



## Eleventh Note

The eleventh issue of Haqiqat/Truth Newsletter includes coverage of key developments in the country's newspapers. It includes more than 75 items selected from the Afghan media including 30 related to corruption, 20 on negotiation with the opposition groups, 16 on elections transparency and 11 on transitional justice.

**Corruption:** This part includes 30 topics which indicate the importance and attention of media in regard with this subject. Attorney General's disclosures, presentation of list and accusations against a number of cabinet members with corruption have raised hopes regarding the betterment of current situation and reduction of corruption in the country. The conviction of the Mayor of Kabul and his release after arrest has sparked debates whether or not the government is serious in fighting corruption. Authorities of international community have brought to

discussion topics to battle corruption. These authorities have demanded greater transparency in the conclusion of agreements and the manners of their assistance to Afghanistan. At the same time, Afghan authorities also consider international community's assistance contaminated with corruption and demand reforms and changes in west's methods of operation regarding Afghanistan.

**Negotiation with government opponents:** The issue of negotiation, and its manner, with government opponents is still in a vague condition. Western countries' view regarding Afghanistan's new strategy with Taliban and perceptions of hidden agreements of western countries particularly of Britain with Taliban has put to challenge this process. Till now, government's repeated request for this negotiation has faced the insurgents' particularly Taliban's rejection.

**Transparency:** We are seeing a declining media interest on the electoral process. UN's support of the bygone election process and issuance of resolution in this regards, are the after-effect of this elections. Similarly, announcement of provincial elections and investigation of complaints of this election have not completely ended and news are published in this regard.

**Transitional Justice:** Removal of top Taliban's name from the black list and negotiation with them are followed with objections. Similarly the western countries demand the introduction of a cabinet free of war criminals and warlords by putting pressure on Karzai. Though the same authorities demanding the enrollment of top Taliban in the government who are also accused of war crimes. These topics had different analysis on the process of transitional justice in the country.



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# Transitional Justice

## “Clinton” and “Warlord Dustom” Karzai’s dear guests in the administration of oath ceremony

*Mandegar Daily, number-184, page-1, November 21, 2009*

In the first presidential term of Hamid Karzai, Abdur-Rashid Dustom was trusted with the post of deputy Defence Minister of country, but after being recognized as a war criminal and his military attack on the house of a Afghan tribal leader explicitly, he was dismissed from his post and was put to exile to one of the neighbouring country. Now, while still the leaders of foreign countries consider the non-existence of Dustom and other warlords as the only proposal for the continuation of their assistance, it seems that Karzai is intensely indebted to their generous support during the election campaign and they still have special place before him. While in an unexpected move and to decorate the inauguration ceremony of his second term of presidency, he invited both of them (Hillary Clinton and Abdur-Rashid) to show that his national patrons are as important and precious for Hamid Karzai as the foreign country’s support enjoy.

### Blind knot in Karzai’s cabinet

*Payam-i-Mujahid, number-659, page-2, November 21, 2009*

It is said that Karzai’s allies demands certain posts and to get them make continued insistence where among them are Mr. Sayaf with five ministry, Muhaqiq with six ministry, Dustom with five ministry including National Defence Ministry, Marshall Faheem with seven ministry and Karim Khalili with six ministry and there are others as well who supported Karzai and now wants seat from Karzai in its return.

It’s said that, Karzai has also given written commitment of giving high ranking governmental post for some of them.

Although international community particularly USA, England and France by presenting a six point precondition, for Hamid Karzai and taking distance from warlords and human rights violators that most of Karzai’s allies are accused with, has opened ways of evasion for them from accepted them, but based on the seven years experiences it is far from judgment that Karzai can introduce a cabinet which can be not only according to the demands of international community but particularly the west.

### Human Rights Organizations: Karzai must remove warlords and criminals from the government

*Afghanistan Daily, number 949, page-8, November 21, 2009*

Human Rights Watch organization, in a declaration, has demand from those international officials participating in the administration of oath ceremony of president Karzai to put

pressure of the president of Afghanistan to remove warlords, criminals and human rights violators from the government.

According to this declaration, International Human Rights Organization has demanded from America and other countries to revise their political and military relation in Afghanistan. In the declaration according to Brad Adams narration, in-charge of Asia in Human Rights Watch organization, its written that: American and other donor countries in Afghanistan could not deal with the problem of warlords in the past eight years and in the result crimes have infiltrated in the current government.

He said that, currently Karzai is under great pressure to not rely on those warlords and criminals who have confronted Afghanistan with terror, have stepped on women’s right and other laws and have theft from the government. This organization has also demanded the establishment of an independent investigation commission and mechanism, so that this commission could indentify and dismiss all the popular human rights violators and individuals involved in corruption at different level of government.

### 3 person arrested in accusation of Takhar Red Crescent director’s murder

*8 Subh Daily, number 738, page-2, December 3, 2009*

General Zia-ud-din Mahmoodi, police commander of Takhar province says that, 3 person has been arrested and introduced to attorneys general in accusation of Makhdoom Abdullah, Red Crescent director’s murder. According to General Mahmoodi, in investigation from the accused, apart from accepting their guilt they said that, Makhdoom Abdullah who was one of Jihadi commanders in the past had killed the father of one of them in first day of Eid-al-azha 14 years back. Mr. Mahmoodi says that, one of the accused said that to avenge his father’s death they have murdered Makhdoom Abdullah on the first day of Eid-al-azha.

Makhdoom Abdullah was one of the Jihadi commanders who was working as the director of Takhar Red Crescent from a while. President Karzai after Makhdoom Abdullah’s murder demanded from security institutions of Takhar to arrest the murderers and introduce them to attorneys general.

### Why Taliban crimes are ignored?

*8 Subh Daily, number-734, page-4, November 25, 2009*

Peace Strengthening Commission by paying millions of dollars paves grounds to absorb Taliban. But these individuals are never questioned about their report cards that the reply of beheadings, murders, banditry, attack on convoys, pouring acid, explosions and suicide are directed toward who. Therefore, if Taliban gets immunity that easy, why ‘warlord’ remains an everlasting and burning issue of the international media.

**Dr. Sema Samar:  
Injustice should be battled seriously**

*8 Subh Daily, number 742, page-3, December 8, 2009*

Dr. Sema Samar, director of Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission in the ceremony for celebrating the 61st year of ratification of international Human Rights declaration, termed the celebration of this day as extraordinarily important for the people of Afghanistan for reason of respecting human dignity and said: Injustice happened in the past must be battled seriously.

Mrs. Sema Samar emphasized on the role of media in people's awareness and added: "We must emphasize on the responsible role of media in people's awareness and in battle against culture of immunity and bringing justice in the country and also in revealing individuals really accused of war and anti-human crimes and still wants to continue".

**The omission of Taliban and Hizb-i-Islam leaders' name from the black list will help peace?**

*Bakhtar Daily, number 129, page-6, December 8, 2009*

All have reached this result that the problem of Afghanistan will be solved though debate and negotiation. But negotiation shall not mean the pardoning crimes in this country. Exculpation of person, who completely destroyed the infrastructures of Afghanistan and lead civil war and fratricidal in this country for years, are cruelty on Afghanistan peoples' right in reality. In addition to cruelty on peoples' rights, with the omission of these name from the black list, the ground of their activities shall expand and Afghanistan will return to past.

All insurgent leaders are not citizens of Afghanistan that the omission of their names from the black could cause tranquility in Afghanistan. They have gathered from different countries and their interests are not the same with Afghanistan government's interests. Countries supporting the insurgents will not be prepared to leave their interest that easy and stop violence and sabotage.

