

Peace Door no Longer Open for All Militant Groups: Ghani

KABUL - President Ghani said the time has come for anti-government militants to choose between peace and war. Addressing the general session of the High Peace Council meeting on Saturday, President Ashraf Ghani said the peace door for those involved in the recent attacks in Afghanistan is no longer open and that government will hunt the attackers down no matter where they are hiding.

"The door of peace for those behind the tragedy (in Afghanistan) is closed," he said.

"We will chase them (militants) anywhere they hide. Afghanistan will take revenge, but wisely."

He said the severity of the Kabul attacks this month was because of the success of the High Peace Council, not the failure of Afghans.

He said the Taliban at war with Afghanistan, those killing the people, are not part of Afghanistan's society and that recent attacks in Kabul have defined this route. ...*(More on P4)...(13)*



Businesswomen Run Successful Spaghetti Factory in Balkh

KABUL - A Balkh women, who started a factory two years ago with five other women, is providing work for 30 other females.

A Balkh woman is making inroads into the local market after opening a spaghetti factory in Dehdadi district of Balkh province.

In addition the factory provides jobs to 30 other females.

Ruqia Hakimi, the owner of the factory, said she was tired of being unemployed and two years ago, along with five other women, started the factory.

Hakimi said they implemented their business plan and currently employ thirty other women.

"On a daily bases we use 49kg of flour and if the demand is high at the market we even use double that," Hakimi said.

Hakimi believes that a small invest-



ment can improve the financial status of people.

Hakimi has however called on government to help them with small loans, and she has urged the public to support locally made products.

Most of the women in the factory are the breadwinners in their families and said they are happy to have work. One female employee said that by working at the factory she was able to cover her family's expenses. "We must also work, because work is not just for males, females must also work," said Bilqes, another factory worker.

Zahra, who is 20 years old and is in the 10th grade, has also been working at the factory for a year. She said the money she earns is paying for her schooling.

"I am going to school and also working in the factory and the salary I get I use for my stationary," Zahra said.

These women however said if government supports small businesses by giving start up loans and if the public buys their products local businesses, theirs included, will grow. (Tolonews)

Key Issues to be Discussed at Afghan-Pakistan Meeting

KABUL - The first joint working group will tackle issues around counter-terrorism, intelligence sharing and military among others.

Pakistan's Foreign Office spokesperson Muhammad Faisal said the first meeting of Pakistan-Afghanistan Joint Working Group would be held in Kabul on Saturday, the Daily Times reported.

According to him the Foreign Secretary Tehmina Janjua would lead the Pakistani delegation.

The Daily Times stated Pakistan had proposed a number of joint



working groups to focus on counter-terrorism, intelligence sharing, military, economy, trade and transit interaction, refugee repatriation and connectivity.

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Two Women Die in Separate Suicide Incidents in Sar-E-Pul

KABUL - A 26-year-old woman and a 17-year-old girl both committed suicide on Friday in the province. The incidents were not linked.

Two women committed suicide on Friday in Sar-e-Pul, in separate incidents, local officials said Saturday.

According to officials both appeared to have committed suicide due to family problems.

Provincial governor spokesman Zabiullah Amani said that on Friday a 26-year-old woman took an overdose of tablets. She had problems at home, he said.

Amani said the incident happened in Bazar Kami village of Sayyad district of Sar-e-Pul and that her husband, her father-in-law and her mother-in-law have been arrested.

Amani said the woman had children but did not provide any details.

According to Amani, in a separate incident, a 17-year-old girl also committed suicide on Friday by eating rat poison. She had lived in Kharaba village in the provincial capital.

Amani said she had been engaged ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Second Phase of Industrial Park Hangs in Limbo

KABUL - Factory owners have said challenges, including land grabbing, have resulted in work stoppage on the second phase of an industrial park near Bagram.

Factory owners at an industrial park in Kabul said work that started on the second phase of an industrial park three years ago ground to a halt last year despite factories waiting to start operations.

The factory owners said many businesses were ready to move into the new phase of the Juma Mohammad Mohammadi Industrial Park in Bagrami district but that problems, including land grabbing in the park, have forced work on the project to stop.

Businessmen in the area said the park is now surrounded by residential houses and that parts of the area zoned for the park have been usurped in the past few years.

They also said a perimeter wall has remained incomplete due to the existence of residential houses in the industrial park.

Employees at the industrial park claimed that government has not been able to reclaim the usurped land.

"A large part of the park has been grabbed by local land grabbers where they have built illegal houses. Now that factory owners want to start work here they are prevented from ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Farmers in northern Balkh province are concerned at inadequate snowfall this year, fearing that continued drought will damage their crops.

In most parts of northern Afghanistan, including Balkh, the time for crop cultivation on rain-fed land is over, they say. More snowfall and rains are unlikely, the growers believe.

Haji Abdul Qayyum, a farmer from the Chamtal district, told Pajhwok Afghan News Balkh always faced a shortage of water. Both rain-fed and irrigated lands in the province need rains and snowfall.

