

Casualties As Violence Escalates in Various Parts



KABUL - One policeman was killed and three police and as many Taliban militants were wounded in separate incidents of violence, officials said on Sunday. The three Taliban were wounded when a bomb they were shifting from one place to another went off in BalandGharmu locality of the Sayyad district in northern Sar-i-Pul province on Sunday morning, the district chief, Hayatullah Hayat, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

In the same area, an Afghan local police (ALP) member was shot dead after hit by bullets fired from a long distance. Elsewhere in northwestern Farah province, Taliban militants attacked security check-posts near HaiderQala village around the provincial city. Mohammad Javid, a resident of the village, confirmed the attack late on Saturday night and said after exchanging fire with the assailants for a few hours, the security forces left the posts.

According to his information, three police were wounded in the clash. The Taliban have not yet commented about these incidents. Meanwhile, Taliban militants and security forces clashed in GodaiQala area, eight km north of Maimana, with both sides claiming to have inflicted casualties on the other. The clash erupted after the insurgents attacked security posts in the area last night, said Col. Ahmad WaisAlamdar, ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Terrorists' Goals Beyond Afghanistan: Afghan Envoy

TEHRAN - In a veiled reference to Pakistan, the Afghan ambassador in Iran has said regional countries should not categorize terrorist groups into 'bad' and 'good', stressing these groups are only bad. Dr. Nasir Ahmad Noor, the Afghan envoy in Tehran, told the Iranian media in an interview that peace and stability in Afghanistan was important not only for his own country, but for the entire region. Noor criticized the role of some of regional and neighboring countries in the fight against terrorism and said: "There is no good or bad terrorism,



these countries should take action against rebel groups and support the Afghan government in this battle." He insisted the goals of terrorist groups were not confined to Afghanistan only, but their target areas included neighboring and regional countries. "Afghanistan is fighting this phenomenon on behalf of others and it suffers huge casualties and financial losses on a daily basis, therefore it would be the best way for regional countries to back Afghanistan in this regard", he added.

The Afghan envoy said regional countries should also dismantle safe havens, training centers and financial resources of militants on their territories so it would lead to peace and stability in Afghanistan and the region. About Taliban and Daesh presence in Afghanistan, he said, "Terrorist groups who are active in Afghanistan have the same ideology, activities and goals, around 20 terrorist groups are operating in our country and almost all of them are empowered from outside." To a question how would he differentiate between Daesh and other rebel groups, he said: "The groups who previously operated under the Taliban flag are now operating under Daesh flag, they only changed the color of their flag, not their activities." He said the presence of militant groups in Afghanistan had foreign factors and Afghanistan would continue to suffer until those factors remained. (Pajhwok)

Book Highlighting Mughal-Afghan Relations Published



PESHAWAR - A new book highlighting Mughal-Afghan relations in South Asia has been published, recording significant historical events. Dr. HimayatullahYaqubi, a research fellow at the National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research at the Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad, has authored the book.

Reasons for rivalry between the ethnic groups have been explained in the book, which provides information on relations between the Mughals and Afghans - the largest ethnic groups and political rivals from 1526 to 1707. Giving a detailed account of major movements in a historical perspective, the ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

No Female Doctor in Remote Ghazni Areas



GHAZNI CITY - Residents of far-flung areas in southern Ghazni province transfer their female family patients to kilometers away to district centers or the provincial capital against an artificially increased taxi fare. The people in remote area say at times it takes a whole day to find

a taxi for shifting a female patient to hospital to other areas because health facilities are not available in their own areas. Gbazi public health officials acknowledge the lack of female doctors and nurses in remote parts of the province, but they say newly graduated ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Two Afghan, One Pakistani Refugee Killed in Container Fire in Istanbul

ISTANBUL - A total of three Afghan and Pakistani refugees were killed in a fire that erupted in a container they had been living in in Istanbul on Jan. 12. The fire was reportedly ignited from an electric heater. The killed refugees had been living in a container in Istanbul's Beylikdüzü

district and earning their living by gathering paper in the streets. There were refugees of Pakistani and Afghan origin among a total of 22 refugees who live in containers located side by side. In one container, seven refugees had been living in the same container. One of the refugees, Mohammed Islam,

25, had insisted on keeping the electric heater on throughout the night. Towards morning, the electric heater emblazed a blanket. Three of the refugees who did not manage to escape the container were killed in the fire. Asad Khan, 19, who was ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

2 Women Gunned Down in Faryab; Probe Launched

MAIMANA - Two women have been killed by unidentified gunmen in Maimana, the capital of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Sunday. Provincial police spokesman Abdul Karim Yourish told Pajhwok Afghan News Shah Jahan, 40, and

her 19-year-old daughter-in-law were killed in their residence in the fifth police district late on Saturday night. He said Jahan was a senior official at the Ministry of Education. The motive behind the incident was yet to be ascertained, he said,

