regarding corruption which is something unprecedented in all other issues of the newsletter. It is likely, that in the 10th issue of Haqiqat/ the Truth most of the articles will cover the corruption.

Transitional Justice: during elections transitional justice was overwhelmed by election campaigns and corruption related topics. But after the elections results were announced and the international community as well as the UN Special Representative to Afghanistan urged on exclusion of the warlords from the new cabinet, transitional justice attracted huge media coverage. Unlike other issues of the newsletter, in this issue we have selected more articles regarding transitional justice and probably, will increase number of the articles in the next issues.

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Transitional Justice

Abdullah Wasn't Democrat

Bakhtar Newspaper, issue no. 105, page# 3, November 2, 2009
Written by: Razeq

Popular and committed politicians and those who have really understood democracy never quits the ground and better shines in the hardest time rather in the usual circumstances. Unfortunately, Abdullah by quitting the ground left a tradition behind that might in the future cause heavy costs for the nation.

Those who have lived a commander and totalitarian life and have exercised politics through gun barrels cannot turn to being a fully democrat overnight. These differences between despotic tendencies and democratic desires are the main problem of our country. The minds that have become used to the slogans like "death or triumph" are not easily convinced to accept personal defeat and respect the opponent's triumph for national interests.

Afghanistan and Insecurity in Recent Days

Jamia Weekly, issue# 112, page# 3, November 3, 2009
Written by: Sajjad

There is no doubt that Mujahideen have been ousted from power. Mujahideen enjoyed real power when Mr. Rabbani was carrying with himself the presidential title to Saudi Arabia, Iran and Pakistan. Hadn't the international community placed pressure upon him he still would not have handed over the power to others? The fact that Mujahideen have lost their position in the government structure as the major player is beyond doubt. Afghanistan governing body and its political system after the collapse of the Taliban is a type of system that is not much acceptable for Mujahideen and their leaders. They would have brought many changes to it if they could.

The current political system in spite of having its own Constitution and elected representatives of people in the Parliament, from the Mujahideen point of view has many shortages. Dr. Abdullah who was one of the Mujahideen since 1990 – 2001 was a favorite candidate for his fellow Jihadis to remove these shortages and change the system.

A Former Jihadi Commander Was Killed

Iradah newspaper, issue no. 1698, page 1& 3 November 4, 2009

Police says that some unknown armed attackers killed a former Jihadi commander in Sholgarah District/ Balkh Province.

Gul Ahmad son of Lal Mohammad who was 55 years old said that the differences left from Jihad times might have caused death of his father.

Gul Ahmad said that during Jihad his father was a commander of Jamiat-e Islami and when Mujahideen took power he shifted

to Mahaz-e Mille. It is possible that his shifting side from one party to the other has caused his death. He also added that about two years back his father had been arrested by Afghanistan National Security Department on charges of helping the Taliban and had been shifted to Bagram Prison but after three months had been released.

According to reports published by the Pazhwak News Agency during last year more than 20 people that include community elders, local influential figures, and former Jihadi commanders have been killed by unknown armed attackers in Chaharbolak, Chintal, Sholgarah and Balkh districts of Balkh province. The targeted victims are Haji Hayatullah, Abdul Hamid, Ali Khan, Nadir Shah, Mosa Jaan, Sahib Khan, Ali Mohammad, Mohammad Amin, Khal Mohammad and Noor Alam to name some. Last year community elders had gathered and while condemning the killings, had urged the government to arrest and punish the attackers. They also had accused some of the local high level officials to have a hand in these killings but the local officials have been denying the accusations.

End of Illusions and Beginning of Accountability

Sorosh newspaper, issue no. 213, page# 2, November 5, 2009

Keeping in mind that President Karzai has always been labeled for creating and maintaining an incompetent administration and assigning corrupt ministers that are accused of nepotism and incompetence, in his second term he must be careful not to use the old and traditional criteria such as social status, age, being Jihadi, warlord and etc... for appointing his cabinet members. Rather, the president must consider competence and work experience of the candidates while selecting his cabinet members.

The Next Five Years, Questions and Skeptics

Payam-e Mojaheed Weekly, issue no. 33, page 4, November 7, 2009
Written by: Sayed Ali Rahil

Kazai's insistent support from his deputies has given him hard times while dealing with the West. Marshal Qasim Fahim and Karim Khalili the former Mujahideen commanders have been severely un-welcomed by the Western societies and human rights organizations. Karzai's selection of Mr. Fahim as his first deputy brought about widespread criticism by the international community.

Negotiation with armed Opposition Groups

Obama's New Talented Approach to Afghanistan

Sorosh-e Millat Newspaper, issue no. 208, page 2, October 31, 2009
Reza Aazad Manish

Obama is expected to approve a new bill for combating terrorism and Taliban in Afghanistan. This approach allows the military generals of the United States to inter into direct cash deals with those Afghan Taliban members who agree to lay down their guns in return to receiving cash payments. This means those insurgents and so called insurgents who quit Taliban and join the so called "reconciliation process" will receive cash incentives. Meanwhile, there have been rumors/facts about serious cash deals between coalition forces and the Taliban for decreasing insurgency that have raised concerns amongst Afghan officials and Afghan political commentators. On the other hand, there have been doubts about effectiveness of this approach in this particular situation. Because in a country where most of the suicide attackers agree to explode himself/herself in return to receiving money to feed rest of the family members, where most of the unemployed men are attracted to Taliban Obama's talent not only won't improve the situation but also will indirectly fund Taliban attacks.

The Taliban Last Days?

