

Media Role Imperative to Promote Afghanistan's Image

TEHRAN - An Afghan delegation has asked the Iranian ministry of culture and Islamic guidance to condemn terrorism and direct its media to help project true image of Afghanistan.

The delegation traveled to Iran on Sunday held meetings with Dr. Intizami, the deputy minister of culture and Islamic guidance, and a number of other officials. The delegation included a number of officials including the Ministry of Interior, deputy minister of information and culture Semin Hasanzada and some journalists. During the course of meetings,

the Iranian officials were asked to allow broadcast Afghan television channels and improve journalistic and cultural relations between the two countries.

Semin Hasanzada stressed that Iranian media should project positive image of Afghanistan such as achievements of Afghan security forces to discourage militancy.

"Unfortunately some media outlets ignore Afghanistan's achievements that damage the interests of our country," she said. Mohammad Afsar Rahbin, Afghanistan cultural attaché in Iran, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Iranian scholars denounce terrorism especially suicide attacks and project the issue in their media. He said that terrorism was a serious threat to the re-



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gion and need regional cooperation to combat the menace. Dr. Intizami said Afghan channels were not broadcasted in Iran due to frequency issues and he mentioned legal restric-

tions of Iran government over media. Intizami, however, pledged he would discuss the issue with media outlets to promote positive image of Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

Drug-Trafficking Attempt Foiled on Tajik-Afghan Border

DUSHANBE - Tajik authorities said Monday that they prevented a drug-trafficking attempt on the Afghan border and captured a smuggler wounded in a shoot-out. Officers of the Drug Control Agency (DCA), in cooperation with border guards, spotted on a routine patrol six armed drug-traffickers who were illegally crossing the border river in Khat-

lon province, according to the DCA press service. The drug-traffickers opened fire when the officers and border guards tried to detain them, said the DCA, adding that one of the smugglers, an Afghan national, was wounded, while others managed to return to Afghan territory under the cover of darkness. Two mobile phones were found on the spot,

together with 12 packages of narcotic drugs, which weighed 11.9 kg and tested positive to raw opium, according to the agency. Criminal proceedings have been instituted. Tajikistan is often used as a transit hub for smuggling drugs from Afghanistan. It is estimated that about 20 percent of Afghanistan's opiates travel through Tajikistan. (Xinhua)

Kabul Attack on EU Police Leaves 2 Dead, 11 Injured

KABUL - At least two civilians were killed and 11 others, mostly civilians, were injured after the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL) vehicle was attacked by a suicide bomber in the capital Kabul, Ministry of Interior Affairs (Mol) said.

The incident took place Monday in Qabilby locality, Police district nine, of Kabul about 1:30 p.m. when the EU police vehicle was passing from the



area. Three Afghan policemen were also among the injured, Mol officials said, adding only two EUPOL members suffered minor injuries in

the attack. Earlier the eyewitnesses said about four EUPOL personnel were injured in the bombing, a claim rejected by the security... (More on P4)... (21)

2 Civilians Dead in Suicide Attack on Farahi

QALAT - The deputy police chief of southern Zabul province survived suicide attack but two civilians died and nine others, including policemen, wounded in the blast, police chief said. Brig. Gen. Ghulam Sakhi Rogh Lewanai told Pajhwok Afghan News the bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into the vehicle of Ghulam Jilani Farahi at around 10: 00 am in Qalat City. Five civilians and four policemen injured in the explosion, he add-

ed, adding a child was among the dead. The vehicle Farahi was traveling in damaged slightly but he and his body guards escaped unhurt in attempt on his life, the police chief added. Ihsanullah, an eyewitness, said policemen were killed and wounded in the attack. The police chief said Farahi arrived in the provincial capital after carrying out anti-militants offensive in Atghar district. Militants have not yet spoken on the incident. (Pajhwok)

NATO Convoy Comes Under Suicide Attack

JALALABAD - A suicide bomber on Monday targeted a NATO troops' convoy on Jalalabad-Torkham Highway in eastern Nangarhar province but caused no casualties, an official said. Hazrat Hussain Mashriqwal, police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the attack occurred in the afternoon but he had no details into casualties. An employee of the Torkham Custom department said he saw a vehicle of foreign troops burning after the attack. The alliance in a statement said: "We can confirm that a Resolute Support convoy was struck by an IED in Nangarhar today. There were no reported RS casualties, but a vehicle sustained damage from the attack." Soon after the attack, Zabihullah Mujahid, Taliban spokesman, claimed credit for the attack. Earlier, a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into European Union Police (EUPOL) vehicle killing one civilian and wounding seven others, including four foreigners. (Pajhwok)

