



### 8-Year-Old Girl Gang-Raped, Brutally

KABUL - A young girl was gang-raped and brutally killed by unknown gunmen in southern Uruzgan province of Afghanistan, the local officials said Sunday. The incident took place in the vicinity of Gezab district, involving several armed men, repeated raping the 8-year-old victim and hanging her to death. The district police chief Lalai Achekzai confirmed the girl was gang-raped by a group of individuals in Dara-e-Syedana area of Gezab district. He said it is yet not clear who were involved in the rape of the minor girl and her brutal murder. Achekzai further added

that an investigation is underway in this regard and more information will be released later. This comes as rape incidents involving armed individuals against the minor children are on the rise in the remote parts of the country amid rampant violence against the women. The Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission officials said last year that they have recorded around 3,000 cases of violence against women and young girls. The officials further added that the cases belonged to the year 1395 and mainly involved rape cases, forced marriage, and other forms of domestic violence. (KP)

### Herat Police Official Shot Dead; Killers Escape

HERAT CITY - A police officer was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in the Injil district of western Herat province on Sunday, local authorities said. Jilani Farhad, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News Mohammad Naeem -- head of logistics -- was killed in Chaharbaghi-Feroza locality in the morn-

ing. But Abdul Ahad Walizad, police spokesman, said the victim was in charge of recruitment for Shindand district. Initial investigation shows that he has been killed due to personal enmity. The assailants managed to flee but a hunt has been launched for them. (Pajhwok)

### Four Insurgents Killed by own Explosives

JALALABAD - At least four insurgents were killed in eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday afternoon while planting a roadside mine. At least four insurgents were killed after their own explosives detonated in eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday, 201 Se-lab Military Corps said in a

statement on Sunday. In addition, five other insurgents were wounded. The incident took place in Hesarak district of the province on Saturday afternoon while insurgents were planting roadside mines in the district, according to the statement. However, the statement did not provide more details. (Tolonews)

# A Dozen Insurgents Killed in Logar Firefight

PUL-I-ALAM - A dozen Taliban insurgents and two local policemen have been killed during a clash in Azra district of central Logar province, officials said on Sunday.

The governor's spokesman, Saleem Saleh, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash erupted after Taliban staged coordinated attacks on security check posts in the district on Saturday night.

The attack was repulsed and 12 attackers were killed as the security forces retaliated. Another 11 attackers were wounded in the clash.

The slain rebels' bodies and some weapons remained at the scene before removed by security forces, said Saleh, adding a notorious Taliban commander Mullah Adam's deputy, Qari Ahmadullah, was also among the... (More on P4)...(18)



### Cleric, his Daughter Gunned Down in Faryab

MAIMANA - Militants have shot dead a religious scholar and his daughter in the Andkhai district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Sunday.

District chief Sultan Mohammad Sanjer accused the Taliban for the killing of Maulvi Abdul Rasoul and his daughter.

He said armed men forced their way into Rasoul's house on Saturday night and sprayed bullets on father and daughter Najia while they were sleeping. Rasoul's son was injured in the attack.

He said Najia's husband who was mysteriously killed few days back had links with the Taliban.

Police wanted to take Najia into their custody today but she was killed last night and the Taliban managed to flee the area, he added.

Separately, a 10 year-old child Samiullah lost his legs as a result of roadside bomb blast in Moqani area of Pash-tunkot district late on Saturday evening.

The injured child father said they were poor and his son used to bring water to security forces check -posts against 50 Afghans. (Pajhwok)

### Sugar, Fuel Prices Down in Kabul this Week

KABUL - The prices of sugar and fuel dropped while other commodities remained steady during the past week in Kabul, market sources said on Saturday.

Abdul Hadi, a worker at Wazir Abad Pump Station, told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of a litre of diesel decreased to 41afs against last Saturday's 42afs and the same amount of petrol from 35afs to 34afs due to the increased fuel imports. Gas prices remained



steady. Ahmad Javed, a gas seller at 4th street in Taimani area of Kabul, confirmed the rate of gas remained steady at 50afs per kilo, the same as of last week's.