In the margin of the last week terrorist attacks on Kabul

Bakhter newspaper, issue no. 103, page 7, October 31, 2009
Ahmad Dehzaad

President Karzai from the beginning days of this presidency till now has chosen a very tolerant and patient approach regarding Taliban terrorist attacks. This has impacted on the Taliban high level commanders and ordinary militias and has caused many of them to quit Taliban and joint the reconciliation process. Similar to the past, this year also the reconciliation process was successful and the Afghan government placed the highest impact on Taliban commanders and militias through this process. The Afghan government tolerant approach and its strategy to negotiate with Taliban has created big differences amongst Taliban and has weakened the insurgent to a greater extend. On the other hand, president Karzai's emphases and pressures on international troops aiding countries to change their strategy regarding fight against insurgents as well as behaving the civilians has won the battle of winning minds and hearts in different parts of the country. This has doubled the efficiency of Afghan government tolerant policy against the Taliban.

Britain Still Silent on Sultan Mohammad Monadi's Murder

orosh-e Millat Newspaper, issue no. 207, page 3, October 29, 2009
Written by: Salim Bromand

Soltan Mohammad Monadi who had been kidnapped with

Estiphan Forel by Taliban in Konduz province was killed during a rescue operation conducted by the British soldiers. It is rumored that he had photographed and recorded a scene in which the British reporter was paying money to the Taliban and that is why got killed by British soldiers.

President Karzai:

Runoff was Much Better for Afghanistan

Rahi Nijat newspaper, issue no. 1302, page 3, November 4, 2009

President Karzai in his first public speech since his re-election stretched out a friendly hand to Taliban and requested members of this militant group to return home. He said: "hereby, I am requesting my brothers fighting for Taliban group to return home." he said, he will continue the reconciliation process strongly in his second term and will keep inviting Taliban to join the peace process in the country.

Karzai confirmed that the new Afghan government in the light of the Constitution and in close consultation with the international community will continue its efforts to invite those who are fighting against the government to join the peace process. He called security and negotiation with Taliban for bringing peace and stability to be one of the fundamental challenges laid ahead of his new government.

Similarly, Omar Sherzad one of the Afghan Senators said that president Karzai must restart his negotiation with Taliban and through convening Jirgas must prepare the ground for Taliban to return home.

President Karzai and Preconditions of Negotiation with Taliban

Rahi Nijat Newspaper, issue no. 1426, page 1, November 5, 2009

In a statement that has been disseminated by Taliban in reaction to President Karzai's call to join the reconciliation process Taliban has called Karzai to be a western puppet and has rejected the request. Yosuf Ahmadi, the Taliban spokesperson has told that Karzai only speaks and will not act accordingly.

Taliban Assassinate Their Fleeing Members

Bakhter newspaper, issue no. 104, page 2, Sunday November 10, 2009

Mr. Shahidullah Shahid, spokesperson to Wardak governor has told reporters that Lal Mohammad, a former Taliban commander in Maidan- Wardak province has been killed by Taliban insurgents. According to Mr. Shahi Lal Mohammad was a commander working for Taliban and about a year ago he was arrested by the Afghan Security forces. When released from the prison he laid down his gun.

Mr. Shahid, said that Lal Mohammad after being released from the prison was working for peace. Whereas, working for peace and separating this type of Taliban members from their group is very necessary than ever, those who quit Taliban and join peace process need to be protected. Otherwise thousands of Taliban supporters will continue working for this group just because their lives are safer while working for Taliban.

Whereas, the Taliban leaders know that the life of their group is linked with the government weaknesses they for weakening the reconciliation process will use from harassment and spreading fears as much as they can. Even there are fighters who love peace and detest war have for years lived in the mountains just because they feel safer there. There many of this type of people among Taliban insurgents. The government of Afghan must find a solution for these fighters and must create a situation where if one of these insurgents joins the peace process his decision must inspire hundreds of others to do the same. Though the government of Afghanistan has been very kind and tolerant to those who lay down their guns and has established its National Solidarity and Reconciliation Office but as long as joining peace process doesn't protect those who lay down their guns these efforts will not have any result.

Obama is Closely Evaluating the Situations in Afghanistan

Nokhost Newspaper, issue no. 188, page 1, November 1, 2009

A report published recently says that the United States pays cash for the moderate Taliban insurgents to quit their group. Though this plan has not been officially started yet but it has been approved. The other initiative the US has adopted is to increase the community elders' support from the coalition forces. But the situation in Afghanistan is more complex than what the US officials think to use for decreasing community elders' support from Taliban. Because the tribal differences that strongly exist in southern regions has worsen the situations for Americans to work with. On the other hand, attracting support from the community elders doesn't solve the problem from its roots. It rather is based on serving the elders short- term interests.

Another Plan For Weakening the Taliban

Afghanistan Daily, issue no. 932, page 1, November 1, 2009
Mohammad Reza Howaida

Barack Obama, president of the United States is expected to approve a bill that allows the US army commanders in Afghanistan to pay money for those Taliban who agree to lay down their guns. This bill is based on the lessons learnt by US troops in Iraq. But it looks that there are many differences between Afghanistan and Iraq. Thus, applying such plans needs to be carefully evaluated and examined. However, in every program that is going to be implemented in Afghanistan the main target must be supporting the central government of Afghanistan. Strengthening pillars of the central government such as Afghanistan National Army and National Police must be the top priority for all countries supporting Afghanistan or

countries committed to fights against terror in this country.

Convening Loya Jirga With the Presence of the Insurgent Groups After the Election

Sorosh-e Millat newspaper, issue no. 210, page 6, November 2, 2009

A number of Senators has asked for convention of a Loya Jirga with the presence of the insurgent groups after the election. They have expressed their concerns regarding the country's situations and have emphasized that if Afghans fail to resolve their differences in this particular situation the international community can do nothing in this regard.

Mohammad Baryal, a member of Afghanistan Upper House urged for convening a Loya Jirga on inviting Mullah Omar and Gulbadin Hekmatyar to join the national reconciliation process. They say that Mullah Omar and Hekmatyar are children of Afghanistan and the government must negotiate with them to find a solution for the country's troubled situations.

