

Takhar Victim Asks Govt to Ensure Justice is Served

KABUL - The Takhar woman said her husband's family was behind the kangaroo court which led to her public flogging.

The 22-year-old Takhar woman, Soraya, who was beaten in public by local men in Takhar's ChahAb district - following a kangaroo court ruling - on Monday called on government to ensure justice is served.

She said after she was beaten in public, she spent a few days under house arrest. Soraya said her husband's family was behind the incident.

"I don't know why they did this to me. They said I was theirs and they could do it even if I was innocent, to make others see it as a warning."

Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) meanwhile said local officials in the district who failed to prevent this from happening or take action against the men who carried out the illegal flogging were ultimately responsible for the incident. AIHRC said ...*(More on P4)...(10)*



Exposed to cold weather, Jawzjan IDPs in need of help

SHIBERGHAN - Internally displaced families in northern Jawzjan province are complaining they lack food and firewood and fear a large number of their children and women may die of cold if the government does not pay attention.

Ghulam Hussain, who along with his family fled Darzab district and migrated to Shiberghan, the provincial capital, due to clashes between Taliban and Daesh, said they are in a bad situation.

"I live with my family in a tent without having a smallest life facility, the cold weather is seriously harassing us," he said.

He said a number of children and women could die of their exposure to extreme weather conditions if they were ignored.

Bibi Meraj, a displaced woman from Qush Tapa district, said that they lacked any resources and lived in a tent amid cold weather. She said no one had helped them.

"We have been in Shiberghan for the past three months, but no one has so far helped us, we ask the government to provide us cooking dishes, winter clothes and food items to help get rid of current problems," she said.

"If the government has no ability to help the displaced families, then it should at least ensure security in their own areas to facilitate the return of displaced people to their homes", Meraj added.

Halima Sadaf, a provincial council member, told Pajhwok Afghan News that around 2,000 displaced families from Darzab and Qush Tapa districts were in bad situation in Shiberghan and their needs and demands had not been responded so far.

She claimed to have shared the problems of displaced people with relevant organs. "Some women and children of these families are ill and they have no resources for treatment."

"I don't know for what our officials have kept blankets and food items in warehouses. The displaced families are in a bad situation and in need of these items," she added.

However, Faizullah Sadat, provincial natural disasters management authority head, said 600 families had received food items and clothes and the rest would also receive the same in near future.

He said that around 4,000 families from Sar-i-Pul and Faryab provinces and Qush Tapa and Darzab districts of Jawzjan had been displaced to Shiberghan city. Most or around 2,000 of these families are from Qush Tapa and Darzab districts.

"We are trying to distribute rice, oil, flour and warm clothes to all the displaced ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Explosives-Laden Military Vehicle Destroyed in Uruzgan

TIRINKOT - Security forces destroyed an explosives-laden military vehicle after seizing it in the capital of central Uruzgan province, an official said Monday.

2nd Lt. Zainullah, provincial police headquarters' first division commander, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban had the plan to attack on security forces' check-point in Sar-Murdah locality of the Tirinkot, the provincial capital, late on Sunday.

Police who had prior information of the plot seized and destroyed the Humvee military model vehicle along with two Taliban rebels.



In the same area a day earlier at least five Taliban militants were

killed in an airstrike and their bodies remained on the ground for hours ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Government Mulling Execution of Inmates in Kabul, Claims Taliban

belonging to the Taliban group in Kabul's Pul-e-Charkhi prison.

Taliban group spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid in a statement said the Afghan authorities have started shifting several prisoners in Pul-e-Charkhi since Sunday.

Mujahid further added that the information received by the group suggests that the government is planning to carry out execution of the prisoners having links with the Taliban.

He warned that the execution of the political inmates and Taliban affiliates will have negative consequences and that the government and judicial institutions of the government will be responsible.

Mujahid also claimed that the government and its judicial institutions have no legitimacy and the capabilities to carry out executions on Taliban affiliates. He also called on international rights organizations to intervene ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

2 Taliban Killed, 3 Wounded in Baghlan Clash

PUL-I-KHUMRI - At least two Taliban militants have been killed and three others wounded after they attempted to kidnap two engineers in Tala-Barfak district of northern Baghlan province, an official said on Monday.

Provincial police spokesman Zabihullah-Shuja told Pajhwok Afghan News the engineers were observing reconstruction work of the district's building when Taliban militants attacked them but police escorting the engineers put up stiff resistance late on Sunday.

He said the bodies of the dead rebels including a ...*(More on P4)...(13)*



25 Daesh Militants Eliminated in Nangarhar Airstrike

JALALABAD - Twenty-five Daesh (Islamic State) rebels have been killed in an airstrike in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said. Police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News the US forces carried out the raid on a Daesh hideout in the district late on Sunday night.

About 25 fighters were killed and several others wounded in the airstrike, he said, adding heavy weapons and ammunition equipment were also destroyed.

Daesh has not yet commented on the overnight attack. (Pajhwok)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries Sometimes, all your efforts to keep your life running smoothly seem to be for naught. You might even reach the conclusion that trying to prevent everything from falling apart is futile.