"No, it was not ...*(More on P4)...(17)*



Water Scarcity Sparks Fears of Decline in Wheat Yield

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries It seems so natural to engage others in conversations today that you may find yourself lost in the magic of mutual discovery before you know it. Your disarming ability to say the right thing at the right time encourages someone to disclose more than they intend. A casual discussion deepens quickly, bringing you in closer emotional contact than either of you expect.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus Someone enters your life now with a big idea that involves a potentially lucrative project. Your invitation to participate might sound too good to be true – and perhaps it is. Expansive Jupiter squares enriching Venus in your 10th House of Career, pointing to the possible profits in such a joint venture. But Jupiter's magnifying lens can make anything look better than it is in reality.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You're eager to demonstrate your clever creativity at work today. However, you want to show others that you still can be highly productive even while pursuing your artistic expression. But you may fall short of your expectations if you forget to temper them with a bit of pragmatism. Splitting your time between plugging into your imagination and completing the more mundane tasks in your life gives you the best of both worlds.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Enjoying activities with family or friends sounds like a good idea as long as whatever you commit to doesn't turn into something else. A simple walk in the park could morph into a rigorous hike. A run to the store can become a major shopping spree. The problem is your inability to influence the flow of events today when others are involved.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You like the idea of a variety of activities today, but you're not interested in exhausting yourself by scattering your energy. Nevertheless, you could overcompensate by curling up into a ball and napping the day away. It's not that you're inherently lazy; it's just you can overdo anything that sounds pleasant now.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo Although you can imagine a wonderful day ahead, you might worry that you'll leave your chores undone. Specifically, you may be afraid that a taste of the good life will leave you wanting more and more, until your time is gone and you have little to show for it. Thankfully, creating a schedule early in the day empowers you to set your priorities and then follow them.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You want everyone to be happy and are more than willing to go out of your way to make it happen. However, you might not know when to call it quits on your quest to be the perfect facilitator today. Being a gracious host comes naturally to you Libras, but placing excessive attention on everyone else could leave you feeling resentful by the end of the day.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Your optimism makes you a formidable ally today. You have a better idea about nearly everything you hear now. Your desire to make the most of your current circumstances can be inspiring to others. People are willing to try your suggestions because they believe in your vision. But reality won't always conform to your fantasies.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You wake up convinced that anything could happen today, anticipating the loveliest scenarios from the start. Your positive outlook is instrumental in bringing your goals closer than ever. But all the good luck in the world will leave you falling short of your dreams unless you commit to a practical plan. It's a no-brainer to envision the best possible outcome to almost every situation.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Your cynicism might leak through your intention to show a happy face today when it comes to other people's expectations. Everyone seems to be inflating the potential of nearly everything – and this innocent optimism drives you crazy. But you don't want to be the one to pop someone's balloon, so you try to keep your thoughts to yourself.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

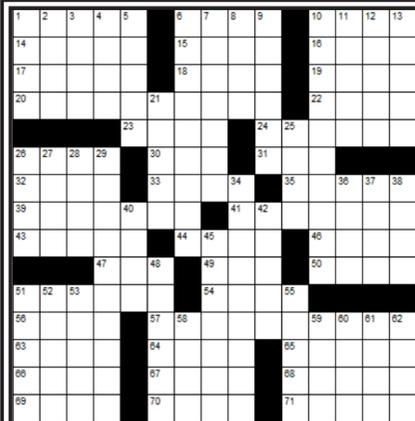


Aquarius You stand out as a beacon of hope for others today. Your magnanimous behavior is proof that you truly believe everyone deserves to experience joy. Your generosity does not go unrecognized and you might find yourself in the awkward position of feeling like you can't live up to your reputation. Nevertheless, there's no harm in performing random acts of kindness.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces Your visions of future adventures may be so outrageous today that you don't dare to share them with anyone. But there is a price to pay for keeping your dreams hidden. Although your fantasies are reflective of your hopes, you might experience a sense of alienation in the present moment because others sense you're holding back. However, you can change the dynamics.



Across

- Delicacy, 6. Colors, 10. Found on a finger, 14. Emerge from eggs, 15. Covetousness, 16. Sea eagle, 17. A long-legged S. American bird, 18. Midmonth date, 19. Big party, 20. Seafront, 22. Mining finds, 23. Sandwich shop, 24. What's left behind, 26. Musical group, 30. A very long period, 31. Japanese apricot, 32. Double-reed woodwind, 33. Venician, agstrate, 35. Our planet, 39. Philosophy of duality, 41. Ecstasy, 43. Set of principles, 44. Thin strip, 46. Snell, 47. Mesh, 49. Stir, 50. Start over, 51. Mother superior, 54. 3 times 3, 56. Operatic solo, 57. Self-centered, 63. Violent disturbance, 64. A city in western Russia, 65. Wear away, 66. Savvy about, 67. Hissy fit, 68. Whippers, 69. Close, 70. Feudal worker, 71. Affirmatives,

Down

- Defrost, 2. Indian music, 3. French for "State", 4. Crest, 5. Not first or second, 6. Inheritances, 7. Demise, 8. Not odd, 9. Scheme, 10. Mediator, 11. A kind of macaw, 12. Arm of the sea, 13. Rental agreement, 21. Provides food, 25. Dribble, 26. Portend, 27. Adjoin, 28. Ark builder, 29. Sketcher, 34. Destroy completely, 36. Boorish, 37. Stepped, 38. Protagonist, 40. Frosts, 42. Redress, 45. Ointment ingredient, 48. Sleeping sickness carrier, 51. Moses' brother, 52. Salt water, 53. Flora and fauna, 55. Foe, 58. Weapons, 59. Tall woody plant, 60. Seating sections, 61. Doing nothing, 62. To tax or access,

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DATTIMO CLIX MAZE
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URINARY ENTRANT
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VERSATILE COPPATE
ETUIWAT COPPATE
GALA ALTOGETHER
APES SLED ACORN
NEST PYRE RHYME

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