35 Insurgents Join the Reconciliation Program in Herat Province

Nokhost Newspaper, issue no. 191, page 3, November 4, 2009

An insurgent commander along with his 34 armed militias joint the Reconciliation Program in Chasht District of Herat Province. "Haji Sayed Wali and his men who were armed with guns, machine guns and rocket launchers officially joint the reconciliation program." Said, General Khair Mohammad Khawari, Chief of 207 Zafar Corps in Herat.

According to him, these insurgents through mediation of the community elders joint the reconciliation program and announced their cooperation for restoring security and expansion of reconstruction activities.



Moving In Closed Circle

Mosharikat-e Milli Weekly, issue no. 335, page 2, November 3, 2009

Taliban can't be kicked out from the ground by money. This group is an ideological one. This will be a mistake to think that

Taliban suicide attacks ever have corporeal motives. One of the agendas proposed by Obama's Administration on Afghanistan war is cash payment for those insurgents that quit Taliban and stop fighting. Should this policy be applied it will come out to be a strategic mistake. Paying Taliban first of all, will strengthen the group. Secondly, if the policy happens to be effective its effects won't last for long. The policy of Paying Taliban is like hiding the fire under the ash.

President's Call upon the Insurgents

Ba Soyee Farda newspaper, issue no. 66, page 2, November 4, 2009

President Karzai regarding the Taliban said: "I have called upon them to join the peace process and this is one of my government objectives nationwide. This is my ever first option to invite those Afghans who are fighting against the government of Afghanistan to join the peace process." He added, "All those who respect the Constitution of the country can work within my government structure."

Insurgents Joint the Reconciliation Program in Badghis Province

Iradah newspaper, issue no. 1698, page 1& 3 November 4, 2009

Afghanistan General Security Department announced that a seven- member group of insurgents have joint the reconciliation program in Badghis province. The announcement says that the group led by Mohammad Nabi after knowing righteousness of the current government decided to stop bloodshed and join the peace process.

The United States Cash Incentives to Those Taliban Members Who Quit the Group Is Dangerous

Rahi Nijat Newspaper, issue no. 1301, page 1, November 3, 2009

Sayed Husain Aalimi Balkhi one of the Afghan Lower House MP holds that the United States recent plan to pay for those Taliban who quit the group would be a serious mistake. He said: "this plan will not decrease the insurgent attacks but rather increase them." According to Aalimi Balkhi currently part of the Taliban insurgents have joint this group due to the high rate of unemployment in the country. This is possible that the new plan separate this category of the insurgents from the Taliban main body. But this would be a temporary solution. This paid Taliban will rejoin the group after a while. This is also possible that after this plan Taliban will recruit more unemployed Afghans. The long- term solution would be to create employment for Afghans so that stop them from joining the insurgent groups or even attracting current Taliban members to quit the group and start their peaceful lives.

The United States Congress has approved a 3/1 billion US Dollar Bill to be paid as incentives for those insurgents that quit the Taliban group. This bill is likely to be signed by Barack Obama, President of the United States.

Elections Transparency



its fraud and manipulations were not revealed. In the August 20 elections also the interest of some individuals demanded to reveal the frauds and allegations therefore it was disclosed.

The Creditability of UNAMA in Elections

Sam Daily, No. 692, Page 4, 6 October 2009

Mr. Galbrot the Deputy of UN's Special Envoy to Afghanistan has claimed that the United Nations Office in Kabul and the Independent Elections Commission has acted in the favor of Mr. Karzai in the elections and Kai Eide personally opposed discussions and talks about the fraud in the election. Mr. Eide, UN's Special Envoy to Afghanistan believes that if frauds are disclosed in the elections then the country will move towards insecurity. In the meantime according to him, there is the probability of lack of legitimacy and decline of results in the North of the country. The allegations of Golbraith as a high UN official in Kabul can spread lack of trust and amongst the people about the UNAMA and ECC in Kabul.

Dr. Abdullah accused Eide for concealing a report

Newspaper Afghanistan, number 908, Page 1, 4 October 2009

Abdullah Abdullah, the presidential candidate and main rival of Hamid Karzai, has accused Kai Eide, UN's Special Envoy to Afghanistan for concealing a report that was prepared by UNAMA showing the number of voters participated in the elections and the election's transparency.

Mr. Abdullah in a press conference in Kabul on Saturday said to journalists that the latest statements by the Peter Golbreith the dismissed Deputy of Eide has pointed to the issue. On the other hand Kai Eide Unlike the principles of the UN have told Hamid Karzai of his supports in the elections. Mr. Abdullah said that this positioning of United Nations can put in doubt the impartiality of United Nations inside and outside of Afghanistan.

The Elections controversy not finished

Afghanistan Daily, No 908, Page 1, Oct 4, 2009

The elections process in Afghanistan like other valuable able phenomenon in Afghanistan instead of opening the ways towards social justice, political participation and developing democratic norms has paved the way for fraud, violation, corruption and breaking law for some individuals and decision makers who are in the executive panels. Therefore the elections process in Afghanistan is a showy drama that shows the shapes and forms of democracy in the country. But in reality it has no compatibility with the reality of democracy. In the past elections the level of fraud was also high, but because it was organized by International Community and the United Nations in which the benefits of some powerful people was hidden then

No profit with Delay in elections results

Afghanistan daily, Number 910, Page 4, 6 October 2009

The perceptions of the people of Afghanistan are different:

1 – There are political dealings behind the curtain of delay in the election's results however there is no difficulty in the process of counting votes. Western countries and NATO member countries, the regional countries and the government of Afghanistan are the major players of these dealings.

