



Concerns Raised Over Rising Female Journalists' Problems

GHAZNI CITY - Women reporters in southern Ghazni province say non-payment of salaries and discriminatory behavior are among other problems they have been struggling with. Ghazni is an insecure province where the Taliban often launch group attacks which result in heavy financial and property losses to different sectors, including the media.

In the past, 13 women would work in media in Ghazni but most of them have quit their jobs. Tabasum, a journalist, said she has been working in a media outlet over the past few months, but she is yet to offer a salary. Some restrictions from family side added to her problems, according to Tabasum, whose relatives did not want her to work in the media or talk to strangers.

"My relatives daily tell my mother not to allow me to work in the media because they say strangers hear my voice and my mother feel ashamed as well," she said.

Muzda Noori, who in the past worked with National Radio, said behavior towards women workers in some media outlets was not good. "Compared to men journalists, females get low salaries," she said.

She said the Journalists Association in Kabul was yet to reach out to them for support and cooperation. Khadeja Ashrafi, head of the Women Journalists Committee in Ghazni, said female journalists in the province were faced with multiple issues due to which they were unable to discharge their duty properly.

She said traditional problems in Ghazni still existed due to which relatives did not allow their female family members to work in media. She asked the authorities concerned to reach out to women...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Kandaharis Push for Ceasefire as Hopes Rise on Peace



KANDAHAR - Kandahar civil society activists, tribal elders, youths and religious scholars at a ceremony on Monday said they see a ceasefire and direct talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban as key factors to move forward the ongoing efforts for peace in Afghanistan. They said they want a prominent

role for religious scholars in the peace process which has seen some developments in the recent months. As a new development, the Afghan government on Sunday proposed a list of 22 individuals for negotiating team and a list of 37 individuals for the Reconciliation Leadership Council. The reconciliation council held its

first meeting on Sunday and agreed on six issues around peace including the participation of an Afghan government team in the upcoming Qatar meeting. The Kandahar residents said the warring parties should announce a ceasefire to provide the ground for direct talks between the Afghan government...*(More on P4)...(11)*



Kunduz Taekwondo Federation Chief Killed Mysteriously

KUNDUZ CITY - The Taekwondo Federation chief for northern Kunduz province has mysteriously been killed, an official said on Monday. Police spokesman Inamuddin Rahmani told Pajhwok Afghan News the pre-dawn incident occurred in limits of the 1st police district at about 2:00am. Rahmani said Kamil Karimi, a fitness and body-building champion, refused to stop intelligence personnel's orders to stop his car at a security checkpoint.

As the National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel fired into the air, Kamil's car was crashed into a roadside tree, the police spokesman added. An investigation has been conducted to ascertain whether Karimi's death resulted from the accident or gunfire from the NDS personnel, according to Rahmani.

Meanwhile, Ziaulaq Ziaee, a relative of the victim, told Pajhwok Karimi had received death threats in the recent past. He said an NDS agent was also wounded in the incident. The NDS personnel are yet to say anything with regard to Karimi's death. (Pajhwok)

Incoming CENTCOM Chief, Bajwa Discuss Afghanistan



KABUL - A top US military commander and the Pakistan Army chief have discussed the current situation in Afghanistan. Gen. Kenneth F McKenzie Jr, incoming commander of US Central Command

called on Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa in the garrison city of Rawalpindi on Sunday. The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said the geo-strategic environment and regional security, including Afghanistan, were discussed at the meeting. (Pajhwok)

Foreign Forces Convoy Attacked Near Bagram Airbase



KABUL - A foreign forces convoy was targeted by a car bomb explosion near the Bagram Airbase in Parwan province at around 5:30pm on Monday, Bagram district governor Abdul Shakoor Qudoosi confirmed. He said the attack happened near

the third gate of the Bagram Airfield. Qudoosi said the attack was carried out by an explosive-laden vehicle. The foreign forces have cordoned off the area and there is no report on possible casualties, he said. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolo news)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



A group with which you're affiliated may be temporarily torn apart by politics and quarrels. If so, Aries, it's best to stay out of it. A friend could be having trouble and come to you for advice and help. Don't get too frustrated by his or her weaknesses. This could be a frustrating day for you - one best spent working on your own projects.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Changes in your home could cause temporary frustration that creates some tension with family members. Perhaps you're moving, cleaning, or refurbishing, and everyone is getting in everyone else's way. The best way to handle this situation is to try to get the job done as quickly as possible. Once it's done, Taurus, tempers will subside and all will be fine.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Miscommunication with someone far away could lead to bruised egos, heightened emotions, and angry phone calls. Don't get sucked into a quarrel, Gemini. Try to sort out the problem. Changes in your neighborhood could cause trouble getting around, so be prepared for blocked streets and heavy traffic. Walk, if you can. It will clear your head and get you where you're going more quickly.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



