



### Kakar Advocates Ranked as Top Law Firm in Afghanistan

KABUL - Kakar Advocates was listed as the top law firm in Afghanistan in The Legal 500's annual ranking of law firms around the world for 2019.

The Legal 500 also recognized Managing Partner Kawun Kakar, and Senior Counsel Thomas Kraemer as Leading Individuals for their work as the top lawyers in Afghanistan. Senior Associate, Jordy de Meij, was also recognized as a Next Generation Lawyer practicing in Afghanistan.

The Legal 500 acknowledges the potential for continued growth of the legal sector in Afghanistan.

The legal system continues to be strengthened and businesses and individuals increasingly turn to it for protections and assurances. Recent legislative reforms, in which Kakar Advocates has had a prominent role, have been instrumental in helping create an improved legal environment for persons seeking a stable investment climate, equitable treatment under the law, or redress for wrongdoing.

"We would like to express our appreciation to our clients and partners, who have believed in us and have entrusted us to represent them. Their feedback was instrumental to the firm's top ranking in the Legal 500," the law firm said in a statement.

The Legal 500 has been ranking law firms across 150 jurisdictions for the past 32 years. The criteria-based rankings highlight law practices that deliver the most cutting edge services in their jurisdiction. For this year's rankings, it received feedback from 300,000 clients worldwide, submissions from law firms and interviews with leading private practice lawyers, and a team of researchers with experience in the legal market. (Tolo news)

# Scores of Taliban Red Unit Fighters Killed in Ghazni



KABUL - Up to 100 Taliban Red Unit's fighters have been killed during security operations in southern Ghazni province, claims the provincial police headquarters.

In a statement, the police said on Saturday the Taliban launched a major offensive against the se-

curity forces in Qarabagh district around dawn.

The security forces effectively responded to Taliban assault and killed at least 100 militants of the Red Unit, the police statement added.

It said the bodies of 42 insurgents were left in the area following the

fierce battle. The Afghan forces are busy conducting counter-terrorism operations against armed groups in the province.

Similarly, the statement continued, the US forces also conduct regular airstrikes in restive districts of Ghazni to suppress Taliban and other militants. (Pajhwok)

## 7 Policemen Killed, 8 Wounded in Ghazni Bombing



GHAZNI CITY - At least seven policemen have been killed and eight others wounded in a car bombing in southern Ghazni province, an official said on Sunday.

An explosives-laden Humvee targeted the reserve police unit at around 10pm on Saturday night in Ghazni City, the provincial capital.

Naseer Ahmad Faqiri, the provincial council chairman, told Pajhwok Afghan News seven policemen were killed and eight others wounded in the overnight bombing.

A security source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the bomber initially exchanged fire with policemen at the entrance to the unit and then found his way inside.

"The explosives-laden Humvee was detonated inside the building but many of the police personnel were on a patrol, and thus fewer casualties happened," he added.

According to the source, eight policemen were killed and as many others wounded. Much of the unit building was damaged by the explosion, he said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the overnight bombing. (Pajhwok)

## Naib Commends Warner, Smith for Ignoring Jeers



KABUL - The Afghan captain on Saturday commended Australian batsmen David Warner and Steve Smith for starring in the holders' emphatic win over his side.

Warner and Smith forged a 91-run partnership to see the holders romp home, with more than 15 overs to spare, Warner remained unbeaten at 89, while Smith smashed an impressive half century.

Gulbadin Naib extolled the duo for being unnerved by boos and jeers from the Bristol crowd for playing too gingerly.

"I have a lot of respect for Smith and Warner," Naib said of the Australians' ability to concentrate on their game.

"It's a crowd. You cannot do anything about them. If you focus on the crowd, then you don't focus on your game." Naib was quoted as saying by the Cricketer. (Pajhwok)

## Residents in Trouble as Taliban Close Chnartu Road



TIRINKOT - The Taliban have closed the main road in the Chinartu district of central Uruzgan province, leaving the people in deep troubles, an official said on Saturday.

District chief Malem Faiz Mohammad told Pajhwok Afghan News the insurgents blocked the main road as part of their plan to launch a massive attack on the district centre.

He said prices of essential commodities had jumped due to the closure of the road. The district chief added he had sent local elders to the Taliban

to open the road and resolve public problems.

Police head Col. Khitab Khanjari acknowledged the Taliban had kept closed the main district road for the past three days, but assured a clearing operation would be launched soon to reopen the route.

He asked the Taliban to open the road for the common people and refrain from creating hurdles to the public. Most roads in the Uruzgan province have been under Taliban control. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



You aren't free enough, Aries. This is especially true in your relationships. With the current astral energy, you can expect to break free of your chains. It's time for you to participate more in life. Speak your mind. Tell people what you want and when you want it. Surely one of your desires is freedom. Overcome your fear of rejection and ask for it! It really is as simple as that.

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



If you were in charge of a company's human resources department, Taurus, today you would begin to completely overhaul the recruitment procedure. You would focus more on the human element rather than any diplomas and awards people wave around as evidence of their abilities. Confidence in people combined with trust in your instincts could prove profitable in more ways than you imagine.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini, the romantic side of your life may be rocked by a storm of emotion. You may go from intense rage to ecstasy in an instant. The day may instruct you to get hold of your emotions. If you hope to build a stable relationship, it's necessary to maintain psychological coherence and physical health.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



The day may be somewhat oppressive, Cancer. It's possible you will receive some unpleasant news related to your domestic life. Perhaps in the past few years you haven't been especially careful about your home budget. Or you may have postponed an important maintenance task for too long. While this may not be the day the roof literally falls in, it's time to take care of repairs.

