

# Afghan Refugees Ask Finland to Cancel Accord with EU

KABUL - A number of Afghan asylum seekers in Finland on Saturday protested against the forced deportation of Afghanistan refugees from the European country, urging the Finnish government to cancel Afghanistan's agreement on migrants with the European Union (EU).  
The agreement between Afghanistan and European Union - Joint Way Forward - was signed last year to prevent irregular immigration.  
"The United Nations released a report on high civilian casualties [in Afghanistan]. The migration office in Finland accepts that there are problems in accepting asylum cases because of unpro-



fessional interpreters and employees," said Sadiq Behroz, an Afghan migrant in Finland.  
"Fortunately, a number of Finnish citizens have joined us in this sit in and they are helping us. This protest continues for the past 21 days and every day we witness new people who join us in this bid," said Abdul Jalil Husaini, another Afghan refugee.  
Reports indicate that 55 percent of Afghan refugees in Germany have been given asylum while the remaining 45 percent would be deported to Afghanistan.  
German Chancellor Angela Merkel has supported the ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Top Haqqani Terrorist Network Leaders Killed in Ghazni Airstrike

KABUL - Two senior leaders of the notorious Haqqani terrorist network were killed in an airstrike in southeastern Ghazni province of Afghanistan.  
The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said the two senior leaders were among at least six militants killed in the airstrike on Friday.  
According to a statement by MoI, the airstrike was carried out in the vicinity of Parcha area of Geru district.  
The statement further added that six militants were killed in total in the airstrike and the Haqqani network leaders killed in the raid have been identified as Mohammad Gul Nafiz and Mawlawi Rashid.  
The two leaders were reportedly having key role in organizing suicide attacks and other insurgency in this province, MoI said, adding that some weapons and a vehicle belonging to the insurgents were also destroyed. ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Taliban's Deputy Governor and 6 Tajik Militants among Dozens Killed in Kunduz

KABUL - The shadow deputy provincial governor of the Taliban group for the northern Kunduz province has been killed along with dozens of other insurgents in northern Kunduz province.  
According to the local government officials, the militants were killed in the vicinity of Dasht-e-Archi district.  
Provincial police chief General Abdul Hamid Hamidi confirmed that Mullah Assadullah Mazlumy, the shadow deputy provincial chief of the group for Kunduz was killed in airstrikes conducted in Mullah Quli area of Dasht-e-Archi.  
Gen. Hamidi further added at least fourteen Taliban insurgents were also killed in the airstrikes.  
However, the 209th Corps of the Afghan National Army in the north, in a statement said at least ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## In Peshawar, Hundreds of Youth Stage Attan for Peace

PESHAWAR - In a rare show of support for peace in a region plagued by extremism, Pakistani and Afghan youth staged an ecstatic Attan dance in the northwestern city of Peshawar.  
Hundreds of youth from Kandahar, Peshawar, Quetta and the tribal region danced to the beat of drums on the lush-green lawns of Bagh-i-Naran in Hayatabad neighbourhood.  
The "Attan for peace" featured around 500 youth, old men and some women activists. Tariq Afghan, an upcoming political activist, said they wanted to send



out a message of peace to extremists.  
Another organizer, Shafique Gigyani, told Dawn: "Just like all the dancers whirl together in Attan, it is symbolic of unity among Pakhtuns."  
The dance showed the ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

## Daesh Recruitment in-Charge Nabbed in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - Police have detained recruitment in-charge of Daesh or so-called Islamic State (IS) militants in southern Kandahar province, officials said on Saturday.  
Provincial police spokesman, Zia Durani, told Pajhwok Afghan News special police unit conducted an operation in the jurisdiction of eighth police district of Kandahar city, the provincial capital.  
As a result, IS recruitment in-charge was arrested.  
Durani didn't identify the detainee, saying he was being interrogated which would help Afghan forces to detain his other comrades. Detailed information would be shared with the media after the investigation ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