**Negotiation with Taliban is nothing more than mirage!**

*Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number 1326, December 7, 2009*

Kai Aide, UN special representative in Afghanistan's affair declared yesterday that this organization will support negotiation with Taliban and are prepared to secure its pre-ground. But he expressed his intense objection and anxiety relating to the presence of warlord in the future cabinet, while Taliban is considered as homogenous of warlords.

**Peoples' economic and social rights are thus violated**

*8 Subh Daily, number 744, page-4, December 10, 2009*

Dr. Sema Samar says: "Unfortunately the government has not

performed the tasks it had to. Securing justice is the unconditioned duty of the government for the war and anti-human crimes and any type of crimes committed in the country whether in the past, in the current situation or in the future. The Commission is neither the attorneys general, nor the police or the court."

Non-attention to safeguarding justice and the existence of culture of immunity from judicial prosecution are problems which the Independent Human Rights Commission has repeatedly pointed. Nadir Nadiri, Commissioner of this Commission says: "The thing which has still remained with us as an anxiety is that the immunity still exist for the individuals committing this deed (violation of Human Rights), in different method".

Peace program, reconciliation and transitional justice which is considered as part of the justice securing program in Afghanistan as a post-war country, was not implemented by the government, although it research part which was a reflection of peoples' view was published by Independent Human Rights Commission. At the same time, Independent Human Rights Commission by presenting proposals, demanded from the government to speed up the reform process in the judicial system of the country and from other side demanded the observance of international human rights standards and should not damage public establishments.

**Can the transitional justice program be executed?!**

*Sorush-i-Millat Daily, number 237, page-2, December 8, 2009*

Experts of affairs considers, weak judicial system, non-existence of suitable security system, deep relation between the victims and violators among the obstacles and problems before this process, admits that the development of a transitional justice strategy and its implementation in Afghanistan is not a simple task. Because, the implementation of this task can possibly endanger the security of the employees and persons who are in contact with the Commission in this regard.

As the aims of this national program are transitional justice, increase in respect for human rights and national reconciliation in the country, it is necessary that different methods and mechanism for be performed for its implementation because it is possible that among crowd of methods and mechanism, one of them may be efficient and effective.

**Protest in Kabul for the trial of human rights violator  
Violation of human rights and crimes  
continues in Afghanistan yet**

*Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number 1335, page-1, December 12, 2009*

Participating in a protest in Kabul on Thursday hundreds of individuals demanded the trial of war criminals and human rights violators in the country. Afghan petitioners' social association who had started this protest says that, the prudential treatment in execution of justice in relation to the war criminals has caused the situation of Afghanistan to

become critical. The protestor who had gathered in front of the UN political agency in Kabul, with the issuance of a resolution demanded the establishment of a special national and international court to trail the elements of human rights violation in Afghanistan.

This ceremony was performed in the occasion of human rights world day in which a number of citizens from different province of the country had participated. Weda Ahmad, director of Afghan petitioners' social association says that they are collecting documents of the late 3 decades of war victims in Afghanistan. The protestors with the issuance of a resolution declared their demands from UNO and government of Afghanistan in eight articles. It is mentioned in the resolution that some of these individuals accused of war and organized crimes are currently having official posts in Afghanistan government. In this resolution apart from the demand for the dismissal of such individuals from their duty, it is demanded from UNO and government of Afghanistan to call a special national and international court to trail them.

# Negotiation with armed Opposition Groups

## Names of some top Taliban must be removed from the blacklist

Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number 1319, page-2, November 25, 2009

Humayoun Hamidzada, speaker of the President in his weekly conference said: To create a national sense of confidence for reconciliation, it is necessary to eliminate names of some individuals from the blacklist.

Hamidzada added: Pertaining reconciliation and for bringing reconciliation, we will put all our efforts to find a suitable political solution and create a kind of sense of confidence among all parties.

Speaker of the President mentioned that, we can not negotiate with a person for whose head a reward is fixed, and for this reason names of some of these individuals must be removed from the blacklist.

According to him, the process of reconciliation with Taliban and government opponent is carried with the cooperation of international community and is still going on, but the leadership of this process is the responsibility of Afghans and the nation of Afghanistan. Hamidzada mentioned that, based on this, anyone accepting the Constitution of the country can leave opposition and enter reconciliation.

## Difference of opinion between England and the government of Afghanistan on treatment with Taliban

8 Subh Daily, number 732, page-4, November 23, 2009

There are suppositions that the intelligence agencies of England are having secret negotiations with Taliban commanders in Quetta and Helmand for the safety of English soldiers, where the Afghan government has no information of these happenings. Arg considers this kind of negotiation as violation of Afghanistan's right of sovereignty, but London give herself the right to negotiate and reconcile with Taliban for safeguarding the interests and life of her soldiers.

## Rocket attack, reply for government's reconciliation

8 Subh Daily, number-732, page-6, November 23, 2009  
Author: Ehsanullah Dawlatmuradi

Rocket attack on Kabul city, the responsibility of which was taken by Hizb-i-Islami under the leadership of Gulbuddin Hikmatyar, is considered as a reply to government's particularly president Karzai's reconciliation. It can be said the Taliban and even Hizb-i-Islami treats with its monopolistic or integrity desires to the question of sovereignty in Afghanistan. They do not want to be continent with share in power with Karzai, but wants to get all the power and should be the only dominant force on the political destiny of Afghanistan's society. That's



why Karzai's insistence to interest the heads of Taliban and Mr. Hikmatyar's Hizb-i-Islami does not reach a result and these groups are not ready to accept the present political principle of Afghanistan by entering negotiations with their partial consent.

## Tribute to Taliban and gratitude on Afghans

Bakhtar Daily, number-124, page-4, December 1, 2009

When the international armed forces find their presence in Afghanistan to ensure security, people expect that these military forces should support the government of Afghanistan in its dispute with Taliban and should take part in weakening Taliban, but when its noticed that these forces pay or purposing money to Taliban for their own security breaks the confidence on these forces.

Saifullah Jalili a local Taliban commander in a region close to Kabul with the declaration of proposed money by these forces added that, Taliban has declined such proposal and stresses on the total evacuation of all these force from Afghanistan. This Taliban commander mentioned the French in this regard and claimed that French tried to send gifts to individuals belonging to Taliban and have proposed huge amount to them conditioned that Taliban elements should not attack French forces, but Taliban forces have declined all these proposals and demanded the evacuation resolution of French and other forces from Afghanistan.

## Government's suitable proposal for Taliban paramilitaries

Sorush-i-Millat, number-230, page-8, November 30, 2009

With the aim to bring Taliban to negotiation table government

officials have proposed government jobs to Taliban paramilitaries in some provinces of the country.

Gul Agha Sherzoy, Nangrahar governor, in a meeting with the presence of 25 Taliban tribal leaders demanded from them to invite Taliban paramilitaries to peace with the central government in regions under his influence, addressing the gathering he asked them to bring Taliban to negotiation table by proposing suitable government jobs and support from Kabul.

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### **In a secret meeting of American ambassador with the former Taliban Foreign Minister Governorship of several provinces were promised to Taliban**

*Mandegar Daily, number-188, page-1, November 25, 2009*

Pakistani newspaper "Prime News" reported that in the secret meeting of American ambassador and Wakil Ahmad Mutawakil, former Taliban foreign minister, it is proposed that the governorship of different region of Afghanistan like Kandahar, Helmand, Orazgan, Kunar and Nooristan should be surrendered to Taliban. The parties have reached a serious of agreements in this meeting and it is asked from the Taliban not to having operation against American military bases. But, Richard Holbrook special envoy of American says that his country had no direct contact with Taliban.