2 – the drama of delay in the elections results in one hand have paved the way for misusing and on the other hand some of the people have turned into corruption and crime that has disrupted the mental and physical calm of family members. The people of Afghanistan besides considering the elections as a democratic process demands for the segregation of frauds at any extend and stress on the early declaration of results that the people of Afghanistan welcome it.

Candidates of the Cooperation Council Sharing Prepare for the Second Round of Election

Nukhost Daily, No. 171, Page 1, 12 October 2009

the Collaborative Council of Candidates that includes about 10 candidates of presidential elections on Sunday held its 18th press conference and declared: "if the elections go to second round then according to law all the candidates should participate."

These candidates claim that as the second round is being held

on the bases of fraud and manipulations then organizing second round will legitimized when all the nominees participate in it in a democratic and transparent process.

Mujjaddadi: Foreigners try to form a coalition government in Afghanistan

Bakhtar Daily, No 92, Page 1, October 12, 2009

The head of Upper House (Mishrano Jirga) expressed that the foreigners are trying to make a coalition government and therefore the final results of elections is not yet declared. Sibghatullah Mujjaddadi accused foreigners of handling in the final results of elections.

A dangerous Game in ECC

Bakhtar Daily, No 92, Page 2, Oct 12, 2009

The reason behind delay in the process of pursuing the complaints of elections was also clarified that it was as a result of foreign dealings and games behind the scene. Mustafa Barackzai a member of Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC) resigned two days before. He has said that ECC is under the pressure of foreigners and two Afghan members of ECC are under the influence of foreigners therefore pay no respect for the right and values of afghan votes.

Barackzai complained of suspicious foreign faces resorting in the ECC and in reality they were the real decision makers of commission. He argued that he did not recognize many faces that came to Commission every day, although he was a member of the commission.

Elections; the Destiny of Afghans; No More Games with the Destiny of Afghans

Rah e Nejat Daily, No 1284, Page 2, October 14, 2009

The election faced with two months delay showing lack of legitimacy and rule of law. The international community particularly the Americans were trying to choose their favorite candidate who could pursue their policy in the region but they failed to do so since the elections was organized. It is said that foreigners had more authority then the Afghans in the elections and however they could, overruled the recount and the results of elections and this involvement continued to the point that Mustafa Barackzai, one of five senior member of ECC resigned from his position.

According to Barackzai, the foreigners had major authorities in the many issues and there were events when they assessed the ballot-boxes prior than ECC members reach the site.

the delay in the elections results. He emphasized that this delay will influence the every aspect of public life. Mr. Karzai said the due date for elections results was 17 Sep and later on it was declared to be 6 Oct. The last report suggested today as the final day for declaration of results but it is still pending. The president highlighted interference by foreigners in elections affairs and asked the IEC to declare the results soon.

A senior member of ECC besides his resignation declared: Instead of Afghans, Foreigners have full Authority in elections

Rah e Nejat daily, No 1283, Page 1, 13 October 2009

Yesterday a senior member of election complaints commission besides declaring his resignation said: "Foreigners have more authority than Afghans in pursuing electoral complaints." He added: "Foreigners led many cases and in some cases they reached and assessed the complaints earlier than we (the Afghans) reach the site."

The resigned member of Commission adds that once we went to a province to assess some ballot-boxes; however when we reached the site discovered that the foreigners from Nijeria and Africa had earlier reached the site, examined the ballot boxes and left. They were UNAMA representatives.

Barackzai believes that the loss and profit of no one is known; but delay in the elections results show that there are dealings behind the scene going on.

Kai Eide confirmed widespread fraud the Second Round of Elections is Approved

Mandegar Daily, No 150, Page 1, October 12, 2009

Kai Eide, UN special envoy for the first time confirmed Afghanistan: widespread election fraud in Afghanistan has been. He yesterday in a news conference in Kabul with the presence of Ambassadors and America, Britain and France spoke with the highest expression of this fraud in the voting areas south and



Karzai criticized the delay in the final elections results

Musharikat Milli Weekly, No 332, Page 1, Monday July 12, 2009

The President of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai called pernicious

southeast Afghanistan, has said: range fraud is in turn now.

The lawyers support for Eide Eide Should be praised Instead of Reprimand

Mandegar Daily, No 150, Page 1, 12 October 2009

Some of the MPs in the parliament supported Kai Eide, UN's Special Envoy to Afghanistan while this reaction sparked some other MPs in the parliament. The MPs who objected on Eide say that he should be legally pursued for his "involvement in fraud" and "his support for a particular candidate".

Yesterday some members of the National Council had asked the Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General in a letter to ignore the fraud allegations on Eide and honor his activities in Kabul.

Mir Ahmad, Joyenda: UNAMA must prove its neutrality in the Afghan Elections

8am Daily, No. 679, Page 4, October 12, 2009

According to a report by some UN officials in Kabul, Kai Eide has concealed the report about the ratio of people's participation in the elections. The information reveals that the number of participants in some provinces was about hundred thousand more than the number of voters of whole province and it shows a great deal of fraud.

ECC: The Complaints will be assessed in four days

Nukhost Daily, No. 171, Page 1, 12 October 2009

Fahim Hakim, a member of the elections commission complaints on Sunday, told the journalist that Electoral Complaints Commission is in the final stages of reviewing electoral complaints, and had until the end of this week the results of their assessment will be handed over to the Independent Elections Commission. He remarked that out of 3498 suspicious ballot-boxes they have recounted the votes of 358 ballot-boxes that comprise 13 percent of the total suspicious votes and the result will be provided soon to IEC. The officials in this commission say that there have been frauds in the provincial council elections results too and some of the members of the commission have sold the votes of the candidates. A provincial council candidate from Parwan has claimed that he had a phone call from IEC if he pays 5000 \$ he will make his way to provincial council.