## 8 Passengers Injured in Laghman Traffic Accident

MEHTARLAM - Eight people including two women were injured in a traffic accident on Kabul-Jalalabad highway in Qarghaio district of eastern Laghman province on Saturday, an official said.  
Laghman governor's spokesperson, Sarhadi Zwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident occurred in Mashala Kamar locality of the district this morning.  
He said that two Corolla model cars crashed with each on the highway, leaving eight passengers including two women injured.  
The injured were evacuated to Nangarhar Civil Hospital after receiving first aid in Ka Kas clinic in Laghman, Zwak added. *(Pajhwok)*

## 7 Rebels Killed, 9 Wounded in Laghman Offensive

MEHTARLAM - Seven Taliban militants have been killed and nine others wounded in an ongoing operation in eastern Laghman province, officials said on Saturday.  
Laghman governor's spokesperson, Sarhadi Zwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the operation codenamed 'Almas 2' was launched jointly by Afghan forces on Friday.  
He added that seven militants were killed, nine wounded and nine others were arrested during the offensive.  
The militants suffered casualties belonged to Taliban commanders named Janat Gul and Marshali who were involved in roadside bombs, killing innocent people and carrying out other destructive activities, Zwak added.  
The operation which is currently in progress in Omarzai area would clear around 110 villages, he said. Security check posts will be also established in ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

## 16 Insurgents Killed, 22 Injured in Sar-I-Pul Operation

SAR-I-PUL CITY - At least 16 insurgents have been killed and 22 others wounded during an ongoing operation in Sayyad district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, officials said on Saturday.  
Governor Mohammad Zahir Wahdat, who was visiting the Afghan forces fighting against the militants, told Pajhwok Afghan News the operation codenamed 'Albarz' was launched in the province two days ago.  
He said 16 insurgents including a Taliban commander were killed and 22 others wounded in the offensive.  
Wahdat confirmed the killing of a public uprising member and injuries to seven security personnel as well as destruction of a military tank of the ...*(More on P4)...(26)*

## 32 Militants Killed in Herat, Uruzgan Operations

HEART/TARINKOT - Thirty-two militants have been killed and seven others wounded during clashes in western Herat and Central Uruzgan province, officials said on Saturday.  
Abdul Ahad Wlizada, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News joint operation conducted by Afghan forces in the Zawol village of Shindand district has ended with 28 militants killed and seven others injured.  
Separately, four Taliban have been killed during an operation in the Chora district, the local police chief said.  
Taliban have not yet commented on recent incidents. *(Pajhwok)*

## Shinwari - a Taste of Kabuli Pilaf in Peshawar

PESHAWAR/KABUL - A visit to the 'Shinwari Pulao' -- a food joint on Peshawar's University Road -- will land you bang in the middle of a commotion.  
The halls located upstairs are boisterous and one can see visitors streaming into the outlet to relish the steamy kabuli pulao, containing large pieces of beef and topped with thinly-chopped carrots and raisin.

The commotion at this and hundreds of other similar eateries is a testimony to the popularity of the kabuli pilaf with many Pakistanis and Afghan nationals living there.  
Notwithstanding the acrimonious nature of relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan, certain dishes of each side are in high demand in the other country. The Shinwari Restau-

rant, just like Pakistanis, is frequented by Afghans as well. Many Afghans like dam pukht (slow-cooked meat), mantu (dumplings filled with onion and ground beef or lamb and usually topped with a tomato-based sauce), ashak (a dumpling recipe), rosh (another beef/mutton dish), sulemani tea and sheer yakh (Afghan ice cream)...*(More on P4)...(25)*

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may be not-so-secretly exploring a variety of strategies to pull back from an overextended position today. It's one thing to realize you've gone a bridge too far, but it's entirely different when you commit to returning to a place of emotional safety. Although you're normally attracted to the adrenaline rush, you will feel a welcome sense of relief when you reduce the current stress.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might be disgruntled with your current social standing because it feels as if someone is working against you behind the scenes. Unfortunately, it's nearly impossible to respond with some kind of coherent plan when you can't figure out what is really going on. The closer you get to the truth today, the less confidence you have in the facts you're uncovering.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Descending into uncertainty is a healthy journey today, even if you resist it every step of the way. Nevertheless, confronting self-doubt puts you on the road to renewed confidence if you're willing to admit you don't have all the answers. Although you're a champion at tap-dancing around shadows, it's to your advantage now to explore what's hidden in the dark. Robert Frost wrote, "The best way out is always through."

