

# Women, Men Should be Treated Equally: Activist

ZARANJ - A women's rights activist and author of two books in southwestern Nimroz province says females should be respected and treated like men in order to strengthen their position in society. Fareshta Sherzad said women were always oppressed in Afghanistan's patriarchal society and their rights always ignored. The 35-year-old, who serves as a schoolteacher in Zaranj city, the provincial capital, told



Pajhwok Afghan News that there was no difference between men and women, who could work better than men in some areas. She hoped the government would pay more attention to young generation especially women to improve their capacity. "Carelessness about women and violence against them forced me to write some books and a long letter in their support," she said... (More on P4)...(15)

## Unregistered SIM Cards Contribute to Insecurity

KABUL - The Afghanistan Telecommunication Authority (ATA) said on Monday burgeoning sell of unregistered Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Cards were playing great role in insecurity as militants had easy access to the facility. ATA Deputy Director Faiz Mohammad Faizi expressed these view at inauguration ceremony of SIM Cards selling centre of Roshan private mobile company. He said ATA had chalked out a plan under which every mobile company would be bound to sell connection to consumer after a proper procedure



of registration. Commenting over complaints against mobile networks, the official said the provision of telecommunication services was closely connected with security and company could improve their services when security is improved. (Pajhwok)

## Police Officers to be Trained in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - For the first time, training police officers would be started at the Police Training Centre in eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Wednesday. To the effect, 600 high school graduates on Wednesday appeared in a test exam to become police officers. Of the participants, 108 would be selected for a six-month training course. Nangarhar police chief Brig.



Gen. Fazl Ahmad Sherzad told Pajhwok Afghan News that successful individuals would undergo the six-month training before being appointed as second lieutenants. He said the training was beneficial for the police to become professional and it was likely that... (More on P4)...(16)

## Unidentified Gunmen Torch School in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - Unidentified gunmen have torched Imam Ahad High school in Khashak area in southern Ghazni province, an official said on Wednesday. Nisar Ahmad Azadzai, deputy director education, told Afghan Pajhwok News unidentified armed men set boy and girls' school on fire. The fire engulfed three classrooms completely, he added. "The school is only off for today alone and the students will regu-



larly resume their studies from tomorrow," he said, adding around 1200 girls and boys were enrolled in the school. Ali Hussain, a resident of the locality, said unidentified gunmen set the school on fire at around 3:00 am last night and "we rushed to extinguish the fire." Zabihullah Mujahid, Taliban spokesman, said: "Setting on fire or closing schools are against the group's policy." He ensured that Taliban also tried to find the culprit and would punish them. Four years back, unidentified men had torched the same school. (Pajhwok)

## Conflicting Views about Casualties in Kunar Clashes

ASADABAD - Local officials have divided regarding exact figure into casualties during militants' attacks on Afghan National Army (ANA) military bases in Marawara district of eastern Kunar province. On Tuesday morning, hun-



dreds of militants stormed ANA bases in Marawara district and the fight lasted till midnight. Kunar Police Chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Habib Sayedkhalil on Tuesday told Pajhwok Afghan News that 14... (More on P4)...(19)

## Two Civilians Killed in Kunduz Blast

KUNDUZ CITY - At least two civilians were killed in a blast in northern Kunduz province early Wednesday, local officials said. In addition, 11 other civilians were injured in the blast. The blast took place about 10am local time after explosive devices placed near Kunduz hospital

were detonated, head of Provincial Council of Kunduz, Mohammad Yousof Ayoubi said. He did not provide further details. The police have started investigations into the incident, according to officials. However, no group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the blast yet. (Tolonews)

## 13 Insurgents Killed in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - At least 13 insurgents were killed in a joint security forces operation in southern Helmand province, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said in a statement on Wednesday. The operation was launched by the 215th Maiwand Corps in Musa Qala district of the province to clear the anti-government insurgents, the statement said.

There were no civilian or military casualties during the operation, read the statement. "The forces also discovered two mines during the operation," it added. However, the Taliban has not yet commented on the operation as yet. With the increasing of insurgent activities in the country, the security forces have launched military operations in a number of parts of the country to clear the militants. (Tolonews)

## Civil Society Networks Underlines Ceasefire Amid Peace Talks

KABUL - Civil society organizations on Wednesday announced support peace talks but underlined warring factions should announce ceasefire in order to pave way for successful negotiations. The Transitional Justice Coordinating Group (IJCG) and Responsible Citizens Civil Movement (RCCV) presented their suggestions in a press conference in Kabul.



The first round of direct talks between Taliban and Afghan government representatives

took place last month in Muree, near Islamabad, and the second round of the talks are expected to take place soon. The US and China have attended the first round of talks as observers. Rahim Jami, an activist member of RCCV, said the recent talks and Mullah Omar's soft stance over the issue in his Eid message showed the group was... (More on P4)...(17)

## Civil Society Stresses Women Share in Police, Other Departments

KABUL - Some civil society organizations on Wednesday stressed greater share for women in police department and expressed concern over male members' dominance in the Ministry of Interior (MoI). They believed that rampant poverty, social barriers, small

number of women police, less education facilities, sexual harassment and lack of transportation facilities were main problems that women had been facing in the society. The civil society activists said some families did not allow female... (More on P4)...(18)



## Outlook Horoscope

### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You can push boundaries without even realizing it when you are keyed up about something new. However, today's enthusiasm might be a bit misdirected as assertive Mars misaligns with delusional Neptune. The problem is your pet idea may not be as brilliant as you think. Don't be so cocky that you stubbornly try to defend an incorrect assumption or an unrealistic goal.

### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your dreams are right at the tips of your outstretched fingers today, making your professional goals seem within your grasp. On the positive side, you can believe a fantasy is so real that your legendary determination makes it so. However, you may be overconfident, convincing yourself that you're very close to reaching your destination even if you're not.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Jumping to conclusions can land you in a trouble as you revive an old dream of becoming a student for the sole purpose of learning. Exploring educational options is admirable if your primary goal is to expand your mind. Unfortunately, the Moon's visit to your 9th House of Higher Truth doesn't always prompt the most practical thinking. Widening your perspective is a healthy process as long as you don't rush to make a decision.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

It's safer to keep your unexpressed emotional desires to yourself today, for your intensity can be unsettling to someone else. However, you still must be willing to gamble on the unknown if you want to experience new levels of intimacy with a special person you admire. Revealing your feelings creates a vulnerability that could pull you into a danger zone.

### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You might be concerned that a magical moment could slip through your fingers, but no amount of logic can help you figure out an effective strategy to stabilize your position. An approach based upon intellectual analysis only brings you back around to the same dissatisfaction you're trying to escape. It's time to release your need to discover truths other than what is already in your heart.

### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You have a perfect opportunity to influence your physical well-being by simply changing your attitude. The Moon's shift into your 6th House of Daily Routine helps you focus your energy on self-improvement. The powerful impact positive thinking has on your life should not be underestimated. Obviously, taking decisive action is part of the program, but for now your mind holds the key to a happier and healthier you.

### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You could easily rekindle an old flame today; however, your feelings may be more dependent on your illusions than reality. You're open to the possibility of playful romance, whether or not you're willing to express your emotions. Since a current infatuation might be the result of idle daydreaming, you really don't require anyone to act out your fantasy.

### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You believe you understand how a domestic situation is going to play out, especially if you are in the process of reevaluating your long-term goals. However, it's nearly impossible to make a decision now because your future still seems like a faraway fantasy. There's little you can do to fill in the elusive details of your upcoming adventures.

### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Communicating your ideas can be exhilarating today, especially if you want others to play on your team. The good news is there are many options available, but your current plans probably lack substance. Normally, you're quite happy to float in the realm of abstractions. However, your immediate need to create realistic goals is in direct conflict with your dreamier thoughts.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your ego may lose its sense of proportion now as others encourage you to reach for the stars. Obviously, self-confidence is a useful asset, but your outrageous ideas can annoy those who might otherwise be your most supportive allies. Moderating your ambitions with a little modesty is a wise strategy today. A healthy perspective on life makes all the difference between your success and failure.

### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

People might think you're being particularly weird today, but it's just business as usual for you. In fact, you might have a few tricks up your sleeve to fool your audience into thinking you've got everything under control. You can cleverly avoid a skirmish over who is in charge if others feel less threatened by you. However, you're still a formidable opponent behind your eccentric veneer.

### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You may be engaged in an uphill battle to keep your dreams under wraps because they are overflowing right into your path. Rationalizing your feelings when your emotions are strongly influenced by unconscious urges is an impossible task. If you can't figure out what to do, step back until the path becomes clear. A temporary retreat isn't a sign of defeat when you're using your time constructively to gather your thoughts.

### Across

1. Affirm, 5. Shame, 10. Whimper, 14. Filly's mother, 15. Exploded stars, 17. Copyright infringement, 19. A field of grass, 20. A parcel of land, 21. Chunks, 22. Avoid, 23. Ablation, 25. Broadcast, 27. Beer barrel, 28. A close connection, 31. Anagram of "Urban", 34. Rides the waves, 35. Pair, 36. Plunder, 37. Tomorrow's yesterday, 38. Small dam, 39. At this time, 40. German iris, 41. Marsh plant, 42. Theoretical, 44. French for "Summer", 45. Motif, 46. Pee-pee, 50. Entices, 52. Kidney-related, 54. Mist, 55. Colored part of an eye, 56. Disobedient, 58. French for Finished or Done, 59. Put out, 60. Sea eagle, 61. Labels, 62. A chemical compound, 63. Accomplishment.

### Down

1. Enough, 2. Heroism, 3. Muse of love poetry, 4. Regulation, 5. Not digital, 6. Element with the symbol B, 7. Keen, 8. Laurel, 9. Skirt's edge, 10. Common allergen, 11. Not financially examined, 12. Bawdy, 13. Feudal worker, 18. Less friendly, 22. Goddess of discord, 24. 3-handed card game, 26. Questionable, 28. A financial exam, 29. Branchlet, 30. Bygone era, 31. Forearm bone, 32. Newbie, 33. Part of an archer's bow, 34. With, 37. Streetcar, 38. To fancy, 40. Mining finds, 41. Supporting column, 43. Dissertation, 44. Found at the end of a pencil, 46. Unwarranted, 47. Ere, 48. 1000 kilograms, 49. Incited, 50. Elevator (British), 51. Murres, 53. Where the sun rises, 56. Hasten, 57. Scarlet.

### Yesterday's Solution



aware, better, bloom, blunt, chore, chosen, course, eclipse, event, forget, frond, grace, grass, happy, hinder, hurdle, leave, murky, obliterate, obloquy, parade, perception, plait, realize, resume, seldom, slim, stem, tarts, tense, till, vague, vault, vigilance, weds.