In food items only the sugar rate went down. Food Traders Union head Fazal Rahman said the whole sale price of 49-kg sugar... (More on P4)...(19)

### Police Kill Young Girl in Samangan Home Raid

AIBAK - Police shot dead a young girl after raiding her home on a tip-off about gambling activity in northern Samangan province, an official said on Sunday.

The 20-year-old girl, Farzana, was killed in Karte Saleh area in the limits of 2nd police district of Aibak city, the provincial capital. Mohammad Nasar, a member of the provincial National Directorate of Security (NDS) and Farzan's brother, told Pajhwok Afghan News that a number of policemen surrounded their house at around 2pm on Saturday.

He said when police entered and started searching their home, a policeman fired at her sister and killed her. "Why the policeman killed my sister is unknown; but I believe he wanted to kill me."

Meanwhile, Lt. Col. Abdul Alim Baik, an official at the Samangan Police Headquarters, confirmed the incident, saying reports showed gambling was carried out every day at the NDS official's home.

He said police after receiving a search warrant from the appellate court surrounded and searched the NDS official's house for arresting gamblers.

Baik said the policeman who killed the girl was in custody and his case was being investigated. (Pajhwok)

### First Afghan Women's Magazine Turns Page on Cultural Traditions

KABUL - A group of Afghan women volunteers has launched Afghanistan's first-ever women's magazine, Gellara, with features on fashion, make-up and even adverts about birth control.

The first edition of Gellara has been out in the market and has received applause and criticism.

"It is about time for Afghanistan to present a positive image of its women. One of our aims is to show



women that they have the right to dress the way they want. No women would choose a burqa that covers them from head to toe," says Fatana Hassanzada, Gellara Editor. ... (More on P4)...(20)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



You are a model employee or student today, with your heart set on performing to the best of your abilities. You don't even mind taking orders from a teacher or your boss because you can see what's in it for you. Unfortunately, the energy shifts midday and you're tempted to defy authority by defining your own priorities -- which may not be in line with your current assignment.

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



Your coworkers would be wise to employ your help now, because you are working with the perfect balance between being extremely practical and highly visionary. You see a myriad of possibilities as you look to the future, yet you possess an uncanny sense of what's actually viable. Nevertheless, you're not infallible.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You're unwilling to alter your ideas in order to be accepted by someone else today. You're less interested in peer approval than in making a lasting impact on your surroundings. Your current persistence may come as a surprise to those who have written you off as inconsistent or shallow. Nevertheless, you will stand up to your coworkers, friends or the entire world if necessary, just so you can demonstrate your integrity.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



People may be expecting more from you today than you can deliver. It's an honor to be held in such high esteem but you don't like the performance pressure others place on you. You might even be pushed to a breaking point when you realize you're likely to let more than one person down. However, it's not in your best interest to just give up now and walk away from the stress.

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



You're a regular workhorse today; the more that's piled on your shoulders, the harder you push yourself. You're eager to expend more energy because the acknowledgement from your peers fills you with pride. Thankfully, appreciation is forthcoming, but you must prove yourself worthy of the applause. However, don't let your desire for recognition drive you to the point of exhaustion.

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



You're determined to mix work with play today and might go to extremes in the process. People may be shocked by your unpredictability, especially if it comes at a time when everyone else's priorities center around their responsibilities. Naturally, you aren't trying to be irreverent or counterproductive, but your inner child is seeking an outlet for expression.

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



You don't understand how people can be so inconsiderate, especially if they let you down without even telling you why. Unfortunately, you can't control the actions of anyone else, but your feelings may be hurt because you take their irresponsibility as a personal rejection. However, there's likely more to the story than meets the eye.

