

Protest Action Reaches New Heights under NUG

KABUL - Civil society protests have dramatically increased since the establishment of the National Unity Government (NUG) under President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah. A new report shows that over the past two years, protest demonstrations were held in different parts of the country at least twice a month including the recent Enlightening "In order to voice our demands and rights, we will continue our support to our brothers in the Enlightening Movement and people's council," said member of Enlightening Movement Jaffar Mahdawi.



Khali Wali, 24, is an Afghan man who has been conducting a sit-in protest in a tent in Kabul for the past four months in a bid to draw attention to certain issues in the country including the sale of girls. He blasts government for not taking action to overcome these practices. "These issues have led to social protests including my own protest to raise my voice over a dark phenomenon, I fear about ignoring these movements," said Khan Wali. Another... (More on P4)... (17)

ALP Commander Killed in Laghman

LAGHMAN - A commander of the Afghan Local Police (ALP) forces was killed during a gun battle with the Taliban militants in eastern Laghman province, local officials said Sunday. The incident took place late on Saturday afternoon in the vicinity of Mehtarlam city, the provincial capital of Laghman province. Provincial governor's spokesman Sarhadi Zwak confirmed ALP Syed Ahmad was killed during a clash with the Taliban militants in Hakimabad area of the city. He did not provide further information regarding the incident but reports suggest at least two ALP forces were also killed during the clash. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as the provincial council chief was wounded in an explosion in Mehtarlam city three days ago. According to the local officials, at least one person was also killed and several... (More on P4)... (18)

Taliban-Fired Mortar Injures 13 Civilians in Kunar

ASADABAD - Thirteen civilians were wounded when a mortar shell fired by Taliban militants hit a residence in Manogi district of eastern Kunar province on Sunday afternoon, an official said. Deputy provincial police chief Col. Syed Maqsood Pacha told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban mounted attacks on security checkpoints in Kand-i-Kapar locality. He said one of the mortar shells fired by Taliban hit a civilian home in a nearby area, resulting in casualties. Dr. Farooq Sahak, the civil hospital director, confirmed



receiving nine wounded persons, including women and children. He said the injured were in stable condition. The Taliban have not yet commented about the incident. (Pajhwok)

Daesh Seizes U.S Military Equipment in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Daesh has released photographs of military equipment and a soldier's I.D card that fighters reportedly seized in Nangarhar. A photograph released by the group shows someone holding the I.D card of a U.S soldier named Ryan Jay Larson. Earlier reports that the soldier had been captured were however proven wrong. Resolute Support in Afghanistan said Larson had not been captured by the group and that "he is accounted for and remains on duty status with his unit." It is believed Daesh fighters came under heavy attack by U.S and Afghan troops in a number of areas in Nangarhar in the past two weeks - including in Kot, Schadal, Dah Bala, Adl Khil and Bandar. Other photographs... (More on P4)... (19)

HIA Gunmen Driven from Baghlan Coalmines

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Gunmen loyal to the Hezb-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) group have been driven from two coalmines in northern Baghlan province as a result of a security operation, an official said on Sunday. Baghlan police spokesman Ahmad Javed Basharat told Pajhwok Afghan News the HIA fighters had been in control of the coalmines - Karkar and Dudkash coalmines - over the past two months and the deposits were retaken from them early on Sunday. The police official said the HIA fighters led by Commander Mirwais had suffered casualties during a clash with security forces around the coalmines, 10 kilometres from Pul-



i-Khumri, the provincial capital. The coalmines were attacked by HIA fighters two months back and held around 40 people captive... (More on P4)... (20)

2 Suicide Bombers Gunned Down in Logar Capital

PUL-I-ALAM - Two suicide bombers were shot dead by security officials before they could detonate their explosives-filled jackets in the capital of central Logar province on Sunday, an official said. Salem Saleh, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place at around 3:30pm in the municipality square. He said intelligence officials recognized the two bombers and police shot them dead before they were able to detonate their suicide jackets. According to Saleh, the bombers wanted to strike at government facilities and their killing prevented a huge devastation. Aziz, a shopkeeper in the area, said they heard gun shots and it appeared later that police had gunned down two would-be-suicide bombers. (Pajhwok)