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### **Hillary Clinton: Warning! Be careful with Taliban**

*8 Subh Daily, number-734, page-4, November 25, 2009*

*Author: Hamid*

Hillary Clinton, American foreign minister has asked the government of Afghanistan be careful with return of Taliban to normal political process. With attention to United States' warning, it seems that the government of Afghanistan and international community do not have the same political opinion in battling Taliban. For instance the government of Britain is trying that the grounds for the return and the presence of Taliban in Afghanistan governmental structure should be paved according to their schemes and proposals. With attention to these proposals it seems that the scheme of traditional Loya Jirga has roots in these proposals. The government of Afghanistan also proved that it had no clear policy dealing with Taliban in the past eight years. Mr. Karzai sometimes with declamation asked Mullah Omer for a combat and then invited him to peace and quieting violence by terming him as "dear brother". There are also circles in the government who are close to Taliban from political as well as thinking point and manners of administration. It is considered that Taliban was never tabled as a serious danger for some political faces.

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### **Taliban will also be invited to the Loya Jirga?**

*Afghanistan Daily, number-952, page-1, November 24, 2009*

Afghanistan president, Hamid Karzai, may probably invited armed Taliban to participate in a Loya Jirga. Karzai will probably

call for this Jirga (Assembly) before the parliamentary elections in June 2010.

Hamid Elmey, one of the speakers of the presidency says that, tribal Loya Jirga means in what manner peace be secured and how to invite Taliban and oppositions in Afghanistan.

According to Elmey, they will not be invited to debate on administration and cabinet, they will participate in the Loya Jirga to bring peace and security in Afghanistan.

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### **Negotiation with Taliban and difference of opinions of two leaders**

*Afghanistan Daily, number-956, page-4, December 1, 2009*

Afghanistan president said on the Eid-al-azha: I wish that the Taliban, Hizb-i-Islami and all those who are away from their land and have taken arms against his own land to return for the peace, security, joy and progress of their beloved nation. Once again addressing Taliban as brother, Mr. Karzai said: I will invite our Taliban brothers for peace till the day peace is brought to Afghanistan, I am expect that Mullah Omer and other Taliban cooperate with us for peace and security of Afghanistan.

Mullah Omer, Taliban leader, has also published a lengthy message in occasion of Eid-al-azha. Mullah Omer while explicitly rejecting any type of negotiation regarded it deception to trap his troops.

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### **Karzai's effort for negotiation this time with Taliban leadership**

*8 Subh Daily, number-740, page-4, December 5, 2009*

Muhammad Hussain Faheemi, parliament member from Sar-i-Pul says that, negotiation with terrorist leaders of Taliban and al-Qaeda is outside Karzai's jurisdiction because Karzai must observe a series of decisions taken within the framework of international agreements and this action of Karzai is against the decisions of Security Council and shall never have any practical results.

According to Moen Marstyal member of the House of Representative, "The armed opponents of Afghanistan are being backed by countries and organizations. If political and military pressures and punishments are not imposed on them to stop supporting Taliban, this issue (negotiation with Taliban) is difficult. The international community must imposed restrictions and punishments on these forces, countries and organization so that Taliban may face indigence situation and accept negotiations."

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### **The idea of negotiation with Taliban and the disruption of security**

*8 Subh Daily, number-740, page-5, December 5, 2009*

Omer Sharifi, an expert says that, there are a number of factor for making the issue of negotiation with Taliban hot. One of these factors is the presence of a number of American experts in US president's advisory regime who believe that negotiation

can be done with a number of Taliban members.

Dr. Muhi-ud-din Mahdi, another political expert says that, the Pakistani government has started a 'relentless' battle against Pakistani Taliban in the last year, but according to him, they have treated seriously the Afghani Taliban who are present in Miramshah and Quetta of Pakistan. He says that, Pakistan is resolved to safeguard these individuals as a force and convert them to a political force to have influence in Afghanistan government through them.

Mr. Mahdi added that, some western countries particularly Britain is supporting Pakistani government's this program.

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### Taliban denied Karzai's proposal for negotiation

*Nukhust Daily, number-209, page-3, December 5, 2009*

The person named as the director of Taliban's political committee, in an interview with Al-Hayat Daily said that, Taliban are not ready for any negotiation with Hamid Karzai.

This Taliban official in reply to Hamid Karzai's new proposal notified that: "Our problem is not with Hamid Karzai's government, but we are against the presence of foreign troops in Afghanistan and Karzai's government is only a plaything of foreign troops, we will not participate in negotiation with the government."

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### President Karzai is ready to negotiate with Mullah Omer Will I.S.I. also give Taliban leader the permission for negotiation in the near future?

*Bakhtar Daily, number-126, page-1, December 5, 2009*

President Karzai said that he is ready to negotiate with Taliban leader for securing peace and paving ground for the evacuation of foreign troops. Mr. Karzai in a dialogue with Associated Press said that, we must negotiate with Taliban based on necessity. President Karzai said that, battling terrorism will not reach victory with war and violence only and "I shall be really glad if we could negotiate with Taliban leader, Mullah Omer."

Mr. Karzai considers international support essential for such negotiation and said that if the international support is not with him he cannot perform such a task.

Mullah Omer's transfer to Karachi may have been for the purpose that negotiation with Taliban leader be performed according to I.S.I.'s will; or else Mullah Omer may be a hostage of I.S.I. for unknown period. International support is determining in probable negotiation with Taliban. America can induce Pakistan to give Taliban leaders the permission to join the National Reconciliation process.

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### Wahid Muzhda: Taliban; product of Pashtuns' discontentment

*Mandegar Daily, number-195, page-6, December 8, 2009*

Wahid Muzhda says that negotiation with Taliban is possible

when the 30 thousand new troops put more pressure on Taliban so that they take the defensive position from their current offensive position so that the grounds for negotiation is available, and this the view of the Westerners from Taliban which indicates their lack of knowledge from Taliban.

This political expert believes that Karzai will not succeed in negotiation with Taliban with America's cooperation; for the reason that Americans still considers Mullah Omer as a terrorist and when anyone wants to negotiate with a terrorist, he will be recognized as violator. First he should come to a corner with the Americans and then take this step. From the other side, Taliban shall not trust Karzai, for Taliban believe that Mr. Karzai has no competence as person to negotiate or give promises to Taliban.

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### Karzai termed negotiation with top Taliban necessary

*Sorush-i-Millat Daily, number 237, page-7, December 8, 2009*

Afghanistan president, Hamid Karzai pointing to necessity of negotiation with top Taliban for the reduction of insecurity emphasized America to support the formal negotiation of Afghan officials with Taliban leader, Mullah Omer.

Criticising the latest statements of the US Defence and Foreign minister terming negotiation with Taliban irrelevant, Karzai said that, America must support Afghanistan officials' negotiation with senior Taliban leaders. He emphasized on this subject: we can not put to practice this steps alone. Afghanistan president pointing that continuance of battling terrorism said that negotiation with Taliban is necessary and we must be after peaceful ways.

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### Removal of names of Taliban and Hizb-i-Islami leaders from the black list may assist peace?

*Bakhtar Daily, number 129, page-6, December 8, 2009*

Mr. Bakhtar Aminzai, director of Peace Jirga demanded the removal of names of Taliban and Hizb-i-Islami leaders from the UN Security Council's black list.

Though Kai Aide said that, UN's principle task is also to pave grounds for negotiation, the problems should be solved from political means, but has not shown interest in removing name of these leaders.

Lately the President's speaker said that, the government of Afghanistan is not ready to negotiate with those persons for whose arrest award has been fixed. As it is said that, this negotiation is schemed for those who have joined the insurgents because of poverty, unemployment and other compulsions.

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### Gates: To start negotiation, Taliban should stop the war

*Bakhtar Daily, number-129, page-8, December 8, 2009*

Robert Gates, Defence Minister of United States of America said

that, it essential that the activity of this insurgent group in the battlefield must be stopped for negotiation with Taliban leaders.

