

Pakistan's Policy of Aiding Taliban Has Failed: Khattak



Nangarhar Activists Ask Taliban to Talk with Afghans

JALALABAD - Civil society activists in eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday called on the Taliban militants to arrive at an intra-Afghan dialogue and don't work for the advantage of others.

The activists at a press conference in Jalalabad, the provincial capital, asked the Taliban to stop fighting for regional countries and their spy-networks because these networks wanted to pressure the Afghan government into accepting their demands. The activists, who held the gathering under the civil societies coordination council, chanted "we want Intra-Afghan peace".

Abdul Latif Waheedi, the civil society's council's head, called on the Taliban to engage in an intra-Afghan peace dialogue and stop fighting further.

He said there were concerns that regional countries and their intelligence were not in the interest of Taliban-government talks because it would not benefit them.

Malali Mashal, a civil society activist, said women should be part of the peace process of their country because they were the main sufferers. She added, "In Sha Allah peace is coming, but our efforts in this regard are still needed".

Ashna Gul Bandawal, another civil society activist, believed Pakistan and Iran were being not interested to for their benefits to be peace in Afghanistan if there is then their demands should be accepted.

Abdul Rahman Maween, deputy of the National Youth Committee, welcomed the Afghan government's efforts in connection with the peace process and said President Ashraf Ghani had ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

PESHAWAR - The Taliban will emerge stronger if fresh peace talks involving the US fail, participants of a panel discussion have warned.

The dialogue failure would damage stability both in Afghanistan and Pakistan besides posing a serious threat to other countries of the region, they warned.

The session -- Afghanistan, Past and Present: Lessons in Continuity took place -- at the academic and literary festival ThinkFest in Lahore on Saturday.

Former senator and president of Awami National Party's Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa chapter Afrasiab Khattak, former NATO official Ms Susan Loughhead and German journalist Rupert Stone spoke on the topic.

Susan Loughhead also presented a slide show on Afghanistan's pre-partition ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



10,000 Acres Grabbed Land Recovered, 95 Rebels Arrested: Governor

KABUL - The Governor of Kabul province has pledged to implement the law equally on all for the sake of public safety and their peaceful living, according to a statement on Saturday.

Addressing reporters here at Government Information and Media Center (GIMC) Governor Mohammad Yaqub Haidari said around 35,000 acres of land has been prevented from usurpation while 10,000 of state land had been recovered in close coordination with security, justice and judicial institutions.

"Since the beginning of this year, 37 Taliban, 38 ISIS fighters and 20 Haqqani Network members who were planning to carry



out suicide attacks in Kabul were arrested." He said. Haidari stressed over greater coordination between the concerned governments institutions to meet the challenges.

He added that Kabul police released five abducted individuals in past three days and arrested eight kidnappers. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

6-Member Afghan Family Freed from Detention in Houston

KABUL - Six members of an Afghan family have been released after being detained and threatened with deportation at the Houston airport, a media report said on Sunday.

Mohasif Motawakil, 48, his wife and five children had arrived in the U.S. on a Special Immigrant Visa (SIV), according to a Texas-based digital newspaper.

Motakawil worked with the US military from 2012 to 2013, then with American contractors in the region. The visa he travelled on is reserved for those who have worked for the US military in Afghani-

stan. Following their arrest, charity workers and other local activists went to the airport, the Daily Dot reported. After their release, the mother and her children were offered shelter by the director of Afghan Cultural Center.

The family is reportedly headed to San Antonio, where they have a sponsor named Motakawil, who is still being held and has not been placed in a detention centre. Texas representatives Joaquin Castro and Lloyd Doggett called US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to seek the family's release, said a statement on RAICES' Twitter account. (Pajhwok)

Jawzjan Clash Leaves 37 Dead and Wounded

SHIBERGHAN - At least 17 Taliban militants and seven pro-government fighters have been killed during a clash in Aqcha district of northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Sunday.

Another 10 militants and three uprising members were wounded in the firefight that erupted at midnight and continued till Sunday morning in Qarabun village of the district, an intelligence official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Mohammad Afzal, a resident of the district, told Pajhwok that only the district center remained controlled by security forces, with the militants operating at a kilometer distance.