25 Insurgents Killed in Nangarhar Offensive, Airstrikes

JALALABAD - Twenty-five Islamic State (IS) and Taliban insurgents have been killed and over a dozen others wounded in airstrikes and ground operations in eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Sunday. Twenty IS militants were eliminated in Achin district, Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, old Pajhwok Afghan News. Civilians and security forces were not harmed in the offensive, he said. Separately, four Taliban, including a foreign militant, were killed during a clearing operation in Lalpura district,



police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal said. The Taliban attacked the Afghan National Army (ANA) operation code-named Qahr-i-Selab has been underway in the area. Operational Commander Brig. Gen. Mohammad Nasim Sangin said security forces had pushed back militants from most areas, recovering arms and explosives. (Pajhwok)

40 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Kunduz Airstrike

KUNDUZ CITY - At least 40 Taliban insurgents, including their commanders, were killed in an Afghan Air Force air strike in northern Kunduz province on Saturday, officials from the 20th Pamiir Army Division said on Sunday. The airstrike took place after Taliban insurgents attacked a police outpost and started clashes, Ghulaam Hazrat Karimi, a spokesman for 20th Pamiir Army Division said. "The clash took place



for several hours, and Mustafa, the deputy shadow governor, and Asadullah Maszloom-year, district shadow governor of Taliban for Kunduz, were killed," Karimi said. Two security force members were also killed and four others were injured in the attack, he said. (Tolonews)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Unforeseen changes can force you to loosen your grip on your schedule. Go ahead and seek solace in your imagination, but if you choose to postpone fulfilling a promise, don't confuse your impractical fantasies with your mundane obligations. Logical Mercury in your 6th House of Logistics is influenced by otherworldly Neptune today, so manage your time as effectively as possible.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

What you lose in mental clarity today is made up in artistic potential. Your rationality is diffused while cerebral Mercury opposes nebulous Neptune, so writing technical manuals or detailed emails is challenging. Make time to enrich your soul by listening to music or relaxing in nature. Keeping your options open can be a viable strategy.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It seems like a perfect day to kick back and let your mind wander wherever it wants to go. Mischievous Mercury's opposition to surreal Neptune sets the stage for storytelling, daydreaming and other forms of mental escape. Avoid concrete planning or initiating conversations if logic is required. Minor irritations at home can surface now, but practicing compassion and forgiveness is a better use of your time.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Although you can see a domestic issue from all angles today, a sticky dispute conflict could still sidetrack your day. After putting in quite a bit of effort to sort it all out, you might discover that most of the disagreement originated from a simple misunderstanding. But an in-depth discussion only makes the situation worse if everyone is operating off of different assumptions.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're finally ready to tackle a longstanding financial issue today, only to realize the problem isn't as bad as you thought. Unfortunately, trickster Mercury's opposition to fuzzy Neptune can delude you into believing nearly anything that resonates with your fantasies. You could even mislead yourself into imagining an improved fiscal situation.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Ironically, facts range from fuzzy to fantastic now, which can lead you to erroneous conclusions. Paradoxically, analytical Mercury empowers you to focus your logic like a laser beam. However, the Winged Messenger is in a tug-of-war with delusional Neptune today, making it impossible to discern useful data from an incoming deluge of unverifiable information. Rather than making yourself crazy with frustration, grab this opportunity to explore your imagination.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may be confused by your lack of priorities today as thoughtful Mercury opposes ephemeral Neptune in your 6th House of Daily Routine. Retreating from the public spotlight seems like your most sensible option while several planets congregate in your 12th House of Privacy. Nevertheless, the future is pulling at you from several different directions now, obscuring your final destination.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your dreams must be placed on the back burner today so you can direct your energy toward the outside world. Pressure to renew a commitment or change direction is likely as the illuminating Sun's presence in your 10th House of Career is intensified by powerful Pluto.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You long to take spiritual refuge from the demands of life today. Messenger Mercury's opposition to metaphysical Neptune in your 4th House of Roots tempts you to escape into your imagination. However, it's nearly impossible to remain objective when every word is so loaded with illusions and emotions. While this planetary combination is wonderful for creative expression and compassionate conversation, it tends to dissipate facts in the presence of dreams.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