Robert Gates said, one of the aims of sending 30 thousand additional American troops to Afghanistan is to induce Taliban for negotiation. As such, Hillary Clinton, American foreign minister has said, Taliban must accept some conditions and enter negotiations. Avoiding violence and non-support to al-Qaeda were conditions that Hillary Clinton spoke of. But Clinton added that such a thing seems impossible.

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### **There is an outlook for the establishment of an agreement among Taliban and Karzai's government**

*Sorush-i-Millat Daily, number 238, page-7, December 9, 2009*

James Dobbins former deputy of United States' foreign ministry and the first American ambassador to Afghanistan after the fall of Taliban, considered the sense of victory among Taliban as obstacle for agreement between them, Kabul government and foreign troops and declared the support of Washington for this negotiation.

Dobbins titled, regional diplomacy, fortification of Afghanistan government, cooperation with local and tribal leaders and even negotiation with Taliban among the current elements in Barack Obama's strategy. He also considered America and Nato's support for Hamid Karzai, president of Afghanistan, government's debate with Taliban and expressed that: There is an outlook for the establishment of an agreement between Taliban and Karzai's government.

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### **Hamid Karzai: All Taliban are not terrorists**

*Mandegar Daily, number-297, page-1, December 10, 2009*

Hamid Karzai in dialogue with western media said that, United States of America and international community must know that all Taliban are not terrorists. Afghanistan president declared that, all those being threatened or had to leave their houses by force and were compelled to join the insurgents, must be returned to peaceful living and their security must be guaranteed.

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### **30 Taliban individuals joined the Peace Strengthening Process**

*8 Subh Daily, number-744, page-3, December 10, 2009*

30 Taliban individuals with their arms joined the Peace Strengthening Process in Deh-Salah district of Baghlan province yesterday.

Ahmad Jawed Basharat, speaker of Baghlan security commandership, while expressing this matter said that, with the surrender of these individuals to the government lines the partial insecurity of this province will be removed.

# Elections Transparency



the government originated by the people and for its achievement I shall struggle with my fellows.

A source close to Dr. Abdullah who didn't want his name to be revealed, informed about the telephonic dialogue of Barack Obama, the US president, with Dr. Abdullah. He said: Right after UN secretary general's visit to Afghanistan and the announcement of election results by Independent Election Commission particularly giving formality to Hamid Karzai's victory as the president of the country, Barack Obama gave assurance to Dr. Abdullah that he will support achievement of democracy and civil liberties in Afghanistan and asked for the continuance of Dr. Abdullah's cooperation with Karzai's government.

## Provincial councils' destiny

Afghanistan Daily, number 940, page 4, November 10, 2009

Until yet the destiny of provincial councils are unknown. May be one of the reason for the delay in its work is the remaining period of Mishrano Jirga (Senate) which receives one third of its member from the members of provincial council. The second reason may most probably be the tumult that had involved the Election Commission in the destiny task of the Presidency.

## Election tumult has not ended

### Election Commission's forgery in announcing results

Mandegar Daily, number 175, page 14, November 10, 2009

The Election Commission, after the Electoral Complaints Commission's examination of frauds, announced Karzai's vote as 49.67 percent that in this manner Karzai's votes fall below 50 percent and the election was dragged to the second round; but now the Commission says that this commission after probing the election frauds and omission of 10% from the total fraud vote, has decreased Karzai's votes to 48.3%. Grant Kippen, director of Electoral Complaints Commission says that, he has asked the election commission in a program to explain the causes of this change and fraud.

## Kai Aide didn't want to remove Karzai from power

Mandegar Daily, number 175, page 1, November 10, 2009

Peter Galbright, former UN office deputy in Kabul, called the appointed of Hamid Karzai as the president illegal and said that after this opposition to his government shall increase.

Galbright criticizing the process of election and announcement of Karzai's victory by the Election Commission added that, Karzai is continuing to his power while majority believe that

## Karzai's opponents and allies combat among themselves in the House of Representatives

Nukhust Daily, number 192, page 8, November 9, 2009

Hussain Faheem Saripul province representative addressed Karzai's government as illegal from May till the Election Day 20 August and said: "no authority can change the Constitution and justify it in the interest of a specified individual." From other side Jamil Karzai, member of House of Representative from Kabul, while declaring his support for Mr. Karzai, considered his government legal and added: "law needs clear and quick action, as Dr. Abdullah abandoned the process therefore such a decision must have been taken."

Shukria Barikzai, another representative supporting Karzai considers the Dr. Abdullah's abandonment from the second round of election against the law and declared him the loser of this process.

## Still for 'change' and 'hope' I will stay with the people!

Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number 1303, page 1, November 5, 2009

Dr. Abdullah expressed the acceptance of the new government under the leadership of Hamid Karzai by the world leaders as a compulsion and added that, as this decision was taken by an Afghani institution they accept it.

Dr. Abdullah saying that he will not be ready to take part in the cabinet of the new government, emphasized, our aims shall continue to establish Parliamentary system, elective governors,

fraud was committed during the past election. He cleared that: 'Karzai has theft votes'. Galbright with expressing that Kai Aide, UN representative in Kabul has good relation with Karzai, added: Aide didn't that Karzai should be completely removed from power.

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### **Atta Muhammad Noor: Karzai is the thief of people's votes**

*Mandegar Daily, number 174, page 1, November 9, 2009*

Atta Muhammad Noor, governor of Balkh province, termed the announcement of Karzai's victory by the Independent Election Commission as illegal and Karzai as the thief of people's votes.

Noor added: 'He (Karzai) is an illegal president'. Balkh governor expressing that democracy has been buried in Afghanistan said: 'we do not want to use violence for continuation our wants; but the people have the rights to defend themselves in case of violation of democratic means'.

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### **Afresh counting of 1905 polling centers of Nangrahar provincial councils' votes started**

*Bakhtar Daily, number 110, page 7, November 9, 2009*

Following the repeated complaints of the candidates, afresh counting of 1905 election centers of Nangrahar provincial councils' votes started on November 8. The results of August 20 presidential and provincial councils' election are announced, but the result of Nangrahar provincial council's election is not yet announced. Tens of candidates from this province has charged the previous election with fraud and have complaint to the Election Commission; but a number of other candidates considers the election transparent and demand the quick announcement of results. Abdul Malik Sulaimanzai director of independent election commission in eastern provinces said that because of repeated complaints of candidates, the commission decided to start afresh counting of all votes from Nangrahar. He added that the counting all votes from 1903 polling centers of Nangrahar will be done in 3 or 4 days.

According to Sulaimanzai, the team of 5 member of the independent election commission arrived from Kabul will supervise this task. He says: "In this process the results papers of all polling box which are together with the boxes will be compared with the results of the center. The boxes lacking such papers or have been rewritten, each of its page will be recounted".

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### **All provincial councils electoral complaints will be examined till the next three weeks**

*Bakhtar Daily, number 112, page 2, November 11, 2009*

All provincial councils electoral complaints will be examined till the next three weeks and following it the final results of the councils will be announced. Muhammad Muslim Khurram, member of Electoral Complaints Commission, said that this Commission has received 630 complaints and until now 300 of

them are examined. According to him, all complaints received were serious and with documents relating to different provinces. Dawood Ali Najafi, director of Independent Election Commission said that the commission is waiting for the completion of Electoral Complaints Commission's tasks. According to him, they will announce the final results after the report of the mentioned commission.

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### **Diplomatic appeasement of UN from Karzai**

*Afghanistan Daily, number 942, page 4, November 12, 2009*

*Author: Muhammad Amin Mirzad*

Any ways UN's statement relating to the confirmation of Afghanistan presidential election's soundness and correctitude was nothing except reducing political tensions arising from electoral fraudulent, the shadow of which brought down the political aspect of Mr. Karzai, but finally become victor of the battlefield. The latest statement of UN general assembly in relation to the confirmation of election process and Karzai's victory was an effort to gain his confidence and aspect by such statements, and was in reality for the compensation of the difference raised between the director and deputy UN representative in Afghanistan which also brought under question the total aspect of Afghanistan elections and now that president Karzai has gained power again and they have no choice but to cooperate with him.