3 Policemen Killed in Kandahar, Farah Incidents

FARAH CITY/KANDAHAR - Three policemen were killed during separate security incidents in western Farah and southern Kandahar provinces, officials said Monday. One Afghan Local Police (ALP) member was killed and a civilian wounded in a bomb blast in Pusht Rood district of Farah, the district chief Ghausuddin told Pajhwok Afghan News. The incident took place when a planted bomb went-off in Barangak village of the district late on Sunday, he said, recalling

three days back, the son of an ALP commander lost his two legs in a similar incident in the village. According to another report two policemen were killed by militants in Kandahar province. Samim Khpalwak, the governor's spokesman, said two policemen were killed when two masked motorcyclists opened fire on them in the 7th police district of Kandahar City. He said that another policeman was wounded in a similar attack in the third police district late on Sunday. (Pajhwok)

4 Suspected Terrorists Arrested

MAHMOOD RAQI - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) says to have arrested four suspected terrorists in separate operations in Kapisa and Samangan provinces. A statement issued by NDS states that one of the four arrested is a suicide attacker who planned to carry out an attack with an explosives laden motorbike in Mahmood Raqi area of the capital of Kapisa province. The suicide attacker is named as Imam Gul S/O

Wali Mohammad, a resident of Alasai district of Kapisa province. According to the statement in separate actions three suspects were arrested red handed while planting landmines and doing other terrorists activities in the Roy Dawab district of Samangan province. The statement adds that more than two thousand rounds of different types of weapons and landmines were recovered from the suspects. NDS... (More on P4)... (19)

Ghazni's CID Officer Killed

GHAZNI CITY - lam Jigarkhon, Criminal Investigation Department officer of Ghazni province was killed along with another police after their vehicle ran over a roadside land mine. Shafiq Nang, spokesman



for the governor says two other policemen sustained injuries but they are out of danger. The incident took place in the Baran Kala area of Qarabagh district late Sunday afternoon. No... (More on P4)... (20)

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60pc Khost Doctors Non-Professional

KHOST - Residents and some doctors on Sunday said the Public Health Department of south-eastern Khost province has failed in the delivery of healthcare services. They said the department has been unable to control or assess health centers both public and private and pharmacies in Khost City, the pro-



vincial capital. Dr. Aziz Muhsin, member of the

doctors union, told Pajhwok... (More on P4)... (0)

Kapisa Midwives Accused of Inadequate Care

MAHMOOD RAQI - Some relatives of pregnant women accuse midwives in the civil hospital of central Kapisa province of providing inadequate care to their patients. They say most female patients preferred to be taken to other provinces like Panjsher and Kabul because the midwives in

Kapisa civil hospital are notorious for inadequate care. Nilab, a resident of Kohistan-II district, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "Whenever I have gone to the civil hospital with ailing relatives, I have found the midwives listening to radio or playing games on computers and cell phones." She said the midwives would not

stop playing games on their cell phones even if serious patients arrived at the hospital. "Some patients need emergency treatment, but they don't care and when you complain, they would start hue and cry and hurl abusive words." Another resident, Fareshta, held similar views... (More on P4)... (22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)
Your current dependency on others makes you feel uneasy since you usually take pride in your self-sufficiency. But today's nurturing Cancer Full Moon lands in your 4th House of Security, reminding you how much you need people in your life. You must find a way to balance your love of freedom with your desire for healthy relationships.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)
The most trivial conversation today could suddenly turn into a discussion about your most significant aspirations in life. In fact, all subjects are fair game now with the Cancer Full Moon spotlighting your 3rd House of Communication. However, her opposition to the powerful Sun-Pluto combination in your 9th House of Big Ideas requires you to connect your current situation with your larger goals.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Finances may present a problem now, unless you stop to handle a sticky situation before it grows out of hand. Fortunately, you can prevent a possible fiscal mess by cutting back on your expenses to bring them more into alignment with your current resources. The cautious Cancer Full Moon's presence in your 2nd House of Money indicates that a little prudence is wise at this time.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)
You don't like it when someone is overly insistent; you can feel the pressure in your gut and it just makes you want to push back harder or withdraw into your shell. Your emotions are at high tide while today's powerful Full Moon floods your 1st House of Self. But others see through your veneer now even if you try to hide your annoyance.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)
Your imagination is in full bloom now and it's nearly impossible to keep your colorful fantasies from growing out of control. Although the Cancer Full Moon emphasizes your 12th House of Escapism, you can prevent losing touch with reality today by focusing on chores that have been left undone. Thankfully, it's not necessary to do everything at once, even if you are so inclined.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)
You can create something of lasting value today, even if this is a day of rest. The Cancer Full Moon brightens your 11th House of Community, prompting you to enjoy the magic of a spontaneous moment with friends; all you need to do is give yourself permission to have fun. Supervising recreational activities with children may prove to be just as enjoyable for you as it is for them.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)
You're torn between taking care of your own personal needs and making sure that others are having a nice time. Of course, you Libras make the most gracious hosts and hostesses, but it might feel like the current situation is an either-or proposition, as if there isn't enough happiness to go around. The Cancer Full Moon in your public 10th House of Responsibility opposes the Capricorn Sun in your private 4th House of Foundations.