Kai Eide rejected the allegations of interventions by himself and the UN in the elections affairs of Afghanistan

Nukhost Daily, No 171, Page 3, Oct 12, 2009

Kai Eide, UN's Special Representative in Afghanistan rejected

any interventions by himself and the UN officials in Afghanistan about the elections affairs. He approved that three members of the ECC were appointed by him, however he did not have authority on them and their technical expenses were paid by both Commissions. He remarked that the argument between him and Golbreith his deputy was that Golbriathe had asked for the reassessment of votes from 1200 polling stations but Eide did not agree with his demand.

Kai Eide awakened: Widespread fraud occurred in the elections

Payam Majaheed Weekly, No 654, Page 1, 17 October 2009

According to the reports received from the observers who were present during the recount of suspicious votes reducing this number of votes from will drop down Karzai's percentage and with no doubt elections will go to second round. If the election goes to second round then it will be the only way to justify the latest objections by Eide about the frauds in the elections, according to Golbraith. Hamid seems furious with the second round and has threatened to resign from his post if there be a run-off.

Khalilzad in Afghanistan to form a coalition government

Rahe Nejat Daily, No 1286, Page 3, October 17, 2009

Wahid Muzhda a political analyst in an interview with Fars News Agency has said that the unexpected arrival of Zalmay Khalilzad to Afghanistan is a mission he pursues to bring Karzai and Abdullah on an agreement.

He reiterated: Zalmay Khalilzad has long term friendship with Karzai and has made advices with Karzai however the change in the Abdullah's behavior as he accepted the decision of ECC is the result of Khalilzad's journey to Afghanistan. In the meantime Bukhdi News Agency reported that some of the members of parliament say that coalition government will be insufficient. Sultan Muhammad Orang, an MP from Badakhshan province says that a coalition government will not be supported by the people and it means not to pay attention to the votes of Afghans and it means a new political game with Afghans.

Second round of elections and the coalition government

Mandegar Daily, No 153, Page 1, 15 October 2009

While the final and confirmed elections results are pending unannounced, the representatives in the House of Representatives say that if the elections go to second round then it is possible to be held until 15th Qows (Persian Calendar).

Sultan Muhammad Orang, an MP in the parliament says: "Until late Qows month (Persian Calendar) when schools are opened the ground is ready to organize second round of elections." Allocating budget, providing the necessities to organize

elections, ensuring the security of voters, changing the authorities in IEC are the mechanisms to be carried out by the governmental authorities and the International Community to organize second round of elections.

The current administration; to be accepted...

Eqtidar e Milli Weekly, No 333, Page 2, 17 October 2009

Landing armed forces by Helicopter is an important issue. There are rumors and strategic viewpoints in this regard. There are rumors that the security situation in the south was serious and supposedly the government had plans to carry out fraud. In the South in the insecure areas the government had open hand to pursue widespread fraud however they want to pave the way for fraud in the north too. Therefore in some areas like Bala Murghab and Ghormach, insecure districts they made dealings with the Taliban and filled the ballot-boxes in the favor of ruling candidate.

I want to make it clear that they are not rumors and are facts that we must accept. On the other hand, when the Helicopters fly to northern areas why the government is unaware of this issue. Based on their statements "since five months helicopters fly in the north", then they did not do anything in this regard? What does it show?

The second round of elections: Abdullah accepted; Bashardost disapproved

Sam Daily, No 706, Page 4, Oct 22, 2009

Dr Ramazan Bashardost a presidential candidate of august 20 elections, has accused both the IEC and ECC of violating the law and says these commissions instead of removing the names of Karzai and Abdullah from the list of candidates of second round of elections as they carried out widespread fraud and manipulations in the elections, they have declared them the winners to compete in the run-off election.

Mr. Bashardost said that the financial sources of both Karzai and Abdullah are from foreign sources and according to the elections law, they should report from their income sources.

said that he has complained to the ECC as well but they have neglected his complaints. Mr. Bashardost says: "in the website of IEC it is written that they have received about 2384 electoral complaints since election day and 751 complaints are put in the top. It means that these complaints are much important that can affect the results of elections. From 2384 complaints, the IEC has reviewed only 249 of them. While article 49 of the election law has obliged IEC to acknowledge all the complaints before the votes are approved. "

Elections went to second round, But?!

Rah e Nejat Daily, No 1290, Page 2, Oct 21, 2009

There were mounting pressure on the president and the government of Afghanistan by America and the international

community prior the announced result. Although the reality of these pressures is unknown but it seems that these pressure on two points: elections run-off or forming a coalition government.

Karzai with announcement of the second round of elections: Yes to National Participation, No to Coalition

Rah e Nejat Daily, N 1290, Page 2, 21 October 2009

Hamid Karzai in a joint conference with John Kerry, Head of US Senate Foreign Relations and Kai Eide, United Nations Special representative and other senior foreign diplomats, besides announcing the second round of elections to be held said: "the elections in Afghanistan became notorious and any results questioned its legitimacy." He remarked that let us put the decision with the people who should acquire the presidential seat so that the process of democracy and respect to the votes of people for the stability and interest of the country is strengthened.

Preventing fraud guarantees the participation of people in the second round

Nukhost Daily, No. 181, Page 1, 24 October 2009

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One of the ways that can prevent elections fraud is that the ballot-boxes should not be sent to the districts where government has no control and the security forces plus elections observers are not present there. The statements of Kai Eide, UN Special Envoy to Afghanistan, regarding excluding certain ethnics from voting had irreparable outcomes.

Abdullah announced his conditions

Rah e Nejat Daily, No 1295, Page 1, 27 October 2009

Dr. Abdullah Abdullah the candidate for presidential elections, declared his conditions for holding the run-off presidential elections. His conditions include dismissal of IEC head and suspension of responsibilities of Interior minister the minister of education and minister of border and tribal affairs.