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



You seem frustrated today, Leo! There's only one person who could possibly arouse your anger to such a degree, and that's you. Today's aspect is favorable for crises of conscience that result in a change of attitude. You're likely to remember to choose your words more carefully from now on.

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



This is a contemplative day, Virgo. You seem to be developing new techniques, means, therapies, and methods to use in your main occupation. Today you're likely to question your underlying reasons for so much innovation. Why reinvent the world? Although you may not make any major changes in your activities, you could find new justifications for them.

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



You will have to expect the day to be somewhat frustrating, Libra. Your friends may insist that you be more cooperative and less individualistic. They could resent your refusal to be part of the team. In fact, your rebelliousness may be earning you quite a reputation! How you deal with these clashes will set the stage for your future. Think carefully before taking action.

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



You mustn't expect to do whatever you like today, Scorpio. Quite the contrary! You may be restrained by technical limitations. Perhaps your financial resources will be insufficient. In other words, you won't be able to follow your usual pattern of taking refuge on a spiritual island and quietly contemplating your inner thoughts.

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



Fear about your financial security could plague you today, Sagittarius. Dissatisfaction with some of work you've been doing and delays in reaching some of your goals might have you wondering what you could do better. Doubts about a friend's motives might cause you to waver in your trust of that person. Take the time to consider everything objectively. All is probably not as it seems.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Science, space exploration, and certain other fields require the participation of all with a very strong team spirit. Stubborn as you are, it doesn't make you the greatest specialist in group dynamics. Certainly no one would ever accuse you of enjoying working in a group, unless you're the one in charge. Just such a miracle is possible, Sagittarius, provided you take the first step.

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

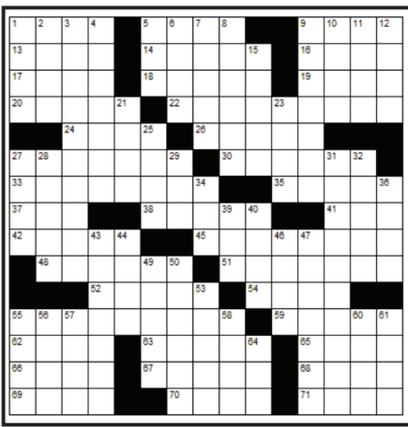


What good does it do you to resist change, Capricorn? Everyone knows that you have trouble adapting to change in the world around you. Unfortunately, that's life and you can't do much about it. However, you aren't powerless. You will find that life is more stable when you can surf the waves of change. Embrace change and make it

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



You don't have to be a genius or do something extraordinary in order for people to notice you, Pisces. It's time you abandon the notion that you can't play a musical instrument because you don't have perfect pitch or that you can't sculpt because you don't have Michelangelo's genius! Dare to engage in any hobby or interest that you fancy.



#### Across

1. Absorbs, 5. Flaccid body fat, 9. Lifeless, 13. A city in western Russia, 14. Female demon 16. Lazily, 17. French for "State", 18. Anagram of "Urban", 19. Curved molding, 20. Mentally prepare, 22. Differed, 24. "Whoopie!", 26. Latin name for our planet, 27. Land 30. Nobleman, 33. Immature, 35. Polka or samba, 37. Crone, 38. Inventory, 41. Faster than light, 42. Community spirit, 45. Letters, 48. Pressure, 51. Go over again, 52. Angry 54. Narrow opening, 55. They don't lift their feet, 59. Emit a brief burst of light, 62. Short skirt, 63. Metaphor or hyperbole, 65. Double-reed woodwind, 66. Relating to urine, 67. Alpine call, 68. Lamp or candle, 69. French for "Head", 70. Bawdy, 71. Cry of pain,

#### Down

1. Stair, 2. In baseball, 3 per inning, 3. Dramatist, 4. Small bag, 5. Gripe, 6. Territory, 7. Scope 8. Prejudiced, 9. Panorama, 10. Border, 11. Away from the wind, 12. Not the original color 15. A kind of macaw, 21. A person who is in charge 23. Electrical or crossword, 25. Auspices, 27. Throb, 28. Gossips, 29. Eastern Standard Time, 31. Designed to be filled with air, 32. Group of 8, 34. Furrow maker, 36. If not, 39. Consumer Price Index, 40. Sets of articles 43. Opening 44. Slave, 46. Consciousness, 47. Three book series, 49. Brackish, 50. Unsaturated alcohol, 53. Wear away, 55. Pom, 56. Employ, 57. Module 58. Gush, 60. Dirt, 61. Rope fiber, 64. A late time of life,

#### Yesterday's Solution

REMITTANCE, GESS, MICES, ETUDE, AMIRA, MORN, NULIS, TIFR, PLEA, DILLET, TANTE, ROCK, FES, A, AGIS, UKES, PAID, CON, VAM, ACRE, INTO, SAWED, CHIANT, CAPTIVE, HUBS, SALU, FATION, EME, HOY, RINK, SHARES, OPEN, AMAR, SALES, BADGE, LOGI, YOPE, OPERA, TRAP, SEAS, BEISEI