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### **UN with the issuance of a resolution declared: Afghanistan's election is legitimate and authentic**

*Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number 1308, page 3, November 11, 2009*

United Nations Organization's general assembly announced: In spite of accusation of mass-fraud in the Afghanistan presidential election which resulted that the critics question the legitimacy of this elections, this election has been sound and authentic.

The reported frauds during the Afghanistan presidential election and the opposition of Karzai's rival for his appearance in the second round of presidential election has damaged the popularity and credence of Hamid Karzai in the beginning of his second term tenure. But the UNO general assembly declared that there are no doubts for Karzai's tenure as the president for the second term and he has the right to continue his leadership in Afghanistan.

Zahir Tanin, Afghanistan ambassador in the United Nations expressed that, the nation and government of Afghanistan is deeply thankful to the general assembly's vote of confidence.

Tanin expressed: The reported complaints and irregularities were examined with complete justice and in a systematic manner. To the possibility, this election was just, free and transparent.

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### **Around the grave crisis of legitimacy**

*Mandegar, number 181, page 2, November 16, 2009*

In the article 156 of the Constitution it's written that, the

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Independent Election Commission will be formed according to the rules of law for the control, supervision on any type of elections and with reference to the popular votes in the country. But Lodin's understanding is that in this article, there are rights and jurisdictions for the commission which can appoint the president of the country according to their desire. Like wise article 49 of Election Statute is more deviated and unrelated to the subject and has given the right of announcement of results finalized from every aspect to the Commission. And enough!

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### The final results of Kapisa, Farah, Helmand, Saripul and Panjshir provincial councils' elections is announced

*Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number 1319, page 2, November 25, 2009*

The Independent Election Commission after receiving the decisions of Electoral Complaints Commission based on the examination of complaints pertaining the primary results of the provincial council's elections in Kapisa, Farah, Helmand, Saipul and Panjshir, announced the final results of the provincial council's elections results in this provinces. In the statement of Independent Election Commission it's written that the Independent Election Commission, after announcing the primary results of provincial council's elections of the current year on 25th and 26th August, for securing better transparency in election results gave the opportunity to all candidates and involved authorities to surrender their complaints relating to the primary results published by the commission or in case of documents and evidences based on non attention and soundness of results should refer to the commission and ask for explanations.

In the continuation of this statement it is written that, the Election Commission to obtain confidence in accuracy, soundness and guarantee of better transparency in the election results of provincial councils have performed a series of research and examination in itself as well to discover all cases of irregularity and frauds and announce the transparent results and legal votes poured in voting boxes which indicates the direct will of the voters.

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### International reception from the new government

*Bakhtar Daily, number 119, page 4, November 22, 2009*  
Author: Sareer

The internal legitimacy of Karzai's government is the consequent of transparent and acceptable process through which he got majority power. As the Election Commission verdicts Karzai's victory, itself indicates legality and lawfulness in the country. It indicates that the decision of Karzai's presence afresh at the apex of Afghanistan government's leadership is not the result of his own tendency but it is the election commission as a legal authority that elected him the victor of this position. Obtaining relative majority independently without taking into consideration the election commission's decision can also be a considerable backing for the legitimacy of Karzai's majority votes although being relative.

### Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit: Foreign interference was the biggest obstacle in the past elections

*Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number 1321, page 1 December 1, 2009*

Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU) in a new research expressed that, foreign interference was the biggest obstacle in the past presidential and provincial councils' elections. This office has interview 200 person in three regions of Kabul (Estalif, Qara Bagh and Dasht-e-Barchi) about the last elections (20 August) of the current. Among these individual, civilians who have participate the past elections; tribal heads and some provincial council's candidates are included.

Sayed Muhammad Shah, member of media office of AREU said, "In the same manner that international community was emphasizing on the legitimacy of presidential and provincial councils' election, they themselves have brought under question the legitimacy of elections."

He added: "The findings of our research indicate that in the first step the Afghans consider international community as a failure in these elections". He added that other important finding relating to elections is that more attention was paid on the results than election transparency.

According to Abdul-Ghafur Lewal, author and political expert, this game was prepared for Afghanistan by international community from the past.

He added: "Fraudulence was not to that extent that uproars were made for it".

According to him, the interference of international community brought under question the legitimacy of the past elections and because of it the announcement of results were delayed for three months.

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### Dr. Sema Samar: Injustice should be battled seriously

*8 Subh Daily, number 742, page 3, December 8, 2009*

Director of Independent Human Rights Commission says, in the recent presidential elections, immunity culture, demands, will and strength of the people in relation to democracy went under question. Mrs. Sema Samar said: Unfortunately our weaknesses in the recent elections were the continuance of immunity culture in the country carried under question the demand, will, belief and strength of the people relating to the process.

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### The final results of provincial councils' elections of the 5 province were announced

*Afghanistan Daily, number 946, page 7, December 10, 2009*

The final results of the provincial councils' elections of Ghor, Wardak, Daikundi, Khost and Badghis provinces were announced yesterday. It is written in the statement of Independent Election Commissions that the final results of the provincial councils' election of the mentioned provinces were

announced after the research decision of the Electoral Complaints Commission and its implementation by the Independent Election Commission.

Quoting from the published statement, for securing better transparency in election results the Independent Election Commission after announcing the primary results gave the opportunity to all candidates of provincial councils and involved authorities to submit their complaint on the primary results to the Electoral Complaints Commission.

According to the information of the mentioned statement, the commission as such to gain confidence on the accuracy, soundness and securing better transparency in the results of provincial councils' election have done a series of research and examination to discover all cases of irregularities and frauds and announce the transparent results and legal votes poured in the polling boxes which is the indication of the direct will of the voters.

# Corruption

## Names of corruption suspects revealed by the Attorney General

*Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number 1311, page-3, November 15, 2009*

Attorney General with revealing name of some of the authorities suspected of corruption declared that if the accusation of embezzlement on some cabinet members and other government authorities are proven, they will be sentenced with imprisonment and cash penalty of double the embezzled amount.

Muhammad Es-haq Alko, Attorney General, said in a press conference that there are cases against a number of mayors, deputies, directors and some former and current cabinet members which will be presented to the courts.

Alko specially said: Among them cases of "Enayatullah Qaseemi" and "Qadiri" former Transport Ministers, "Muhammad Sediq Chakari" current in-charge of Haj (Pilgrim) and endowment ministry and "Nadir Atash" former director of the Ariana Airlines are present. Regarding the embezzlement accusation of the in-charge of Haj and Endowment Ministry, Alko said: His subject received by us concerns 360 Thousand US Dollars. Those bringing the money are imprisoned, the case is under investigation, we haven't released the individuals and the investigation will yield good result; there some questions that the minister must answer.

According to Alko, Qadiri, Qaseemi and Atash are outside the country and are under the prosecution of International Police (Interpol).

He said: "there are sufficient documents regarding other authorities and public prosecutors are also ready to call for the court." But he said that he can not reveal names of other ministers accused of embezzlement according to the law. He said: Attorneys General have sufficient amount or reasons and documents, but Attorneys general serves as a public prosecutor, justice is the function of the court, we can content the court according to our reasons. Reasons of accusations are available, whenever this court is established we will send the cases.

Attorney General said that they have problem with the mayors of Balkh, Kandahar, Heart, Nangrahar and some other province which will be solved by the concerned attorneys.