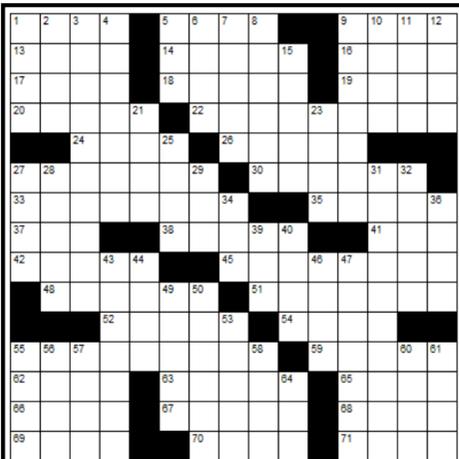
You want everyone to see your fair and balanced approach to resolving interpersonal differences. Unfortunately, the power of your beliefs distorts your objectivity now as relentless Pluto in your 1st House of Self is bent out of shape by the dramatic Leo Sun. But it's easier to bury your agenda than to acknowledge it. Nevertheless, what's left unsaid can tilt a conversation in the wrong direction.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your defenses soften in the presence of other people's weaknesses because you have compassion for their plight today. Wanting to help someone in need is admirable, but the sharp analytical lens of cerebral Mercury in precise Virgo is diffused by its opposition to surreal Neptune. This confusing yet imaginative aspect challenges you to discern the truth from fiction.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Delving into the details of relationships can be a tedious process, yet it's essential work for cultivating your compassion. While it's true that love sometimes flows along with the magic of silent understanding, words are ultimately the best means for establishing deep connections. Pillow talk is the upside of chatty Mercury's opposition to dreamy Neptune today.



Across
1. Brass instrument, 5. Crest, 9. A long way off, 13. Weightlifters pump this, 14. Weaving machines, 16. Part of the outer ear, 17. Clove hitch or figure eight, 18. Sacred song, 19. Gas or petrol, 20. Glacial ridge, 22. Not figuratively, 24. Leg joint, 26. Last, 27. Adolescent, 30. Chitchat, 33. Noble-mindedness, 35. Street urchin, 37. Downturn, 38. Potatoes, 41. Ghost's cry, 42. Lacquer ingredient, 45. Simpletons, 48. Worn away, 51. Venture to say, 52. Rips, 54. "Comes and ___", 55. Blade sharpener, 59. Candied, 62. Somersault, 63. Avoid, 65. False god, 66. Wings, 67. Cite, 68. Standard, 69. Delay or postpone, 70. Graphic symbol, 71. Historical periods.

Down
1. Kid, 2. Coffee dispensers, 3. Accountant, 4. Aerial, 5. A high alpine meadow, 6. Not warm, 7. Recurring theme, 8. It induces nausea, 9. Forage plant, 10. Offensively malodorous, 11. Cain's brother, 12. Depend, 15. Shorthand, 21. Genuine, 23. Telephoned, 25. Auspices, 27. It ebbs and flows, 28. Ancient Roman magistrate, 29. Clairvoyant's gift, 31. A diplomat of the highest rank, 32. Flora and fauna, 34. Muck, 36. Prying, 39. Accomplished, 40. Catch, 43. Dappled, 44. Midmonth date, 46. Hot rum drink, 47. Straightaway, 49. Consumer of food, 50. Herdsman, 53. Foul-up, 55. Envelop, 56. Puncture, 57. Dash, 58. Biblical garden, 60. Daughter of Zeus and Demeter, 61. Shade trees, 64. Before, poetically.

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