

'Terrorist Safe Havens' in Areas of Afghanistan: Pakistan



WASHINGTON - Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Maleeha Lodhi claimed that "terrorist safe havens exist in ungoverned areas of Afghanistan, not Pakistan." Lodhi said that peace in Afghanistan cannot be restored through continued military force. She said

neither Kabul nor the NATO coalition, nor the Afghan Taliban, could impose a military solution on each other, according to Pakistani media reports. "The promotion of a political settlement and the pursuit of a military solution are mutually incompatible. You cannot kill and talk at the same time," the Paki-

stani envoy told the UN Security Council during an open debate on the situation in Afghanistan.

"Another resort to the military option will not produce a result different from the past. It will not break the impasse much less yield a political solution," Lodhi said, urging the Taliban to give up violence, stressing that the other side must also display a genuine desire for dialogue.

She said the violence and terrorism afflicting Afghanistan are the consequences of foreign military interventions, occupation and an imposed war. Sustainable peace in Afghanistan is only achievable through a negotiated end to the war, a course long advocated by Pakistan, she said.

The envoy said 16 years of war, waged by the world's most powerful forces against an "insurgency of irregulars", had not yielded a military solution. "This failure cannot be explained away by alleging the existence of safe havens for the insurgency across the border," she said.

Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported that denying US allegations about the presence of terrorist safe havens in Pakistan, Lodhi said such enclaves exist in areas of Afghanistan that are not under government control.

Her comment comes as the United States Vice President Mike Pence who arrived in Afghanistan on a surprise visit on Thursday night, warned Pakistan against offering ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

20 Nangarhar Doctors, Kin Kidnapped this Year

JALALABAD - Twenty doctors or their family members were kidnapped for ransom in eastern Nangarhar province during this solar year.

Almost all those kidnapped had been released after payment of ransom money and as a result, six specialist doctors migrated to other provinces.

But there was an unfortunate incident in which the kidnapped brother of a doctor was killed by his kidnappers after the ransom money could not be paid.

Private Doctors and Clinics Union in Nangarhar says it has so far this year registered 20 incidents of kidnapping involving doctors and their relatives. The union says six doctors have migrated from Nangarhar fearing their abduction. ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Nearly a Dozen Militants Killed in Herat Incidents

HERAT CITY - Nearly a dozen insurgents have been killed as a result of a raid and a clash in western Herat province, an official claimed on Sunday.

Jilani Farhad, the governor's spokesman, said the casualties were inflicted on militants during an air raid and a gunbattle in Chasht-i-Sharif and Shindand districts.

He said the security forces targeted a rebel hideout in the Takht area of Chasht-i-Sharif district. Eight militants were killed and eight vehicles and weapons belonging to the militants were destroyed in the overnight strike. Three other rebels, including a bomb attack organiser, were killed and two others wounded in a clash with security forces in the Qala-i-Pesar area of Shindand. (Pajhwok)

4 of a Family Found Dead in Faryab Hotel



MAIMANA - Four members of a family, including two minor children, were found dead in a hotel in the capital of northern Faryab province on Sunday.

Police told Pajhwok Afghan News a couple and their two children were mysteriously poisoned in the hotel on Saturday night.

Mohammad Yousaf, deputy crime branch police chief, said initial investigation showed the family had

been poisoned through food. He added the owner of the restaurant had been arrested in connection with the incident and he was currently under investigation.

Dr. Samir Enayat, an official at the civil hospital, confirmed receiving the dead bodies a 45-year-old man, a woman 35-year-old woman and their two children aged between one and three years.

Ahmad ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Balkh Girl 'Jumps' to Death from 4th Floor

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - A 20-year-old woman died in hospital after falling from the fourth floor of a market building in the capital of northern Balkh province on Sunday morning, an official said.

Hitting the ground as she fell off

the fourth floor, she was alive and was rushed to hospital where she succumbed to her injuries, Balkh police spokesman Sher Jan Durrani told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said the incident took place at around 8am ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

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Invitation for Bids (IFB) ICB

Procurement Entities	Kabul Municipality
Funded By	Government of Afghanistan
Item Description	CONSTRUCTION OF SHINA AND PACHA BRIDGES
Ref. No	NPA/KM/96/1978/ICB
Bid Security	The Bids must be accompanied with Bid Security in the form of a Bank Guarantee provided in the Bidding Documents at the amount of US\$162,000 and valid for 148 days after the bids submission deadline.
Deadline for Bid Submission	03 Feb, 2018 at 10:00 AM hrs (Local Kabul Time) , Electronic submission of Bid is not allowed. Late bid will be reject.
Address for Bid Submission	National Procurement Authority, Procurement Facilitation Directorate (NPA/PFD) Administrative office of the President, Geodesy Building, conference room Kabul, Afghanistan.
Website	A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders free of cost by downloading from the NPA website www.npa.gov.af and IFB, from the websites of www.km.gov.af and www.dgmarket.com Or may be obtained in a CD from the NPA office (Address given above). In case of any difficulty in downloading from website, interested bidders may contact at e-mail address rahim.rahimi@aop.gov.af cc to ayam.day@gmail.com