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Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



A person you're attracted to may seem to be interested in someone else. This could bring up your insecurities and jealousy. Don't make yourself crazy, Leo. Try to learn the facts before letting the situation get the better of you. Invitations to more than one social event for the same night might force you to make an uncomfortable choice. Make the choice that's best for you.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Someone is keeping secrets from you. We all have private issues we don't wish to share, Virgo, but this affects you. Your intuition will probably tell you who this person is. Try to get him or her to open up without exerting pressure. Unfinished tasks could be driving you crazy. You may try to run through them quickly, causing too much stress. Get the most crucial done and let the others go.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Perhaps you planned to attend a group event but circumstances beyond your control got in the way. Maybe it was canceled. This could cause some disappointment for you and others, Libra. Find something else to do. A project of your own is likely to need some attention, and this challenge could keep you engrossed for hours.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



A visitor who needs a little sympathy could visit you today. Your friend probably wants some advice about some problems. He or she could also bring information involving new scientific or metaphysical studies that you find fascinating. This information could trigger your own insights. Write down your ideas. You will want to remember them.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Some important plans, perhaps for a vacation or involving education in some way, could be temporarily blocked by circumstances beyond your control, Sagittarius. This can cause considerable upset and might even set your temper on edge. You may be tempted to take your frustrations out on others. It would be far more productive to find ways to make your plans work, even if there's a delay. Go to it.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



A letter or phone call could bring upsetting news about money, Capricorn. Your first reaction may be to blame yourself or someone else, but the circumstances are probably beyond anyone's control. Chances are good that it can be set right. Before anyone gets too upset, it's best to investigate and find out what needs to be done. It may take some effort, but all will be well.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

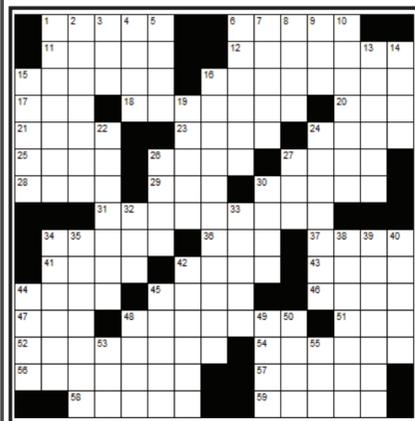


Jealousy could rear its ugly head today, Aquarius. This may involve a romantic relationship. Jealousy is often groundless. If you want to avoid an upset, try a little communicating. This is definitely the time to make the effort to turn a disadvantage into an advantage. Strong emotions can work for you under some circumstances. A passionate reconciliation is better than an angry estrangement.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Nervous tension could cause a temporary malaise that keeps your energy low today. Tasks and chores need to be done, Pisces, so you will probably drag yourself up and try to finish them in spite of the way you feel. Try not to get overworked, and try not to take your weariness out on others. It's better to let work go than make yourself and everyone else more stressed out.



Across

- A clique, 6. Gentlewoman, 11. A kind of macaw, 12. Shad, 15. Warning devices, 16. Inhabitant of an island, 17. Lie, 18. English blue cheese, 20. It is (poetic), 21. Nile bird
23. A ball of yarn, 24. A musical pause, 25. Harvest, 26. Two times two, 27. Legal wrong
28. Sea eagle, 29. Ensign (abbrev.), 30. Frothy, 31. Bunched together, 34. Annoyed
36. Type of whiskey, 37. Mother, 41. Neuter, 42. Flit, 43. Food thickener, 44. Brownish purple, 45. Abominable Snowman, 46. Engine knock, 47. Hearing organ, 48. Entreat
51. Letter after sigma, 52. Incontinence, 54. Breakdown, 56. An artist using watercolors, 57. Chatter, 8. Thigh armor, 59. Church officer, , ,

Down

- Gauge, 2. High-spirited horse, 3. Tavern, 4. Not legs, 5. Not first, 6. Dominate, 7. Extend
8. University administrator, 9. Barley bristle, 10. Middle of the year exam, 13. Spirited
14. At one time (archaic) 15. All excited, 16. Draws, 19. Graphic symbols, 22. Dapple
24. Chart showing routes and streets, 26. A bitter quarrel, 27. Foot digit, 30. Fuss
32. Directed, 33. Lofty nest, 34. Large lizard 35. A recently enlisted soldier, 38. Rouse
39. Coach, 40. Bicker, 42. Covet, 44. Chick's sound, 45. Affirmatives, 48. Wagers
49. Make do, 50. Throw, 53. Ribonucleic acid, 55. Little bit,

Yesterday's Solution



berth, brave, choke
cling, confirm, delay
draft evade, excess
expert, falter, flight
follow, foot, gather
hart, highway, hinder
house, lace, lodge,
model other, plush
poet, potential,