adding her murder was under investigation. No one has taken the responsibility for the killings so far. Hafeezullah Fitrat, the human rights department head, said it was the ninth incident of violence against women in the past three weeks. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Spontaneity often serves you well, encouraging you to initiate action before you consider the consequences. Although you probably know better, you're still inclined to take a risk today because it feels like you're running out of time. However, making a decision while you are panicking is never a wise move.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You are extremely motivated to clarify your intentions for the future. Although you're able to meet your obligations, you might feel as if you're treading water rather than making real progress. Naturally, it makes more sense to focus on your immediate responsibilities when you lack a destination and a concrete plan to get there.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini Your curiosity is operating on overdrive and it's time to act on your recently acquired knowledge. Although you've been known to bury yourself under piles of data, your current ability to uncover the most useful information brings you exactly what you need to know. The research phase is coming to a close; instead of digging for more facts now, put the ones you already have to good use.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Although relationships can be hard work, they offer you the emotional security you crave. However, you worry about living up to the expectations of your partner or friend. It's frustrating when you are doing your best and it's still not enough. You might reach a point today when you realize something needs to change.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo The pressure to make changes in your daily routine continues to rise and fall like waves washing up on the beach. However, the feeling of dissatisfaction doesn't go away today, even when the tension eases. Although direct action may be required now, it's much wiser to execute a well-thought-out plan rather than reacting when the stress is at its height.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo Expressing yourself creatively connects your inner feelings with your outer world. However, you may choose to tone down your message today, so you won't provoke negative reactions from those you want to reach. However spontaneous or playful you might appear to others now, your actions will likely be well-planned and fully under your control. Nevertheless, you still could say or do things in the moment that you will later regret.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You're being pushed to the edge of your comfort zone today, yet you might not want others to know. Someone's unpredictable behavior may be turning your life upside down and you believe that self-restraint on your part can flip a potential upset into a victory. Nevertheless, calculated risks will likely pay off now, as long as you are willing to trust the process

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio The atmosphere is buzzing with noise today, making it difficult to discern what's important from trivial matters. You may simultaneously feel attraction and repulsion that can tear you in half or, in a brilliant flash of awareness, reveal a brilliant solution to your current dilemma. However, you could sacrifice personal freedom if you openly express your affections to someone.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Your nerves are all fired up, but you can't put your finger on the cause of your jumpiness. You wish you could settle down today, but it feels as if the cosmos has other plans for you. You're ready to burst at the seams, yet a deep sense of purpose prevents you from losing your temper needlessly. Nevertheless, pent-up feelings could explode if you feel too constrained.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Although your life seems to be on a path to stabilization these days, you're feeling restless and ready for major movement today. You want to reap the benefits of your previous work but are reluctant to accept the restrictions that come along with making a commitment. Irrepressible feelings incite unexpected shifts in your dreams.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

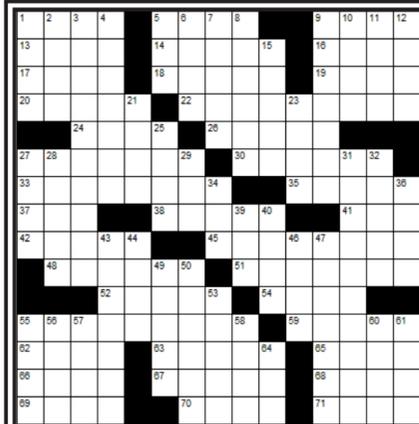


Aquarius Your dreams are larger than life and there is little you can do to ignore them today. Your imagination is vivid, and your thoughts are loud. You are happily aware that your positive attitude shapes your future. However, this over-the-top energy might do more harm than good if left unmanaged. Be careful not to take on more than you can handle.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces What you see is only part of what you get today. There's a lot going on and you can prevent emotional indigestion by biting off a little bit at a time. However, you have mixed feelings about your involvement with others now. You want to be included in activities with your friends, but accommodating their needs is difficult when you're feeling more independent



Across

- 1. Wanes, 5. Ethiopian monetary unit, 9. Group of two, , 13. Green, 14. Disney mermaid, 16. Catch a glimpse of, 17. Arab chieftain, 18. Electrical pioneer, 19. Plateau, 20. Audio communications, 22. Captained, 24. Spurs, 26. Affirmatives, 27. Polish remover, 30. African foxlike animal, 33. Not raising, 35. Take exception to, 37. Big fuss, 38. Russian emperors, 41. Genus of macaws, 42. Goat antelope, 45. Stoutly or bravely, 48. Women's garments, 51. Chest armor 52. A tough, durable wood, 54. Flippant, 55. Made steady progress, 59. Nigerian monetary unit, 62. Blockhead, 63. Fuzzy fruits, 65. Midday, 66. Against, 67. Smidgen, 68. Annoying insect, 69. A noble gas, 70. 3, 71. Feudal worker,

Down

- 1. Always, 2. Chancel, 3. Type of denture, 4. Streaked, , 5. Louisville Slugger, 6. Angers, 7. Hazardous, 8. A change for the better, 9. Estate, 10. End __, 11. Church alcove, 12. Twosome, 15. Expire 21. Smell, 23. Delay or postpone, 25. Hissy fit, 27. "Oh my!", 28. Cyphers, 29. N N N N, 31. Emissions, 32. Ringlets, 34. Cheery, 36. Beams, 39. Record (abbrev.), 40. A type of liquid food, 43. Slicker 44. Envelop, 46. Bearing, 47. Score, 49. Journeys, 50. A written version of a play, 53. Lumberjack, 55. Scheme, 56. Graphic symbol, 57. Savvy about, 58. Cut into cubes, 60. A soft sheepskin leather, 61. Stake, 64. Wild blue yonder

Yesterday's Solution

STEWES SHOW ECRU
CUBITTY YOGIA VIEED
ALONE GELL AGED
BANDLEADER CAVE
BAGS AMMS GURER
OBIT ERNE ITEMS
DEVOTTE MEDICAL
STERNO SIBS OHIO
ENAMEL TREY ATTION
LANA ABERA TITION
BIBS LIRA RADIO
OREO ONUS DUELS
WARIN MEIS STASHI
agent, alibi, apportion, aspire, canoe, counter, damsel, defense, desire diversion, feather, final futile, glare, grasp, include, knock, later lone, pads, peep, pine planet, point raise reek, rumor, sash