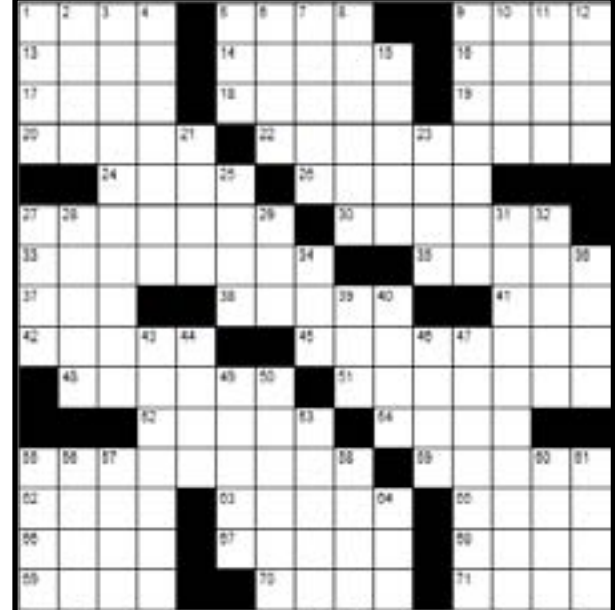
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)
It really could be a lovely day in the neighborhood if you're willing to stick close to home today. You might just learn something enlightening about yourself or your loved ones by resisting the temptation to leave the nest while the Cancer Moon lights up your 9th House of Faraway Places.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)
Handling criticism isn't easy for anyone, but it can be exceptionally tough on you Archers when your sunny optimism is cast in the shadows of doubt. The Cancer Full Moon shining in your 8th House of Deep Sharing reflects your uncharacteristic emotional intensity. You won't be satisfied today unless you schedule time to sink into the unknown watery realms. Thankfully, you don't have to take this journey alone.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)
You have the capability to effectively tailor your actions to produce specific results today because you can intuitively feel the energy of others. Unfortunately, too much analysis now only gets in your way while the receptive Cancer Full Moon meanders through your 7th House of Relationships. Worrying about how others perceive you is stressful and it's unfeasible to think that you can control all the emotional variables at this time.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)
Although some of your craziest fantasies have practical applications now, it may require a fair amount of patience to figure out how best to realize your dreams. No matter how far out your imagination takes you today, the Cancer Full Moon's presence in your 6th House of Self-Improvement allows the thoughts to unfold without negative judgment.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)
Turning the day into a spiritual retreat seems like an idea that's very close to your heart, yet you're afraid it might disappear with the flash of a frown if you discuss it with someone else. However, you might be quite surprised when your friend or partner responds with a smile and a twinkle in the eye instead of the negativity you expect.



Across
1. Lather, 5. Close, 9. Man, 13. Again, 14. Keyboard instrument, 16. Many millennia, 17. Location, 18. Crown, 19. Alumnus, 20. Precipitous, 22. Iotas, 24. Resorts, 26. Negatively charged particle, 27. Kneecap, 30. Free, 33. Scaremonger, 35. Curses, 37. Toss, 38. Anagram of "Amend", 41. Liveliness, 42. Quietens, 45. Flogger, 48. Intensify, 51. A baby's room, 52. A French dance, 54. G G G G, 55. Adjuvants, 59. Gladden, 62. Stinging remark, 63. Queues, 65. God of love, 66. Wicked, 67. Barges, 68. Knights, 69. Sort, 70. Sea eagle, 71. Achy

Down
1. Back talk, 2. Module, 3. Abhorrent, 4. Cleaning device, 5. Excluding, 6. Anagram of "Sire", 7. Small terrestrial lizard, 8. Eager, 9. Deep purplish red, 10. Relating to aircraft, 11. Give temporarily, 12. Terminates, 15. Point of greatest despair, 21. Inside of your hand, 23. Incite, 25. Slender, 27. Gloomy atmosphere, 28. Not silently, 29. An Old Testament king, 31. Showman, 32. Contentious look, 34. Explosive, 36. Agile, 39. A very long period, 40. Medication, 43. Readable, 44. Petty quarrel, 46. Tall woody plant, 47. Futile, 49. Iniquities, 50. Beginner, 53. Adult male singing voice, 55. Assist in crime, 56. A pioneer in electrochemistry, 57. Trickle, 58. Stitched, 60. Unit of pressure, 61. Being, 64. South southeast

Yesterday's Solution
about, adjust, alert, allow, chain, class, collection, column, deliver, drive, excite, hats, hour, humid, later, local, lust, match, money, muse, night, orbit, overtime, panther, parade, period, plasma, point, really, result, retail, right, robin, skate, sleet, tell, today