Abdullah added that to better monitor the second round of elections 20 thousand cards should be issued to his observers by IEC and one of his men should be given high authorities to observe every activity regarding elections. However he added that if his conditions are not accepted he will react.

Mohaqiq: The government lacking national participation is not in the favor of Afghanistan

Afghanistan Daily, No 928, Page 1, 27 October 2009

Haji Mohammad Mohaqiq the leader of Islamic Unity Party of the people of Afghanistan called the illegal the preconditions set by Dr. Abdullah for the second round of elections. Mr. Mohaqiq remarked that the alliance between Karzai and his

party remains firm. The emphasis of Abdullah on the conditions like changing the members of commission will confront the second round of elections with challenges. He said: "I believe the preconditions set by Abdullah for the second round of elections has no legal bases and the appointment of IEC members is in the authority of the president."

**UN wants international
observers to monitor elections**

Afghanistan Daily, No 928, Page 1, 27 October 2009

the UN officials expressed their hope and eagerness that the international observer monitor the second round of elections as they did in the first round. In the first round of Afghan presidential elections the international observers monitored the afghan elections beside their afghan counterparts and their findings clarified the excess of fraud carried out in the elections. in the meantime the United Nations officials in Afghanistan say they are in contact with the Afghan security agencies.

Corruption

What other excuses?!

Rah-i-Nijat Newspaper, issue no. 1296, page 2, October 28, 2009

During seven past years, many complaints have been raised on the weak and incapable performances of judicial system, especially due to existence of corruption in judicial institutions or wide influence of powerful people, the serious criminals and terrorists could release themselves from legal prosecution and punishments. Therefore, when the criminals do not see and do not face any barrier against them, they act boldly in committing more and serious crimes.

In a situation which judicial authorities of the country in addition to refusing media reports and different processes regarding not punishing criminals and terrorists, they also telling that their claims about not punishing the arrested criminals and terrorists are not true, but in fact the criminals are released after a short time. These authorities believe that this situation has caused the increase of criminal and terroristic activities in the country and made questionable their 24 hours activities.

The complaints of police on releasing criminals by prosecutors' office and courts

Rah-i-Nijat Newspaper, issue no. 1296, page 2, October 28, 2009

Security authorities are saying that they arrest accused persons with enough documents and evidences but they are illegally released by prosecutors' office and courts. "A group of drug sellers who were active in the areas of police departments 1 and 2, arrested by police but the prosecutors' office released them again" said General Sayed Abdul Ghafar Sayedzada, head of criminal investigation department of Kabul police headquarter.

Mr. Sayedzada says that these suspects were given to prosecutors' office with enough documents and evidences but the reason for their release is not known. Based on his expressions, police is not aware of those suspects who are arrested by police and transferred to Attorney General Office and released again. He also added that Attorney General Office is obliged to put police in picture when they release the criminals but the AGO does not.

In the same time parliament representative Sayed Hussain Aalimi Balkhi is saying that some powerful people in government are also involved in releasing accused persons and suspects and pave the ground for expansion of crimes around the country and cause more problems and insecurities.

From the other hand Abdul Qadir Imami Ghorl another parliament representative is saying that government is the main cause for increasing problems in the country. In addition to confirming release of suspects and accused person by prosecutors' offices, he added that doing such acts is effective

in increasing problems and insecurities and the current government during last years has done this action.

75% of the State Incomes are being misused

Hasht-i-Subh Newspaper, issue no.712, page 5, October 29, 2009

By: Zafar Shah Royee

The High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption says that many government high rank officials are not aware of Anti Corruption Strategy and this has caused that 75% of state incomes be misused. Mohammad Yasin Osmani head of High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption said that while more than one year has passed from development of Anti Corruption Strategy but still less government officials have paid attention to this strategy. Mr. Osmani says we tasked some delegations to go to institutions and collect information as needed. Accordingly, researching on some institutions, we found that Anti Corruption Strategy is not used in their daily performances and forgotten in a shelf.

West is playing multiple games in Afghanistan

Eqtedar-i-Mili weekly, issue no. 335, page 1, October 31, 2009

After primary support of Americans from Hamid Karzai, in recent years, many harsh and severe objections and criticisms made by US high officials and media on Karzai's government in a manner that they called Karzai's government the most corrupted all over the world and relations between two presidents seriously get into trouble. US officials wished for holding a transparent and sound election in order to establishing a powerful and incorrupt government. This position



of American officials have accompanied and welcomed with internal requests for developing reforms in political structure and ending corruption and preventing influence of mafia bands in government body.

Jan Kerry expanded defending from Karzai to his brothers and against internal and external criticisms regarding involvement of Karzai's brothers in mafia band he said: no one has submitted me any evidence in truth of allegations on president's brothers. He also emphasized that I requested from intelligent resources to submit any documents if they have regarding involvement of Ahmad Wali Karzai in drug trafficking, but no document has found in this issue till now. Jan Kerry's defense from Karzai happens when a store full of poppy was detected by English army and after investigation it became clear that the land of this store is belonging to president's brother, Ahmad Wali Karzai. It is said that documents of this investigation has delivered to the ministry of interior affairs and Mr. President but no action has been taken so far.

Detecting an Organized Group of Corruption by the Ministry of Finance

Rah-i-Nijat Newspaper, issue no. 1300, page 2, November 2, 2009

Due to press release of ministry of finance, the ministry of finance with cooperation of High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption and ministry of interior affairs has arrested two customs broker working in an organized group who are said that would misuse almost 1.5 milliard AFS corresponding to 30 million USD of customs incomes in Kabul International Airport. Based on this press release this event was disclosed after one month investigation about systematic forgery of customs documents. Dr. Omar Zakhilwal minister of finance said "we don't have enough information about full extent of this forgery but we believe that these two arrested persons are key members of an organized criminal group who have been active in such actions in Kabul International Airport from many years."

