

UN, India Express Solidarity with Afghanistan

KABUL - Senior United Nations officials, including Secretary-General António Guterres, have strongly condemned the attack on a hotel in Kabul.

In a statement, UN Secretary-General Guterres offered his deepest condolences to the families of the victims and wished a speedy recovery to those injured.

"He expresses his solidarity with the Government and people of Afghanistan," added the statement.

The Intercontinental Hotel was scheduled to hold a technology conference on January 21, organized by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

According to UNAMA, in claiming responsibility, the Taliban stated five attackers entered the hotel to target Afghan officials and foreign nationals.

UNAMA head Tadamichi Yamamoto said it was a "moral outrage that the Taliban entered the hotel with the intention of killing civilians."

He underscored the obligation on all parties to the conflict... (More on P4)... (15)



Private Radio Station in Ghor Set Alight

FEROZKOH - Unidentified gunmen have set on fire a private radio station in western Ghor province, an official said on Monday.

Abdul Wadood Samim, manager of the Adalat Radio Station, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place on Sunday night when he was preparing a programme.



He said three individuals entered his room and started beating him. The attackers allegedly tied up his hands and torched all equipment.

Samim added: "Our office is located close to a police station. We called the police personnel but they did not respond."

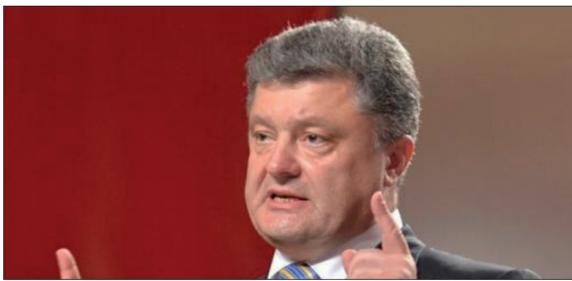
A month back, Sarhadi Radio station had come under similar assault. But the attackers are yet to be arrested. (Pajhwok)

Poroshenko Shocked by Killing of Ukrainians in Kabul

KABUL - Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has voiced deep shock over the death of his countrymen in Saturday's terrorist attack on a landmark hotel in Kabul.

"Shocked by tragic news from Afghanistan. Ukrainian citizens, employees of the Ukrainian airline, fell victims to the attack in Kabul," he said.

In a tweet on Sunday, he instructed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to urgently send the Ukrainian consul from Dushanbe to Kabul to carry out the appropriate consular operations.



"We maintain contact with the US consular representatives who are now at the scene of the terrorist attack in Afghanistan," he added. According to the Kiev-based news agency... (More on P4)... (16)

No Changes to Afghan Refugee School Textbooks: UNHCR

ISLAMABAD - The UN refugee agency said Monday that there have been no changes to the textbooks currently used in refugee schools in Pakistan.

The education curriculum of Afghanistan is used in refugee schools in Pakistan. This helps prepare pupils for their reintegration into the schooling system in Afghanistan should they decide to return, said a press release here.

Curricula from a refugee's home-country are also used in other refugee situations around the world. Over a number of decades, UNHCR has provided funding to cover the printing costs of school textbooks for Afghan refugees. No textbooks have been or will be distributed to schools in refugee villages containing any objectionable content.

UNHCR's practice is to inform the government of Pakistan in advance of any potential changes relating to the education of Afghan refugee children. This will remain the case as we move forward in partnership with the government of Pakistan on issues relating to Afghan refugees in the country. (APP)

11 Taliban Join Peace Process in Sar-I-Pul

SAR-I-PUL - Nearly a dozen Taliban rebels, including two key commanders, have joined the peace process in northern Sar-i-Pul, an official said on Monday.

Led by commander Rahimullah, the 11-member group had been active against the government in Lati and Balaghi villages on the outskirts of the provincial capital.

They turned 11 Kalashnikovs and one Walkie-Talkie, Governor Mohammad Zahir Wahdat said at a ceremony welcoming the former rebels, who surrendered to Afghan Local Police (ALP).

The governor also urged other militants to renounce violence and join the peace process in order to prevent of innocent people particularly women and children from killed and maimed.

The groups second commander, Mullah Mirza, said: "I'm glad to have shunned the insurgency and want the government to launch development projects in our area." The Taliban have not yet commented regarding the issue. (Pajhwok)

Key ISIS Group Member Killed in US Drone Strike in East of Afghanistan

KABUL - A key member of the Islamic State terror group was killed in an airstrike of the US forces in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

According to the local security officials, the airstrike was carried out by the unmanned aerial vehicles of the US forces targeting the key ISIS member in the vicinity of Haska Mina district.

The provincial police officials said the ISIS member killed in the airstrike was a close relative, father of a ISIS commander Abdul Khaliq, who was involved in major terrorist related activities.

The anti-government armed militant

groups including the ISIS insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. Nangarhar is among the relatively calm provinces in East of Afghanistan where fewer incidents have been reported since the fall of the Taliban regime.

