EU calls on presidential candidates to reassure Afghan public of their willingness to accept the election result

The election result must be respected by both presidential candidates regardless of the outcome. The Afghan people need this reassurance now, says EU Ambassador Mellbin.

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The European Union welcomes the resumed audit of votes from the run-off Presidential Election. If implemented, the rules and regulations of the audit will be sufficient to deliver a legitimate result of the elections.

All stakeholders should therefore now work together to allow the audit to continue in good faith, and without interruptions, until the job is done.

The Afghan people, who all over the country participated enthusiastically in the elections, need to be reassured that their voice will be heard and respected. Therefore, the European Union encourages both candidates to make the Afghan public aware that they will participate in the audit in the spirit of good cooperation until the final result is declared; and that they will respect and accept the outcome of the Presidential Election, regardless of who ultimately wins.

"Afghanistan is increasingly challenged politically, economically and security wise by the current uncertainty. These issues must be urgently addressed by a legitimate new government. This is what the Afghan people expect. This is what the Afghan nation needs", said the European Union Special Representative in Afghanistan and Head of the European Union Delegation to Afghanistan, Ambassador Franz- Michael Mellbin.

"I therefore call on Dr. Abdullah Abdullah and Dr. Ashraf Ghani to reassure the Afghan people that they will allow the audit to continue in good faith and respect the voice of the Afghan voters, regardless of the outcome", emphasised the European Union Special Representative.

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