Authorities of Attorneys General had earlier said that, assistant of Kabul Mayor is also accused of embezzlement and shall be sent to the court.

According to the laws of Afghanistan, the establishment of this court needs ratification of special law in which the jurisdiction and manner of work of this court should be specified. The Supreme Court says that, they have sent the draft of such a law to the National Assembly.

## Attention should be paid to the external sources of corruption as well

*Bakhtar Daily, number-107, page-1, November 18, 2009*

Security in-charges of Kandahar province have discovered a vehicle containing mobile sets entering the market through ISAF without paying custom taxes. The person arrested in case of transporting these mobile sets has expressed that, earlier to him also individuals have imported good in Afghanistan without paying tax through this mean. In past, ISAF force had also transferred 60 armored vehicles without paying custom tax to Afghanistan.

Transfer of trade goods without informing the government of Afghanistan and payment of custom duties to the government of this country may result in the establishment of unhealthy economic competition and reduction of budget, this is a part of corruption and contamination in foreigners' functions and this has a lengthy track and not this small.

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## Arrest of two employees of Haj (Pilgrim) and Endowment Ministry accused of embezzlement of pilgrims' money

*Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number-1311, page-2, November 15, 2009*

Attorney General of the country in a press statement declared that, two employee of Haj (pilgrim) and Endowment ministry have been arrested at the Kabul Airport, for embezzlement from our country's pilgrim's money. These two employees were arrested by the in-charges of Kabul international airport while transferring, from Jidah to Kabul, 400 thousand US Dollars of Afghan pilgrims' lodging amount which were expertly placed in biscuit boxes. It is said in the statement of the Attorney General that, the accused have received this amount as brokerage from owners of building rented for the Afghan pilgrims.

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## Establishment of a new bureau for battling corruption

*8 Subh Daily, number-728, November 17, 2009*

Eikenberry, in the ceremony of establishing a new bureau for battling corruption said: "As can tell you that a number of high governmental authorities who have committed crimes during their tenure will be under investigation. With respect to the laws of Afghanistan, I will not name them, but after their conviction their name will be revealed".

Eikenberry, mentioned Sherpur of Kabul as an example of this situation. Sherpur is a place where most of the government authorities have houses and their distribution among the government authorities faced peoples' and knowledgeable individual's criticism.

Meanwhile, Abdul Sallam Azeemi, chief justice of country said that, they have established special courts to battle corruption in Kabul and eight other provinces and next year, in case of necessity such a bureau will be established in all provinces of the country.

Sarwar Danish, Justice Minister of the country said that, the draft law for the special court for the high authorities will be prepared soon. According to Mr. Danish, most of the effect made belongs to the stage after the discovery of crime and it is also necessary to take steps to eradicate grounds for corruption.

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### Challenges for Karzai in nomination of cabinet members

*8 Subh Daily, number-731, page-4, November 20, 2009*  
*Qudratullah Jawed*

It is rumored that some of the western countries and UN are at the verge that some of the persons of their choice should be appointed in the new government of Afghanistan by Karzai. Abdul Majid Khan, member of Economic Committee of House of Representative, believes that individuals imposed by international community in the cabinet, itself has become source of corruption in the government. Abdul Majid Khan said: "It is clear for us that in the previous cabinet those ministers appointed under international pressure were inefficient, even those imposed by the international community over Karzai became source of corruption. Now Karzai should take independent decision and should not accept those imposed by the international community". Meanwhile Abdul Majid Khan is convinced that President Karzai is facing troubles in appointing his cabinet member. He added: "From one side international community is putting pressure on him (Karzai) that those individuals should be selected in the cabinet that they believe to be efficient, obliged and technical and from the other side Karzai has made different promises with people during his campaign which is a problem."

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### International community must be accountable

*Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number 1318, page-1, November 24, 2009*

Non Government Organization related to international community in Afghanistan must be accountable to a government source so that transparency should be brought in their activities and Afghanistan's problem be solved as well. This was expressed by Moen Marstyal, Kundoz peoples' representative and added: Non government bureaus assigned by donor countries are not accountable to any source and their expenditure in Afghanistan is not transparent.

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**Chakari:**

### I have committed no embezzlement

*Bakhtar Daily, number-121, page-1, November 24, 2009*

Muhammad Sediq Chakari, in-charge of the ministry of Haj

(pilgrim) and Endowment declined his accusation in embezzlement by western and national media in a press conference held in Kabul. He said that, he is prepared to give accounts to the people of Afghanistan from his birth to death, for he has not committed any embezzlement.

Chakari says that, he has spoken with the Minister of Information and Culture in regard with the broadcast of this news by TOLO Tv and has also presented a complaint against TOLO Tv to the Commission of Inspection for Media violation.

He said that the broadcast of the above report by this Television channel was against the national and religious interest and made it clear that: "if TOLO Tv does not apologize from the ministry of Haj (pilgrim) and Endowment, I will mobilize all the Mullahs of mosques against this television channel and we shall take decision".

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### Four authorities, residence of Sherpur

*8 Subh Daily, number-735, page-2, November 30, 2009*

8 Subh Daily, while preparing research reports pertaining the public owners in Kabul, found a document which shows that, Muhammad Hanif Atmar in-charge of Interior Ministry, General Abdur-Rahim Wardak in-charge of Defense Ministry, Anwar-ul-Haq Ahadi former Finance Minister and Younas Qanooni speaker of lower chamber of parliament have land in Sherpur.

This document and evidences reveals that the ordain of distribution of residence land to Hanif Atmar, in-charge of ministry of interior, was issued by Hamid Karzai, while the ordain of distribution of residence land to General Abdur-Rahim Wardak in-charge of Defense Ministry, Anwar-ul-Haq Ahadi former Finance Ministry and Younas Qanooni speaker of house of representative was signed by Marshall Muhammad Qaseem Faheem, former Defense Minister and current first vice-president of Afghanistan.

Interestingly this document reveals that all these authorities have claimed that they have no house in Kabul in their names, their children or their spouses' names. Its at the time while under the international pressure the Commission of Sherpur investigation has surrendered a report to the President according to which the distribution of these lands were illegal and they should be returned to their earlier condition.

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### Muhammad Hanif Atmar's, in charge of Interior Ministry, reply to 8 Subh Daily

*8 Subh Daily, number-736, page-2, December 1, 2009*

The topic under the heading of "Four authorities, residence of Sherpur" which was published in 8 Subh Daily number-735 was denied by Muhammad Hanif Atmar, incharge of Interior Ministry with support of legal documents as follows: It is requested from the newspaper that if they have track of a piece of land or a residence house in his name, his spouse or children's name, reveal it.

While having no house, official authority of government has granted him a piece of land to construct house and the

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concerned administration has sold this piece of land on him according to the law. If the newspaper has documents related to any illegal activity, they can and must follow them through the Attorney. If the newspaper does not present documents on the illegal activity, Mr. Atmar will sue the newspaper for traducement and falsehood.

## Members of the House of Representatives

### Statistics of unspent budget of the year 87 is frightening

*Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number-1321, page-1, December 1, 2009*

The House of Representatives' yesterday overt session was on the budget of the year 1387 according to which it was specified that less than 40 percent of the total budget of the previous year was spent by the government organs. This statistic was described as frightening by members of the House of Representative and the members desired the introduction of inefficient ministers.

Sayed Hussain Alami Balkhi, questioned the activity of inspection bureau and said that, this bureau has not prepared the report with fairness and has verified the budget. According to him, if we consider the result of inspection bureau's report, it seems that there is collusion between this bureau and the ministry of finance, and the conditions of control and inspection bureau is also to find an escape from responsibilities.

Alami Balkhi, mentioning that the budgets of previous years were also not considered by the House and were sent to the attorney for inspection said, "A few persons were accused in relation with the budget of the year 86, but they not only not prosecuted but also promoted." He added that the Attorney must be questioned about the fate of the previous cases.

