

NUG Leaders Not Able to Lead the Country: Civil Society

KABUL - A number of civil society members on Friday accused the National Unity Government's leaders of not being able to lead the country effectively - in light of the recent power cuts to Kabul. The civil society members warn that if government does not restore electricity to the capital they will conduct massive protest action in Kabul. The civil society members said that the welfare of citizens is one of the main responsibilities of government and the government should not keep silent regarding



people's demands. "Providing public welfare is the duty of government and the government must provide better living opportunities," said civil society member Najibullah Mujadadi. "This darkness may have had consequences in every aspect such as security, trade and economy," said Mujtaba Paikan, a civil society member. Meanwhile a number of Kabul residents raised concerns over the shortage of electricity in the capital. ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Areas Cleared of Militants in Baghlan-E-Markazi District

KABUL - Security officials in Baghlan said Friday that two villages in Baghlan-e-Markazi district in the province were cleared of militants in a military operation carried out by security forces on Thursday night. Acting police chief for Baghlan, Abdul Rashid Bashir, said at least 27 militants were killed and 24 others wounded in the operation. "The areas of Kokina and Qaisar Khel were cleared of militants in ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

6 Policemen Killed, 7 Injured in Kandahar Insider Attack

KANDAHAR CITY - Six policemen were killed and seven others wounded as a result of an insider attack in the Zherai district of southern Kandahar province, an official said on Thursday. A policeman dragged his colleagues at a checkpoint on Wednesday night in the Nouruddin Kala area of the district, the governor's spokesman, Zia Durani, told Pajhwok Afghan News. As the policemen ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

Tajikistan Electricity to Kabul Reconnected

KABUL - Ghulam Hussain, the head of Baghlan electricity department said on Friday that the authorities have managed to reconnect two circuits on the main transmission lines transferring electricity from Tajikistan to the Afghan capital Kabul. The two circuit lines had been destroyed by militants in the area two nights ago. He said that currently more than a 100 megawatts of electricity is now being provided to Kabul. *(Tolonews)*



36 Militants Killed in Afghanistan: Official

KABUL - Some 36 militants were killed amid military operations carried out by Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) on Thursday, spokesman of the country's Defense Ministry said on Friday. A total of 25 militants were wounded and four others were detained by ANSF during military and cleanup operations conducted across the country, Gen. Dawalt Waziri said on his twitter account. The Afghan air force also carried out 64 air operations including airstrikes, logistic and support flights over the same period, the official added. The ANSF also seized weapons and defused several landmines. The Taliban insurgent group, which has been waging an insurgency of more than one decade, has yet to make comments. *(Xinhua)*

US Designates Al-Hababi as Global Terrorist

WASHINGTON - The US on Wednesday declared Nayf Salam Muhammad Ujaym Al-Hababi as a specially-designated global terrorist for his activities on behalf of Al-Qaeda as its head for eastern Afghanistan. In this leadership role, Al-Hababi is responsible for planning attacks against US and coalition forces in Afghanistan, contributing to Al-Qaeda's external operations planning and fundraising, the Department of Treasury said. As a result of the action, any



property or interest in property of Al-Hababi within U.S. jurisdiction is frozen. Additionally, transactions by US persons involving Al-Hababi are generally prohibited. "Al-Hababi has a long history of directing deadly attacks against US forces ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

Baghlan Residents Call for Ceasefire as Civilians Suffer

KABUL - Civil society activists on Thursday claimed some 800 civilians suffered casualties and thousands more were displaced by weeks of clashes between security forces and Taliban militants in northern Baghlan province, calling for a ceasefire. They told a press conference in Kabul orchards were cut down and houses, schools, clinics and mosques were destroyed in airstrikes as part of the operations against Taliban, displacing 17000 families. "We are in very bad conditions. The ongoing bombardments are claiming the lives of civilians," a resident



of Dand-i-Shahabuddin area, Khairullah Shinwari, told the press conference. Flanked by other civil society activists, Shinwari said the law of war and human rights had been violated during the clashes entering a third week in Dand-i-Shahabuddin, Dand-i-Ghori and Markazi Baghlan districts. At least 135 civilians, including 40 women and children, had been killed and ...*(More on P4)...(26)*