He accused the government of not paying attention to the district's ...*(More on P4)...(14)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Various personal issues might be on your mind today, Aries. You could want to work them all out without distractions, so you may decide to spend part of the day alone. Responsibilities from the outside world might make it impossible for you to take as much time as you'd like.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You could be expecting an important letter, call, or email today, Taurus, and sit on the edge of your chair waiting for it. This might be from a friend or lover. It could be delayed, and this might get you flustered. Distract yourself and do something else while you wait. If you make good use of the hours, the time will fly by.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Unfounded worries about money could plague you today, Gemini. Someone close may have given you some incorrect information, perhaps about your financial situation, but more likely regarding trends in the economy that could affect your finances. Don't waste time worrying. Check out the facts before driving yourself crazy. You will probably find that you've been misinformed.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You don't worry too much, Cancer, but today might be different. Insecurity may arise about a partnership. This might be a current or potential romantic relationship. Perhaps there has been little if any communication between you and your insecurity is coming to the forefront. Don't let fear or shyness keep you from meeting this person halfway.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Worries about health and work might be on your mind today, Leo. You could be stressed out over whatever you're doing, and this might have you feeling less energetic than usual. It's a good idea to work a little to lessen the stress in your life. This feeling is going to pass whatever you do. Try to rest a little and have some fun in spite of the stress.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Today you may want to set aside some time to spend with close friends or a love partner, Virgo. Other responsibilities could have you on your own, taking care of errands and other important matters. You may have the feeling of being lonely in a crowd. Don't waste time feeling sorry for yourself. Take care of business and get back to your loved ones.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Today you might concentrate on projects. These could be related to your personal relationships. Whatever the nature of your tasks, Libra, don't be surprised if you find them confusing. You might be tempted to chuck it all and go out, but this isn't a good idea. Better to try to make sense of the confusion than put it off. It won't get any better with time.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio, making or receiving an important letter or call regarding money might be on your agenda today, but circumstances beyond your control could delay it. This could prove frustrating. Take care of whatever you have to do. Distract yourself if you have to sit and wait. Nothing is worth stressing over. The call will come in time, so just relax.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Worries about money might plague you today, Sagittarius. They might have little, if any, basis in fact, as you're probably fretting over possibilities that aren't likely to ever manifest. A little caution with regard to budgeting and spending today certainly won't hurt you. It's best to be objective and see the situation as it really is. Otherwise, you could make yourself crazy over nothing.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Today you could look in the mirror and be appalled by what you see, activating your insecurity about the way you look. This could send you looking for various treatments. Go ahead if you want, Capricorn, but your impressions are clouded right now and you probably look far better than you think.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

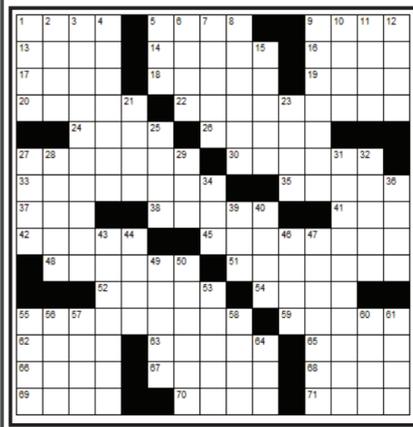


Artistic or spiritual inspiration could come your way today, Aquarius, although it might be muddled and you could be perplexed about how to deal with it. Don't try to force the issue. Write down your ideas and return to them later. Someone close might feel unwell, and you may want to spend some time with him or her. This might take some effort, but it won't go unappreciated.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Today you may spend some time by yourself working on your own projects, Pisces. The desire to spend time alone with a special someone may also interfere with plans you've already made to attend a social gathering or event involving a lot of people. You won't want to give up either, so you might try to find a compromise of some kind. Think about it.



Across

1. Nestling hawk, 5. Food thickener, 9. At one time (archaic), 13. Torture device, 14. Refuse, 16. 5280 feet, 17. Against, 18. Indolence, 19. Godsend, 20. Circumvent, 22. Hisses, 24. Far-related, 26. Paths, 27. Inorganic, 30. Gabfest, 33. Pedantic, 35. Church council, 37. Mouth (British slang), 38. Decree, 41. South southeast, 42. Arm of the sea, 45. Alcoholic beverage, 48. Seek, 51. Senselessness, 52. Angers, 54. Remnant, 55. Belonging to the gospel, 59. Tests, 62. Scramble piece, 63. Breathing problem, 65. At the peak of, 66. Picnic insects, 67. Shades of blue, 68. Ice cream holder, 69. Horn sound, 70. Small brook, 71. Stepped,

Down

1. Historical periods, 2. Pull, 3. Affording grounds for legal action, 4. Sidestepped, 5. Commercial, 6. Mousses, 7. Agitated, 8. Unpleasant person (British), 9. Diplomatic building, 10. Violent disturbance, 11. Blackthorn, 12. Anagram of "Nest", 15. Rhinoceros, 21. Rubber wheel, 23. Not more, 25. Arrived, 27. Wise men, 28. Graphic symbols, 29. Cover, 31. Provoker, 32. Propose, 34. Spy agency, 36. Resist, 39. Consumer Price Index, 40. Care for, 43. Sincere, 44. Trigonometry (abbrev.), 46. Unusual, 47. Not precise, 49. Shoe stud, 50. Assistant, 53. Egyptian peninsula, 55. French for "State", 56. Italian for "Wine", 57. Countertenor, 58. Mobile phone, 60. Not stereo, 61. Hurried, 64. American Sign Language,

Yesterday's Solution

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