However, since the year 2014, reports continue to emerge regarding the growing insurgency activities of the ISIS terrorist groups in some remote parts of the province, including Achin. Earlier on Friday the local officials said, at least five key members of the Al-Qaeda terrorist network were killed during an operation of the Afghan intelligence operatives. (KP)

Stanikzai Commends 'Tremendous Support' from BCCI

KABUL - The Afghanistan Cricket Board chief executive officer (CEO) has commended India's role in promoting the game in the war-devastated country.

"BCCI's role has really been immense. Since we moved to India, the team has done well. The support we receive from BCCI has been instrumental," Shafiq Stanikzai said.

In an interview with the Press Trust India (PTI), he acknowledged: "In Pakistan we trained a lot in initial stages. Their (PCB) support was also tremendous."

But after moving to India, the Afghans had been performing... (More on P4)... (17)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries Visions pop into your head today, revealing secrets that don't exist in the real world. On other days, you might see these as whimsical thoughts and move on. However, the urge to materialize creations of your imagination is strong and you could grow obsessed now, thinking about ways to make your dream come true.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus Your desire to steer clear of the limelight may be a continuation of a recent strategy to accomplish more on your own. However, yesterday's good idea can be today's downfall. Push yourself past your reluctance and interact with your coworkers, even if you think their chatter is a distraction from the real work at hand.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini Your enthusiasm is a magnet for people with big ideas. Unfortunately, visionary thinkers may meet resistance from rational associates who respond to their dreams with caution. However, they see you as a potential ally because they expect you to encourage their grandiose thinking. Getting swept up in a creative tsunami can lead to a wonderful experience.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer If a project isn't moving along as quickly as you think it should, it may be time to step in and exert more control. However, your involvement could run up against resistance if you try to limit anyone's contributions. The current key to your success is your ability to nurture people's innate abilities while gently directing them toward a shared goal.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo You have a very clear picture of what success looks like today, yet a coworker's vision may conflict with yours. Complicating matters more, you might share responsibility for a project with someone who disagrees with the path you choose. Don't wait until you're further down the road, for your differences will only multiply with time and denial.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)

Virgo You could stumble on a better way of doing something at work today, and you may choose to share your creative breakthrough with a friend. All is well until you run into a wall of resistance from someone you thought was your ally. Unfortunately, you can be so sure that your new idea is the best thing ever that it causes you to reevaluate your relationship. You are treading on tricky ground.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra You're not sure how best to handle a person who isn't playing according to the agreed-upon rules. Someone may promise one thing and then do something different today. Or perhaps a close friend that you rely on is unexpectedly unavailable now. It's tempting to over-personalize other people's actions and assume their behavior is specifically meant to communicate a message

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio Events at work may seem a bit crazy today and you have no idea how to get them back on track. What started out as a simple miscommunication could turn into a political drama with no resolution in sight. If you feel the conflict with your emotional intensity, you'll only create more stress.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sagittarius Erratic emotions could complicate an otherwise comfortable relationship today. Although negativity appears to suddenly explode out of nowhere, it's probably been festering for a while hidden from sight. However you choose to react, don't try to bury anyone's feelings before they are fully expressed. It's likely the situation will require some additional work, but simply getting grievances into the open may be enough to calm everyone down.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Capricorn You might think it's important to be consistent in your communications and to hold onto your truth without bending it for the sake of convenience. Nevertheless, you can take your position of integrity too far today, creating a problem where none previously existed. On the other hand, there's no justification for choosing the easy way out now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius You aren't one to pretend that you're like everyone else. You know you're different and you prefer to wear your non-conformity as a badge of honor. Nevertheless, you still want to work and play with others, even if you keep one foot outside the circle so you're always ready to run. However, a current disagreement is not a reason to head for the hills.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces You can feel powerful rumblings in the dark shadows of your unconscious mind, but you might not be able to shine light on the subject today. Nevertheless, there is still important work to be done, such as creating a psychological environment where your hidden thoughts and feelings can be safely expressed. Attempts to control this process or push it along faster might have the disastrous effect of shutting it down.

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Down

1. Extend credit, 2. 17 in Roman numerals, 3. Quash, 4. Not liable to error, 5. Cue, 6. Mag-ma, 7. Yes to a sailor, 8. Legal wrong, 9. Savvy about, 10. Stagger, 11. Hello or goodbye, 12. Not married, 13. Peachy, 19. Impudent girl, 21. Light, 25. Have the nerve, 26. Auspices, 27. Defecate, 28. Mix together, 29. African virus, 30. Nuzzled, 31. Explosive, 34. Deliver a tirade, 35. False god, 36. Declare untrue, 38. Not thin, 39. Emaculate, 41. Glacial ridge, 42. Eatery, 44. A state of fitness, 45. Waits, 46. Licorice-like flavor, 47. Thigh armor, 48. ___ alia, 51. Laboratories, 52. Mongol hut, 53. Tibia, 54. Close, 55. Website addresses, 56. Exuviate, 58. Slime,

Yesterday's Solution

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