Although the remnants of your previous schedule won't offer much security, there's also a sense of freedom that comes from your current lack of plans.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You're often resistant to changes that are not already part of your strategy. In fact, your determination to stay on course today is as strong as ever. Nevertheless, you might surprise yourself with a sudden bout of flexibility now, especially if someone offers you an opportunity to expand your vision and, maybe, even make a few bucks in the process.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You are fascinated with the myriad of possibilities that stretch out before you, but the notion of striving for success seems empty if it lacks excitement. You're totally captivated by the most unconventional ideas, but some visions may be so unrealistic that your efforts toward manifesting them would go to waste. You can continue to build pipe dreams one whim at a time or you can shift gears and concentrate on the more practical side.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You are driven by your need to express what's in your heart today, but it might not be as easy as it sounds. Part of the problem is the intensity of your current feelings, and you're concerned that a direct approach will be upsetting to others. Although you could, in fact, shock people with your matter-of-fact style now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Someone may surprise you today by sharing their appreciation of you in a straightforward manner. Although this unexpected declaration could lead to a deepening of a friendship or a business partnership, it might also strengthen an emotional connection.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo Your observation that dynamics at work are unstable could lead you to worry about your job. Although there may be unresolvable problems with coworkers who appear to be disinterested in following through with their promises, you still hope to continue in your current position for a while longer. You're not ready for reality to make employment decisions for you; you want to change your plans, but not quite yet.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You're longing for something momentous to happen in your love life now. You might even intentionally create a bit of mischief just for the sake of adding excitement into your day. Normally, you steer clear of this type of destabilizing behavior, but today your boredom outweighs your need for harmony.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Every cell in your body is rebelling against the status quo and you can't even imagine doing the same thing in exactly the same way today. From a rational perspective, there are areas of your life that are functioning fine and some that may not be doing as well. You might think you must focus on the unsuccessful parts and bring them up to your high standards.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Most people who know you well aren't too bothered if you behave arrogantly because they understand your intentions are honorable. Nevertheless, you could say something that is quite outrageous today. Keep in mind that you're not likely to buy the party line, since you're currently attracted to unorthodox people and radical ideas. However, you're not trying to upset anyone.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Your current inflexibility is problematic today. You can see the most reliable path into the future and may grow convinced that it's your only viable option. But your certainty creates more complications than you realize. You might turn down a wonderful opportunity because it's outside your preconceived trajectory.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

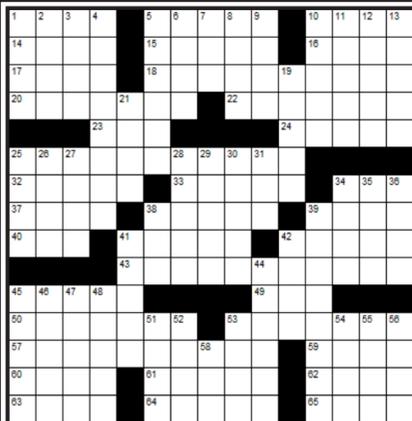


Aquarius You have a few tricks up your sleeve today and are prepared to use your magic as needed. Although you are eager to take others under your care, your behavior is not only altruistic. You really do enjoy nurturing your coworkers now, but your actions also impact your life in a positive manner.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You might expect everyone to know what you want today without ever saying a word. You believe that you are transparent enough now that anyone who cares about you should be able to tell. Unfortunately, this line of thinking will not turn out well; your non-verbal cues are less effective than you think. Thankfully, you can remedy the potential problem without too much effort by taking a few minutes to voice your desires.



Across

1. Store, 5. Scrawny, 10. Marsh plant, 14. Emanation, 15. Higher, 16. Wings, 17. Mousses, 18. Authorized, 20. Amazing adventure, 22. Not excessive, 23. French for "Summer", 24. Equals, 25. Grant freedom to, 32. Uncertainty, 33. Kidney-related, 34. Offer, 37. Bloody, 38. Rural area (British), 39. Carpenter's groove, 40. N N N N, 41. Official tree of Canada, 42. Mistake, 43. Immeasurably, 45. Speedy, 49. Not brilliant, 50. Retaliator, 53. Baked clay, 57. A decorated dart, 59. Novice, 60. A pale blue pigment, 61. Dimwit, 62. Computer symbol, 63. Holly, 64. Marsh plant, 65. Walking stick,

Down

1. Palm starch, 2. Tinted, 3. Paris airport, 4. Someone present by chance, 5. Whalebone, 6. Complicity, 7. Holiday drink, 8. Wicked, 9. Abominable Snowman, 10. Bog hemp, 11. Gladden, 12. Consumer of food, 13. Accomplishments, 19. Drive forward, 21. Immediately, 25. Border, 26. Midday, 27. Pelts, 28. Paper with a crinkled texture, 29. Makes well, 30. Arm of the sea, 31. Unhappy, 34. Stinging remark, 35. False god, 36. Small boat, 38. Pallid, 39. Sensational in appearance, 41. Gnatlike insect, 42. Arab chieftain, 44. Conceive, 45. Jewish scholar, 46. Utilize, 47. British penny, 48. Alphabetical listing of topics, 51. Anagram of "Sire", 52. Go on horseback, 53. Blockage, 54. Flexible mineral, 55. Press, 56. Ice cream holder, 58. Cover,

Yesterday's Solution

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