Nimroz Residents Concerned Over Growing Kidnap, Murder Incidents

ZARANJ - Residents of southwestern Nimroz province complain of growing incidents of kidnappings saying businessmen and well-off individuals have stopped sending children to school and training centres and may pull out their investments. Locals say seven incidents of kidnapping and two incidences of murder have occurred in the province in the past one month, fueling serious concerns among the people. Last month, a businessman's ...*(More on P4)...(25)*

Afghan National Detained with a Large Amount of Hashish in Gorno Badakhshan

DUSHANBE - An Afghan national has been detained with a large amount of hashish in the border area of the Shugnan District in the Gorno Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBAO). According to the Drug Control Agency (DCA) press center, a joint operation carried out by drug control officers and servicemen of the Khorog border unit on February 10 led to the arrest of a resident of the Shighnan District of Afghanistan's Badakhshan Province in the Meydonak area in the Porshnev Jamaat of GBAO's Shugnan District. Two packages of narcotic drug that tested positive to hashish ...*(More on P4)...(27)*

10 Tonnes of Expired Drugs, Food Set Alight

QALAT - Health officials in southern Zabul province torched 10 tonnes of expired food items and medicines after they were collected from stores, an official said on Friday. Public Health Department Director Dr. Lal Mohammad told Pajhwok Afghan News among the expired materials were eight tonnes food items and two tonnes of medicines. He said the expired materials were collected from stores in three days campaign that aimed at removing expired medicines and food items from stores so that the health of the people could not be harmed. He said such campaigns would continue in parts of Qalat, the provincial capital in coming days. Dur Mohammad Qyam, the provincial council member, said the intake of expired medicines was harmful for human body and the government should prevent the sale of unhealthy items in ...*(More on P4)...(28)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Although your enthusiasm is irrepressible today, you might get excited about the wrong things. Your reactions are even more reckless now that the moody Moon is getting bounced around in your spontaneous sign. Respond with caution if a coworker brings you an opportunity that seems too good to refuse. Wait and see how you feel about it after the weekend before making a final commitment.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You believe you can keep your emotions quiet today without much of a struggle, but they might leak into your environment in ways you don't even notice. People see straight through your determined attempts to play it cool, so don't exacerbate matters by pretending everything is okay now. Revealing your vulnerability by telling someone your dreams may be enough to deepen your connection.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Pursuing a moneymaking idea makes sense now as long as you don't take on the project all by yourself. Creating a solid working relationship with a partner improves your chances for success. In fact, it's an intelligent strategy to lean on others for support and encouragement, especially in the beginning. Thankfully, you won't have to ask more than once; your friends might surprise you with how quickly they offer you a helping hand.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

The faster you want to move ahead today, the more slowly you should proceed. There's a real danger that you could reveal more than you intend before you know it. Typically, you're a champion at keeping your desires private unless you feel emotionally secure in someone's company. However, you are in a gambling mood now and might be willing to risk rejection for the sake of love.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Reaching your goals is an uphill battle today because serious life issues are creating interference patterns that distract you from your agenda. To further complicate matters, you may be ready to leave with the first person who suggests an adventure that sounds like fun. However, escape isn't as simple as it sounds.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're ready to strike out on your own and demonstrate your independence today, yet the greatest amount of love and support is given to you from your trusted friends and allies. You're excited about meeting new people and trying new things, but be careful not to wander too far from home. Your biggest fan might be a family member or someone so close that you don't even notice the treasure right in front of your nose.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You might believe you can enjoy whatever tasks are put in front of you today; however, you quickly grow weary of any sort of repetitive work. Your heightened restlessness could lead to a pleasant surprise, but don't be lulled into assuming this temporary phase will last. Unexpected events that occur now are likely part of a process that releases buried tensions.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Make a point to do your routine jobs totally different from your normal approach. Doing the same old thing in the same old way won't work today because the Moon joins radical Uranus in your 6th House of Habits. However, it's fine if your new method doesn't work out as you hoped; wasting a bit of time now is a small price to pay for your mental health.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Turning up the volume on your charm increases your ability to get away with some mischief today. Nevertheless, it's not wise to push limits or people will realize that your emotional veneer isn't sincere. You might be able to fool everyone for a while, but you can't get away with intentional deception now. Be yourself instead of attempting to bend the odds in your favor. Honesty is your key to happiness.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