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You are determined to do everything you can to accomplish your agenda today. However, a close friend or partner might take you to task, demanding that you justify your choices. Steer clear of an emotional trap; you are not required to explain every little decision. Err on the side of caution now, especially if you sense that sharing your dreams will leave you feeling too vulnerable.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You are trying a new approach to doing your chores today. You believe that the most practical course of action is to finish everything early in the day while the efficient Virgo Moon is busy activating trines with Pluto and Mars. But you could easily underestimate the time it takes to meet your obligations.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Communication with family members and friends may seem constrained today. It's as if everyone is holding something back for fear of initiating an uncomfortable discussion. But the avoidance of a topic is actually worse than talking about it. Nevertheless, it takes two to bridge the gulf, so you might as well leave an intense conversation for another day if both parties are unwilling to fully engage now.

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#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You can bury your feelings as effectively as the next person, but you're not one to shy away from confrontation once someone steps on your toes. It's like a breaker in the fuse box is tripped and you reach a point of no return. However, you might choose to withdraw deep into a shell today instead of defending your position.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are acutely aware of your commitments today, but you're not happy about needing to put pleasurable pursuits on hold. In fact, your annoyance could turn to resentment if you can't join others in their fun adventures. Avoid the temptation to spread negativity now just because you're envious of someone else's freedom. Instead, lift your spirits by accepting your current situation for what it is.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Everything seems simple enough until someone close to you decides to break a promise today. You're not happy when you must adjust your plans to adapt to changes that are contrary to your wishes. Your initial instinct is to confront the other person by reminding them of their responsibility to follow through on a recent commitment. However, this only adds to the emotional distance and does nothing to encourage resolution.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You want the ability to be free from other people's demands today, but you won't likely get your way without causing a scene. You can attempt to ignore what you learn about someone else's needs, but denial is not a path to happiness. Unfortunately, unexpressed dissatisfaction turns into emotional heartbreak if left untended.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Participating in a group, whether with friends or family, is a transformational experience today. You can't stay emotionally detached for very long, even if you don't want to get involved. Instead of wasting energy on resisting your fate, jump willingly into the fire. Holding onto your old beliefs or previous goals will only lead to unnecessary suffering. Viktor Frankl wrote, "When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."

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**Across**

1. Bird pouches, 6. Not first, 10. Spanish lady, 14. Tag, 15. Air force heroes, 16. God of love, 17. Anoint (archaic), 18. Tall woody plant, 19. Pesky insects, 20. African antelope, 22. Ripped, 23. Printer's unit, 24. Small piano, 26. Sweeping story, 30. Trot, 31. Santa's helper, 32. Bulwark, 33. Portent, 35. Betel palm, 39. Pastoral poem, 41. Anthology, 43. Varnish ingredient, 44. Rant, 46. Stopper, 47. Unhappy, 49. What we sleep on, 50. Terminates, 51. Cave, 54. Slender, 56. Wash, 57. Circuit, 63. Arab chieftain, 64. Encounter, 65. Coral island, 66. 1 less than 10, 67. At one time (archaic), 68. Area of South Africa, 69. Sow, 70. Thorny flower, 71. Corroborates (archaic).

**Down**

1. Talon, 2. Hindu princess, 3. Cain's brother, 4. Join, 5. Slumber, 6. Recent arrival, 7. Land, 8. Views, 9. Sleeping sickness carrier, 10. Tooth-powder, 11. Heavenly hunter, 12. French for "Our", 13. Something of value, 21. Type of jewelry, 25. Scheme, 26. Pitcher, 27. Rate, 28. Ailments, 29. Sequestered, 34. A short novel, 36. Black, in poetry, 37. Coagulated milk, 38. Requests, 40. Annoying insect, 42. Army doctor, 45. Blister, 48. A gabled roof extension, 51. Secluded valleys, 52. Bog hemp, 53. Sheeplike, 55. Groans, 58. Relating to aircraft, 59. Salt Lake state, 60. Learning method, 61. Shredded cabbage, 62. L L L L.

**Yesterday's Solution**

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