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



Although everything seems to be relatively stable this morning, an unforeseen sequence of events could send you scrambling. Fortunately, you can adapt to the unexpected twists and turns if you maintain a positive attitude. In fact, you might even benefit from the changes as you're released from a project that prevented you from pursuing more creative interests.

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



You could be so stuck in your ways today that you miss an unexpected chance to accomplish your goals. It's just that your plans are already in place -- and they're likely very good ones. In fact, the opportunity that arrives out of left field now isn't even on your radar. Wayne Dyer said, "Believing is seeing." Nevertheless, too firm of a belief also creates a blind spot.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You continue to cherish your goals as if they are badges of honor. Nevertheless, you may be overwhelmed by restlessness today, motivating you to bust loose from the chains of responsibility. Timing is everything when it comes to your personal evolution. Fortunately, your actions plant seeds in fertile soil now; nurture them by feeding your unrealized dreams behavior consistent with your soul's purpose.

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

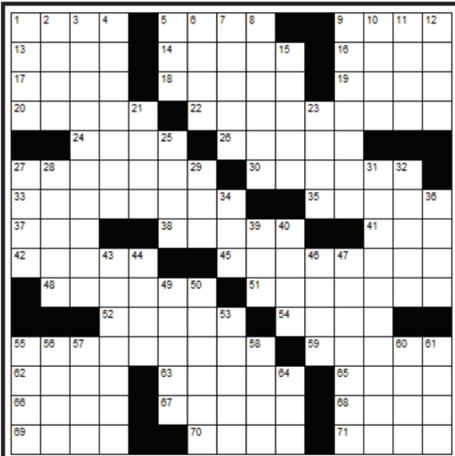


You're tired of waiting for others to respond to your inspirational messages or to act on their own convictions. Obviously, you want your peers to join your cause, but you secretly hope they would do anything other than what's expected of them. Fortunately, your wish may come true sooner than you think. The Moon's shift into your revolutionary sign might be enough to light a fire under some people who prefer to go on sleeping.

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



The time for making plans is over; you are being called to put your strategy into action. However, you are likely working under deep cover or at least out of sight today, since recognition is not your top concern. In fact, you prefer that others step forward and receive the attention now, because you believe you can better influence the flow of events if everyone is busy looking elsewhere.



### Across

- 1. Stop. 5. Fizzy drink. 9. Prune. 13. Salt Lake state. 14. Mature. 16. Conceal. 17. Hefty volume. 18. Monetary unit of Macedonia. 19. Maguay. 20. The male reproductive cell. 22. Fighters. 24. Close. 26. Master of ceremonies. 27. Tiredness. 30. Attack by plane. 33. Disappear gradually. 35. Contemplates. 37. Weep. 38. European currency. 41. American Sign Language. 42. Covered with linoleum squares. 45. A type of musical chord. 48. Lay bare. 51. Heading. 52. Swerves. 54. "Damn!". 55. A barrier against explosives. 59. Column of wood. 62. Press. 63. Labor group. 65. Defecate. 66. Savvy about. 67. Cowboy sport. 68. Attraction. 69. Abound. 70. Toward sunset. 71. Feudal worker

### Down

- 1. Shacks. 2. At the peak of. 3. Deplorable. 4. In that. 5. Unhappy. 6. Poems. 7. Numbskull. 8. Warning devices. 9. Hat. 10. Anger. 11. Smell. 12. P P P P. 15. Plot of land. 21. A magician. 23. Hair salon process. 25. Ploy. 27. Gala. 28. Steer clear of. 29. Euro forerunner. 31. Extremely wicked. 32. Shoemaker's awl. 34. Historic period. 36. Flood along. 39. Sphere. 40. Hurried. 43. Poison. 44. A song for 2. 46. Hearing organs. 47. Wrestle. 49. Take exception to. 50. Heretofore. 53. Malicious. 55. Violent disturbance. 56. Sea eagle. 57. Cast a ballot. 58. Foot digits. 60. Forsaken. 61. Type of sword. 64. Excluding.

### Yesterday's Solution

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