President Karzai; Launching second round of Election was much better for Afghanistan

Rah-i-Najat Newspaper, issue no. 1302, page 3, November 4, 2009

Mr. President mentioned in his first speech that corruption, insecurity, cultivation and production of narcotics and poverty are the challenges which his government is facing with and emphasized that he will continue his support from Anti-Corruption commission which established last year. Mr. Karzai also mentioned that corruption is not eliminated only by deposition and recruitment of individuals but it needs for collective will and government efforts to be removed. He added that significant changes will be coming in next government of Afghanistan. All of us know that Afghanistan is facing a big challenge by the name of corruption and we will get rid of this challenge by any means. He said "Afghanistan got very infamous on corruption. We try to clean this spot by any possible

methods and prove to Afghan people and the world that Afghanistan is honest in its efforts and will succeed.

Anti-Corruption's Bumpy Road

Ba Soy-i-Fardah Newspaper, issue no. 67, page 1, November 5, 2009

We have to take in to account that last speedy and study less actions cannot be helpful in anti-corruption process. Unfortunately, in the past the commissions and anti-corruption institutions were established in hurry and in some cases these institutions established when the corruption was in its last stage and these institutions have acted as calmativ drugs and have not cured the main problem. Based on these grounds, it is necessary to deal precisely with corruption with no hurry and away from political problems. At first, necessary and comprehensive researches should be launched in order to recognize roots of this problem and seek scientific and academic methods for solving those problems and the last step should be taking practical actions.

New Government's Responsibilities

Afghanistan Newspaper, issue no. 936, page 5, November 5, 2009
By: Abdullah Herawi

Corruption is one of the most mortal disasters which moved Afghanistan toward calamity. Unfortunately, during last years Mr. Karzai not only did succeed but in many cases he didn't act decisively because of dominance of his personal sentiments in performing anti-corruption law. He has forgiven many people who were corrupted without punishing or ignored their punishments. The matter of punishments and rewards has been forgotten in Afghan administrations. Nowadays bribery is legal but not announced fact in Afghan administrations. Without bribery it is not possible to get low rank staff's signature. It is fantastic that in many cases some people for their personal purposes and interests could get Karzai's approval with deceit and trick without proceeding legal steps. Such persons by getting president's signature have breached the law with more courage.

Will the Next Government of Karzai be Repetition of Past Eight Year Failures?

Nakhust Newspaper, issue no. 192, page 1, November 9, 2009
By: Mohammad Yosouf Yasa

High rank government officials, despite of having high USD salaries, are getting involved in corruption and embezzlement that among them international institutions and foreign organizations are also included which have misused granted money and returned it to their own countries. Country citizens believe that high rank government officials have made buildings and palaces for themselves from the money which is in fact the asset of every individual of this country, while poor people due to poverty could not find food. Many individuals who are assigned from inside and outside the country by the name of experts in posts of deputy and advisor in purpose of using their

experiences, without doing any effective work are taking thousand dollar salaries while many staff of the country are spending their life by three thousand Afghani per month.

Corruption Cannot be Eliminated

Iradah Newspaper, Issue No 1695, page 2, November 1, 2009

Ysin Osmani, who has been appointed as the head of Anti Corruption Commission, announced that 75% of all government incomes in a year are misused and only 25% of that is spent for the purposes to which it has been allocated. It is reported that two persons who used to work in Kabul International Airport used to put 35 million US\$ of the annual incomes of the airport in their own pocket. Based on these facts one can imagine that how much money are misused before being included to the government's income, that is misused and stolen in the way and half way for processing to include it to the government's income and in the end nothing remains for the government.

These commissions neither arrested yet any one on the accusation of corruption nor disclosed the embezzlement committed by any one, because these embezzlements and thefts are committed by persons who are powerful or backed by groups of armed militants. Therefore, these helpless commissions cannot confront powerful persons and they don't have any other option except keeping silent.

Another major factor of corruptions is internationals who are involved in the embezzlements, and according to a US Fact Finding Group regarding the embezzlement of 32 billion US\$, great amount of this money has been stolen and embezzled during the last eight years.

Gen. Arnolar, head of this group, whose mission has been approved by US Senate, says that they have detected 26 instances of these embezzlements and their files have been sent to Washington for the purpose of prosecution.

Omar Zakhilwal, minister of finance of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan says that he does not have any information about the 2 billion US\$ which has been paid from the grant money in the name international consultants, where this money are spent and what capacity they have developed for Afghan institutions.

Administrative Reforms or Administrative Problems

Bakhtar Newspaper, Issue No 106, page 2, November 3, 2009

At present, the law of promotion and retirement is forgotten and all recruitments of the officials take place on the basis of free competitions and PRR. The chain of grades has broken and grades 11-16 have been taken away which is a point to be assessed and considered. In a country where relationships prevail over principles and corruption governs the system how can it be believed that a person without prior official and work experience can show his/her talent and ability through a free test and prove to deserve high salaries. How we know that no reference or bribery exists in such free competitions, or the questions have not been leaked to the candidate. Isn't it a damage to the

administrative system if bachelor degree holders are appointed as heads or directors without going through the period described by Public Officials Law? Similarly how can bachelor degree holders from civil universities can perform high level duties such as ministry or department and be successful their tasks? Therefore, recruiting such individuals who do not have prior work experience not only it does not account to capacity building but also it doesn't have any fruit except regret and loss of time. In such a situation administrative programs will not be practical and will face greater problems in the continuance and results of these programs in the future and the retirement treasury will be insolvent when these persons retire and get their pension.