Younas Qanooni, speaker of the House of Representative, made it clear that the House has done nothing particular in the field of inspection, and if any minister has violated the constitution of other statutes, the House has never asked for explanation about it.

## Karzai's new corruption; Corruption in battling corruption

*Mandegar Daily, number-191, page-1, December 3, 2009*

Sultan Muhammad Awrang, member of the House of Representative, says: The government of Afghanistan announced names of few ministers accused of corruption; but was declined by the speaker of the President which itself indicates corruption. He adds that the battle against corruption should start from the President and his surroundings in the first step. Azitaa Raf'at, member of the House of Representative from Badghis believes that battling corruption is used as a slogan in the country and use the battle against corruption as a means whenever Karzai's government is under the pressure of international community and United States.

Muhammad Alam Ayzidyar, member of the Senate says that, the government of Afghanistan politically treats the demands of international community for the establishment of reforms and

prepares not so efficient programs to battle corruption to involve the common thoughts.

## Suspicious purchase of the Ministry of Commerce

*Bakhtar Daily, number-125, page-3, December 2, 2009*

*Author: Razaq*

Based on the copy of a document from the Ministry of Commerce reaching Bakhtar Daily, the commercial commission of the ministry has ordered the purchase of 10 thousand tons of petroleum from the country which according to commercial experts is illegal and harmful to the businessmen of the country.

It is added in the document that this purchase should be made by a mixed board and with acceptance of governmental payments and custom duties by the incumbency of petroleum.

The involvement of mixed board instead of volunteering and the determination of agreement and price legally, pave grounds for embezzlement. Because the board in determining the rate may have considerations based on the orders of their superiors or receiving bribe.

## According to the year 1387's budget and with zero percent; Ministry of commerce became the forerunner of unspent development budget of the previous year

*Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number-1323, page-1, December 3, 2009*

In the continuation of overt session arguments of House of Representative on 1387's budget, the percentage of ministry's expenditure was announced by Finance Commission according to which, the ministry of commerce and industries without any expenditure from its development budget stands in the list.

According to the House of Representative's majority member, the budget was unspent because of inefficiency of authorities and parliament's lack of supervision on their activities adds to the cause. Also according to the mentioned list, Administrative Reform Commission with 19%, Kabul Municipality with 21%, Local organs bureau with 29%, Ministry of common interest with 32%, Ministry of Agriculture with 33%, Ministry of Urban development with 34%, Ministry of Anti-narcotics with 38%, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development with 39%, Ministry of Higher Education with 40%, Ministry of Foreign Affairs with 44%, had the lowest expenditure from the budget. Among them Ministry of Communication with 77% had the highest expenditure from its development budget. Also Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Energy and Water have spent 64%, 57% and 51% of their development budget simultaneously.

Sediq Ahmad Osmani, director of Budget and Finance Commission said: According to the law of public expenses, the violators must be introduced to the attorney through the government, but this didn't happen in the past. Dr. Abdul Qayoom Sajadi said: As there are possibilities of reintroduction of some person in the new cabinet, the least is to introduce them to the public and the representatives should not vote those with mal-administration and weakness.

## Speaker of the Ministry of Commerce and Industries informed: Establishment of a single bureau easing the process of exports in Kabul custom

*Rahi-e-Nejat Daily, number-1323, page-2, December 3, 2009*

Jawad Omer, speaker Ministry of Commerce and Industries said: A while ago Ministry of Commerce and Industries established a single bureau with the aim to ease the documentation process of export products and prevention of corruption in export process of the country in Kabul custom and this bureau will be extended to most of the customs of Afghanistan in near future.

Jawad Omer added: With the expansion of the bureau of easing the export process in all customs of the country, the export process will completely be transparent and clear and will prevent the troubles of businesspersons and exporters.

## Have the battles for Afghanistan mines been really started?

*Cheragh Daily, number 1441, page-2, December 2, 2009*

United States' special networks have lately announced that, they have gathered sufficient amount of documents and evidences to bring Mr. Adeel to court. American media has accused Afghanistan's Mines and Industries minister for receiving 20 million Dollars as bribe for the victory of the Chinese company in winning the auction for the extraction of "Aynak" copper mine. The minister himself regarding the baseless accusation against him has said that, the auction process was transparent.

## Assistance Organizations: Assistances should not be provided for political and military aim

*Afghanistan Daily, number 958, page-8, December 3, 2009*

Shylock Henry, site coordination director of humanitarian assistance coordination bureau of United Nations said that, they are trying that henceforth assistance should not be provided for political and military aim; but should be distributed for the people through charitable organizations.

Henry said that, to eradicate corruption in the organizations, they have prepared coordination plans and henceforth; assistance will be provided in coordination among institutions. According to the last years evaluation by the assistance coordination bureau for Afghanistan, 40% of the assistance of charitable organizations have been returned to their countries.

## Gates: No operations with corrupt authorities of Afghanistan's administration!

*Afghanistan Daily, number-959, page-1, December 5, 2009*

Defense Minister of the United States, Robert Gates said: The amount paid as tax by Americans sent to Afghanistan by the government of this country couldn't be spent fairly because of

corruption in Afghanistan. Gates suggested that henceforth international community must be cautious. Instead of agreement with narcotic smugglers, they should surrender the construction project agreements with honest individuals. Defense Minister of America added: No operations must be done with corrupt authorities in Afghanistan's administration.

## Corruption accusation against Sema Samar, Director of Independent Human Rights Commission

*Bakhtar Daily, number-127, page-3, December 6, 2009*

Najibullah Kabuli, Leader of Musharikat-i-Milli (national participation) front and member of House of Representative from Kabul while accusing Sema Samar, director of Independent Human Rights Commission with corruption said that, this revealing is beginning part of the National Revealing Process's of corrupt and criminal individuals.

Najibullah Kabuli says that, all the financial matters of the Commission are the responsibility of Ahmad Ali, brother of Sema Samar also serving as her secretary. According to Kabuli, they have documents and evidences that Sema Samar has acquired 250 to 300 thousand Dollars from leaders and commanders not to disclose their name and removal of their names from the criminal and violators of human right's list. But Nadir Nadiri, speaker of Independent Human Rights Commission declined all the accusation and termed them as false, baseless and mere traducement in a separate press conference. He said: "These accusations have political motives."

## Parliament, ladder for the continuance of illegitimacy?

*Mandegar Daily, number-192, page-6, December 5, 2009*

*Author: Pur Afkhami*

There are suppositions these days that Karzai has promised eleven ministries including thirteen provinces to his main rival Dr. Abdullah so that no danger shall remain from them in the future.

Before introducing his favorite ministers to acquire vote of confidence from the House of Representative, Karzai has made a plot that too until the ministers are introduced to the House. In this opportunity he wants to purchase some of the representatives once again. This step is taken for the reason so that the individuals should not get votes who they don't want and those considered by the dominant team must acquire vote of confidence at any cost; Karzai wants to distribute 10 thousand square meters of land to the representative, something having no legal base, like his other activities in the past and his presence in the Arg.

## 135 violators from among police officials have been introduced to judiciary organs

*Bakhtar Daily, number 126, page-1, December 5, 2009*

Kabul security commander says that, during the current year

more than 135 police officials have been arrested, dismissed and introduced to the country's judiciary in the accusation of different crimes.

Loya Paswal Abdur-Rahman Rahman, police commander of Kabul said: they are at the verge of identification of violators among police and their surrender to the law. He says that they have a plan to better the security of Kabul city and with its implementation in comparison with last year the crime graph has reduced to 30% in some cases and in others up to 70%.