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You take your social commitments to heart today, but still may let down someone close to you. Your intentions are good, but your follow-through could be less than adequate, especially if you're presented with an unexpected opportunity to do something entirely different later in the day.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus A change in travel plans comes as no surprise to you today, especially if you were overextending your resources in order to take this trip. Although you might feel discouraged at first, you prefer working with the facts rather than pie-in-the-sky dreams that only set you up for disappointment down the road. Budgeting your money.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini Coming to terms with your feelings is complicated when others are involved in the equation. Each person brings their own set of fears, hopes and desires to the table, where they are shared and discussed. Although negotiations may require you to give up a valuable offering to gain something else, you might not want to take a chance on an uncertain future.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Someone may rain on your parade today, but a delayed start won't necessarily dampen any of the fun. You desperately want to maintain a sunny attitude, but hiding your feelings is not as easy as it sounds, especially when you're with people who can see through your defensive tactics.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You might not be particularly happy with the outcome of events today, especially if you are called on to fix social arrangements that have fallen apart. You can't help but assume responsibility as warm Venus collides with cold Saturn. The juxtaposition of your attraction and someone else's rejection can be a rude awakening.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo You may feel as if this special day is flying by without giving you the opportunity to pursue the pleasure you rightly deserve. If you complain or blame others for your current dissatisfaction, you will only invite additional obstacles to appear in your path. Nevertheless, paying attention to the signs reveals ways to improve your chances to attain happiness. Awareness is the key to positive change.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You have your hopes set high, expecting lovely holiday celebrations at home today. However, while others seem to be enjoying the day, you may be playing catch up on chores that should have been done yesterday. Don't waste your time cleaning up other people's messes; just clean up your own. If you attend to things in the right order, you can join in the fun later on.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio You thought the only way you could make it through the logistics of the day without mistakes or misunderstandings was to agree on start times for each activity. Although you might end up with an efficient schedule, the fun and frivolity may be missing from the festivities along with any ambiguities. But don't write off the entire day with one pen stroke; there are plenty of chances.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You have a sneaking suspicion that you overspent for the holidays and now you already regret it. Or, perhaps, you're worried that someone won't like the special gift you purchased. In any case, fundamental issues of self-worth rise to the surface as valuable Venus joins judgmental Saturn in your 2nd House of Self-Esteem. Keep in mind that you can't undo what has already been done.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Paradoxically, you might feel isolated from those closest to you in the midst of a crowded celebration. The source of your current alienation could be your harsh self-analysis that leaves you wondering whether or not you even deserve love. You may temporarily believe that the struggles that come from being in a relationship aren't worth it.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius It's slightly ironic how much is going on within the recesses of your mind that others don't have a clue about now. You're happy to share in the festivities today but you're less than willing to reveal your thoughts. Keeping your feelings to yourself enables you to move through some tricky emotional territory without involving anyone else in your inner melodrama.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces There is no escaping the fact that you are part of a complex social network and what you do -- especially around the holidays -- impacts those around you. Although you enjoy participating in group activities today, you're wary of your level of engagement. You don't want your own private plans subsumed by the larger community.

Across

1. Corrosive, 5. Alley, 9. False god, 13. Roman moon goddess, 14. Smell, 16. Exploded star, 17. Circle fragments, 18. Of lesser importance, 19. Nights before, 20. Small slits, 22. Impediment

24. Corridor, 26. Basic belief, 27. Thence, 30. Redeemer, 33. Tools or implements, 35. Rescued

37. Citrus drink, 38. French for "Our", 41. Conceit, 42. Mortise and joint, 45. Intellectual

48. Layers, 51. A small rounded boat, 52. Nascence, 54. Palm starch, 55. Removes body hair

59. Brazilian dance, 62. Assist in crime, 63. Trimmed, 65. Knights, 66. Component of urine,

67. Gain points in a game, 68. Trim, 69. Seed-bearing capsule, 70. Was cognizant, 71. Hens make them,

Down

1. "What a shame!", 2. Ringlet, 3. Unable to express yourself, 4. A despicable coward, 5. Flee, 6. Dry, 7. A nine-piece musical group, 8. Gives emotion to, 9. Resistance to change, 10. Bird of peace, 11. Baking appliance, 12. Not first, 15. Turf, 21. Killed, 23. Guns an engine, 25. Give temporarily, 27. Not this, 28. God of the underworld, 29. To and fro, 31. Subduing, 32. Kingly, 34. And so forth, 36. Handout, 39. Record (abbrev.)

40. God of love, 43. Relating to an orbit, 44. Found on a finger, 46. Historical periods, 47. Pulp, 49. Snares, 50. Assault, 53. Long-necked bird, 55. Apply, 56. River of Spain

57. Rind, 58. Arid, 60. Naval jail, 61. Vipers, 64. Morning moisture,

Yesterday's Solution

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