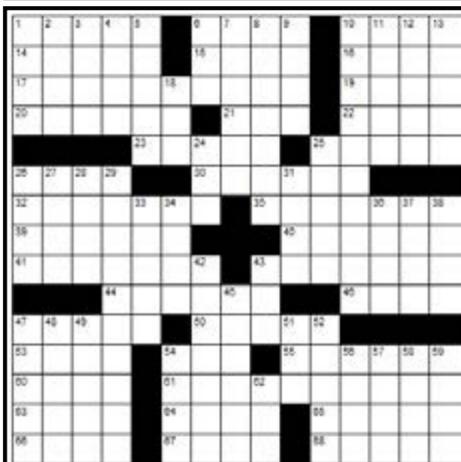
You can't tell your friends and coworkers what you need today because you're afraid that your disclosure could alienate them, possibly making your goals less obtainable. However, keeping your intentions to yourself sends a signal to encourage others to share less, too. This is a tricky moment, since no one has all the facts necessary to make the best choice now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You could be energetically scattered today, trying to keep up with your busier-than-normal schedule. Although you might derive joy from all the distractions, frustration sets in if you actually attempt to complete something you started. It helps to recognize that nothing is as simple as it appears now. Steering clear of making any commitments to finish anything until tomorrow gives you the breathing.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

A visionary way to tackle an old money problem might be exactly what it takes today to break out of a rut. Your current impatience with finding the best solution only makes matters worse in the present moment. However, a change of attitude creates an immediate positive impact on your life in ways that you cannot yet imagine. Simply acknowledging the potential abundance of the universe may be enough to lessen the financial pressure.



Across
1. "Smallest particles", 6. Midmonth date, 10. A dog wags one, 14. Cowboy sport, 15. Where a bird lives, 16. Go on horseback, 17. Organize, 19. Bright thought, 20. Brook, 21. Uncooked, 22. An escape of water, 23. Hardy wheat, 25. In an unfortunate way, 26. Beige, 30. Shoelace hole, 32. Next to the forehead, 35. In some way, 39. An 8th century social system, 40. Colorful wrap, 41. Cleaning device, 43. Roman household gods, 44. Benni, 46. Gave temporarily, 47. Yellowish-brown, 50. A strict vegetarian, 53. Unit of pressure, 54. Female sib, 55. A very attractive woman, 60. 64 in Roman numerals, 61. Train engine, 63. Assistant, 64. Winglike, 65. Toys with tails, 66. Sow, 67. Sly trick.

Down
1. Circle fragments, 2. Horn sound, 3. Smell, 4. No more than, 5. Soft drinks, 6. Hotel, 7. So very much, 8. Demesnes, 9. Goulash, 10. Involving three parties, 11. Assisted, 12. Something to shoot for, 13. Not watertight, 18. Evil spirit, 24. Snake-like fish, 25. Seminal fluid, 26. F F F F, 27. Team, 28. Debauchee, 29. Unmerited, 31. Fail to win, 33. Become narrower, 34. Beers, 36. Despise, 37. Not closed, 38. Toward sunset, 42. A pasta dish, 43. Dowel, 45. Peyote, 47. Collection of maps, 48. Daring, 49. and groom, 51. A high alpine meadow, 52. Recesses, 54. Shredded cabbage, 56. Ear-related, 57. Go fly a !, 58. Not odd, 59. A musical pause, 62. Mineral rock.

Yesterday's Solution
alone, angry, bled, bound, bruise, clock, coos, damsel, dismantle, dream, flames, focus, harassment, instruction, lure, master, maudlin, pasta, pester, recent, school, score, soon, steed, stripe, thing, thrill, tired, toast, training, tramp, weeping, withdrawn.

