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(U) The chief officer of Afghanistan's elections commission, Ali Najafi, said a parliamentary vote will be held May 22 despite widespread international concern that the country's electoral system needs serious reform, media report.

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