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### **Investigation Deputy of Attorneys General: A number of high rank officials are being pursuit**

*Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number 1324, page-1, December 5, 2009*

Faqir Ahmad Faqiryar, investigation deputy of Attorneys General said that, 15 high rank officials of government including cabinet ministers are under pursuit. The accusations on these individuals are illegal and misuse of their authorities during government agreements. Faqiryar added: "the 15 ministers who are being pursuit can be bifurcated into three divisions. There are some ministers who have committed crimes and are not currently in the country. We have summoned them through ministry of foreign affair's Interpol. In the second division, there are two ministers whose cases are completed and according to the article 78 of the constitution their cases will be surrendered to a special court. In the third division, there are ministers who are currently in the cabinet and under investigation and Attorneys General is busy finding evidences of their corruption and if found, decision for their trial will be taken. General Sardar Aqa, director of Afghanistan Interpol also said, they have received documents pertaining the high ranking official and cabinet minister living outside the country through Attorneys General and other security organs for their return. He continued: Among them are also some ministers and high rank diplomatic officials. The manner of their returns is that we will contact the Interpol of the other country, they will arrest these individuals and through the diplomatic resorts they will be surrendered to Afghanistan.

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### **Kabul Mayor; sentenced to four years of imprisonment**

*Nukhust Daily, number 212, page-2, December 8, 2009*

Enayatullah Kamal, Deputy Attorneys General of Afghanistan said to the media that, as a result of inspection of one among several cases in judicial institutions, Mr. Abdul Ahad Sahebi, mayor of Kabul has been sentenced to four years of imprisonment.

It is said that embezzlement of 800 thousand Afghanis, misuse of his governmental authority and carelessness in process of Kabul city reconstruction are accusations which followed the orders of four years of imprisonment after being inspected by the primary court of Kabul District 1. This official of the Attorneys General of the country added that, the views of citizens through mass media and their criticism relating to

unfair production of municipality are one of the reasons of his arrest apart from his 800 thousand Afghanis embezzlement. Meanwhile an informed source said to Nukhust Daily that, the Ministry of Interior Affairs of the country has arrested Mr. Sahebi at 5pm on Monday based on the order of authorized court.

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### **Director of the governing board of chamber of commerce and industries: Instability and expanded corruption are the main reasons for reduction of investments**

*Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number-1322, page-1, December 2, 2009*

Director of the governing board of chamber of commerce and industries, Muhammad Qurban Haqjo said: Instability and expanded corruption in the country has reduced national and international investment from 2006 and the continuation of this situation will further reduce investment in the country. Haqjo, confirming the evading investment in the current year from the country, said: Unfortunately instability and expanded corruption in government bureau have been main reasons of evading investment in the current and previous years.

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### **Terminated Army officers' march in Kabul**

*Bakhtar Daily, number-128, December 7, 2009*

A number of terminated officers and soldiers of Defense Ministry marched in Kabul and claimed that parliament member in cooperation with municipality have taken their residential plot.

Former Colonel of the National Defense Ministry and deputy of national army's social council, Abdul Majid said that, based on the decision of cabinet in the year 1384, they were entitled with a plot of land in Chehl-Situn of Kabul city against their two years salary. According to him, during this period they have completed the formalities of their documents and have sent them to Kabul Municipality. But the Parliament members made conspiracy and filled the forms of the lands with their names and signed them.

Abdul Majid says: "The parliament members of the country have written that they have no house in their, their spouse or children's name in Kabul city in the forms, while from the speaker of the house to all members except Bashardost have skyscrapers and a number of residential house in different part of Kabul city with modern vehicles which have blocked most of the lanes and streets".

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### **Committee to battle corruption has been established in Herat**

*Bakhtar Daily, number-128, page-7, December 7, 2009*

With the cooperation of Herat Governor a committee from different organs has been established to battle corruption in that province. In this formation, directors of provincial council, court, Attorney, security commandership, directorate of

National security, Independent Human Rights Commission and other related organs, have membership.

Local officials say this board has the authority to identify accused individuals for corruption at all level, dismiss them from their jobs and introduce them to judiciary.

### It is impossible to battle corruption without controlling revenues

Rah-e-Nejat Daily, number 1326, December 7, 2009

Yesterday, in a three day seminar under the title of prevention of money smuggling, representative of American embassy in Afghanistan economic development affairs with anxiety of increase in money smugglings from Afghanistan to other countries mentioned: "Preventing money smugglings can be considered one of the efficient ways to battle corruption".

Antony Wien, emphasizing on the above subject expressed that: "based on received reports, during the past 18 days approximately 190 million Dollars has been transferred from Kabul to Dubai, the transfer of major portion of this amount was made through illegal means".

He added that, prevention of money smugglings which is considered one of the efficient ways to battle corruption, has a great effect of the legitimacy of President Karzai's government and can fortify its trust inside and outside the country.

### Kabul Mayor termed court's order as a conspiracy against him

Bakhtar Daily, number-130, page-7, December 9, 2009

Kabul Mayor said: "I am not involved in the case based on which I have been accused". He said that this case has no criminal dimension as well. Mr. Sahebi said that, based on an agreement land has been distributed to people of shops and inns in Deh-Kepak of District 11 of Municipality. Sahebi says that, the duration of this pact had ended earlier and was extended legally by the Municipality.

He added: "I have not extended the agreement nor did I signed it".

Kabul Mayor said that some official had demanded residential plot in the city from him which was denied by him and now they have plot a conspiracy against him.

### Why the mayor accused of corruption was released?!

Surosh-i-Millat, number-238, page-1, December 9, 2009

Abdul Ahad Sahebi, Kabul Mayor who was sentenced to four years of imprisonment by the order of Attorneys General in the presence of his advocate for embezzlement and misuse of his official responsibilities while its said that a number of cases are connected to him, not only his other cases were not

investigated but was also released after a few hours and after a while he appeared in a press conference where he termed all claims and accusation of Attorney General as falsehood and mere traducement and declared that he is not involved in any embezzlement and considered all accusations against him as a conspiracy. He said that it is a baseless conspiracy which was tried to fulfill by some individuals having personal motive."



### By weakening economy in Afghanistan corruption has made security instable

Surosh-i-Millat Daily, number 239, page-8, December 10, 2009

General Director of High Supervision Bureau for the implementation of battling corruption strategy of Afghanistan says: "By weakening the national economy of Afghanistan corruption has even made security of the country unstable".

Muhammad Yasin Osmani, director of High Supervision Bureau for the implementation of battling corruption strategy of the country says: "Corruption and bribery reaches its zenith in government and non-governmental administration when the spirit of service and patriotism weakens, with this condition it is not easy to battle corruption."

He emphasized that, until law is not implemented on the criminals corruption will not end in Afghanistan, for this reason the officials of High Investigation Bureau for the implementation of battling corruption strategy of the country with cooperation of United Nations and International community are the verge of calling an international conference in Kabul, Mr. Osmani said: It is agreed that the conference should be called on 15th December for two days in Kabul with the support of UN's representative office, where the manners of battling corruption and investigation of complaints will be debated.

### Battling corruption will not yield result in short run

Rah-e-Nejat daily, number 1329, page-1, December 10, 2009

Kai Aide, UN secretary general's representative in Afghanistan,

in celebration of World Day for battle against corruption said, corruption is not prevalent in Afghanistan only, but also in the international community and to prevent it they will take serious efforts. He says that battling corruption is not a short run program and need continuant efforts and battles.

Muhammad Yasin Osmani, director of High Investigation Bureau for the implementation of battling corruption strategy said: To prevent corruption, those involved in corruption shall be treated severely. Osmani added, in the new cabinet ministers will not be introduced to parliament until they fill forms of their possessions, and they shall seriously inspect this matter. According to him, at the moment some of the high ranking officials have received their forms and it is ready to be distributed for others as well.

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