Elements of Corruption in the Administration and Ways to Get Rid of it

Bakhtar Newspaper, Issue No 106, page 4, November 3, 2009

There are different elements that cause corruption in Afghanistan. Poverty, unnecessary bureaucracies of the past governments, ineffective organizational structure in government organs, broad structures which are inappropriate with the objectives and duties of the institution, appointment of inexperience directors in high level government positions, lack of merit based employments, discrimination in recruitment, nepotism, unreasonable differences in salaries of officials of an administration, lack of rewards and punishments, non implementation of laws by responsible authorities, abuse of position for collecting money, inflation, decrease in the income of people, increasingly differences of living style between rich and poor, lack of security, and finally unfair and improper distribution of facilities in the society can be among those factors which cause corruption to root in the system. In addition to the mentioned factors, change and amendment of many laws is another factor which caused corruption to spread. In order to prevent day to day increasingly spread of corruption and its elimination it is necessary for the new government to take serious actions regarding reduction of differences between salaries of government officials, improvement of economic situation of most of the deprived people of the society, strengthening the culture of preference of principles over relationships, merit based recruitments, elimination of all kinds of discrimination in the government institutions, draft and implementation of complete security strategy, prevention of extreme inflation, and finally punishment of those persons involved in corruption up to life imprisonment.

Violators of "Prolific areas" Project in Helmand were arrested

Hasht-e-Subh Newspaper, Issue No 715, page 3, November 2, 2009

Gulab Mangal, the governor of Helmand province, said that five persons including governor's advisor on reconstruction, director of agriculture department, a translator and two contractors, who committed violation in "zone four" (prolific areas) have been arrested.

The Second phase of "zone four" project in Helmand province have begun and during current year forty thousand farmers will be provided with fertilizer and genetically modified seeds. In exchange the farmers are committed to avoid opium cultivation. This huge project, which is financed by US and UK, was started in Helmand province last year by PRT aiming to fight against narcotics, but due to non transparency it faced lots of criticism from the people. The governor of Helmand province speaks about widespread reforms and transparency in the project. Previously, he talked on elimination of opium cultivation, corruption and terrorism which account to be important steps towards campaign against corruption in the province.

US ask for Establishment of Anti Corruption Commission in Afghanistan

Ba Soy Farda Newspaper, Issue No 66, page 1, November 4, 2009

Obama Administration asked Karzai, who was chosen as formal president of the country last day, to establish an Anti Corruption Commission which will create the atmosphere of responsibility and liability among all national and provincial authorities. The report also says that some European and Americans have also asked for arrest of some persons who are the most corrupt people in the Afghan government.

85% Increase in Herat Province Revenue in the Current Year

Afghanistan Newspaper, Issue No 934, page 1, November 3, 2009

Naqib Arwin, the spokesman of Herat governor, said that in the first 6 months of the current year the revenue of Herat province has been at least 5 billion Afs which shows 85% increase as compared to last year's revenue. He added: implementation of proper policies by Herat authorities, creating good working conditions for customs officers, making the environment suitable for importing and exporting goods and developing transparent and responsible administration are reasons for the increase of national revenue in Herat province. The spokesman says that 80% of this revenue is collected from customs.

Karl Eikenberry: Assistances to Afghanistan Continues

Afghanistan Newspaper, Issue No 932, page 7, November 4, 2009

Gen. Karl Eikenberry, US Ambassador in Kabul, says that world community and US government are hopeful that president Karzai will do what he can to establish an efficient and responsible government for the next five years. The ambassador added: yet much effort has taken place to fight against corruption and build capacities. We, as international community, have to play our role for this purpose. US ambassador in Kabul also said that on the basis of new US strategy for Afghanistan, his country is interested to spend its assistances through Afghan government and requests the international community also to do so. Mr. Eikenberry

continues saying that Hmid Karzia had already told in a news conference about his efforts for the establishment of a capable cabinet that can prevent corruption.

Barack Obama: Karzai should act bravely and decisively

Afghanistan Newspaper, Issue no 935, page 7, November 4, 2009

According to high ranked US officials, Obama administration asked Karzai to establish an Anti Corruption Commission to investigate and prosecute those Afghan government officials who are accused of corruption at the national or local level, especially those officials whose names are known to everyone. Although US officials did not disclose names of persons who should be arrested, but according to the newspaper the list includes the name of Karzia's brother Ahmad Wali Karzai, who is understood to be involved in the smuggling of narcotics, Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum, accused for murder of thousands of Taliban prisoners and Marshal Fahim, former defense minister and partner of Karzia's election campaign, understood to be involved in narcotics trade.

According to US officials, the issue of corruption in Afghan government has been repeated several times in the last meetings between Obama and his advisors.

Detection of 17 KG Smuggled Gold at Kabul Airport

Sorosh-e-Millat Newspaper, Issue no 212, page 2, Wednesday November 4, 2009

In a press release of Ministry of Finance quoting Dr. Omar Zakhilwal it is written that in order to prevent corruption, detect cases of corruption and avoid bureaucracy an office of anti corruption has been established within the ministry. Last week Ministry of Finance with the cooperation of High Office of Oversight and Anti Corruption and Ministry of Women Affairs arrested two brokers of airport customs when they tried to transfer seven lorry goods belonging to trading companies without paying customs duty out of airport. Surveys show that 1.5 billion Afs of the state's revenue has been misused by these persons.

Gordon Brown's Severe Criticism from Karzai: Try Not to Lose Karzai's joys of victory spoiled

Mandagar Newspaper, Issue no 172, page 6, November 7, 2009

Gordon Brown while speaking in London Kingdom Military College claimed that his state is not ready to sacrifice further the life of its army officers for a government that is unable to fight against corruption. In his last televised briefing he clarified that Karzai needs to monitor and examine every minister of his cabinet and in case they are found to be accused of corruption he should force them to face a fair trial in the court.

Advisors of Mr. Brown have repeatedly emphasized in their foreign policies that in order to pressurize the Karzai government, Brown can stop financial assistance to those ministries that have not sent their expenditure receipts to London.

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