

# Saudi and Egypt Seeks Hamid Karzai's Support against Qatar

KABUL - The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Egypt have sought the support of the former Afghan President Hamid Karzai in the stance the coalition of the Arab countries against Qatar.

The Office of the former president in a statement said the Ambassador of Egypt and Charge d'Affaires of the Kingdom of Saudi met with Hamid Karzai to discuss the issue surrounding the sanctions imposed on Qatar.

The statement further added that the two top diplomats of Saudi Arabia and Egypt demanded from the ex-president to declare his support in the isolation of Qatar.

In his turn, Karzai called on unity among the Muslim nations but declared his support against any nation. (More on P6)...(13)



## Taliban Militants Storm Afghan Police Post

ISLAMABAD - Taliban insurgents have stormed a provincial police headquarters in eastern Afghanistan, killing five people and wounding at least 20.

The raid early Sunday in Gardez, capital of Paktia province, began with a suicide car blast at the entrance to the heavily guarded facility. Video showed the massive explosion flattened several blocks of the facility

That allowed a group of heavily armed insurgents to force their way into the compound, said Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danish.

A Taliban spokesman claimed the attack "killed and wounded more than 100 security personnel." US citizen kidnapped in Kabul

Meanwhile, unknown gunmen are reported to have (More on P6)...(14)

## Kunduz Police Arrest three for Rape and Murder of 7-Year-Old



KABUL - The three suspects have reportedly confessed to the crime, with at least one having said they strangled the child.

Police officials in the northern province of Kunduz have arrested three people for allegedly raping a seven-year-old girl in Khan Abad district of the province.

The incident took place ten days ago after a father, his son and another man allegedly kidnapped the girl from the Khan Abad bazaar, raped her and murdered her before throwing her body in a ditch, said a Kunduz police headquarters' official. "I took her to the bathroom, then I left the house, locked the door and asked

my friend to stay there," said one of the suspects, Sayed Kamal during a police interview.

"We put a scarf around her neck and pulled it from both sides, the girl was then dead," another suspect Mohammadullah said.

Meanwhile, the victim's family have asked the Afghan legal and judicial institutions to ensure justice is served.

"The government must punish the criminals according to the law, they raped a seven-year-old girl and killed her," said the child's father.

The Kunduz police chief said forensic tests show that the criminals had raped (More on P6)...(15)

## Girl Commits Suicide, Woman Found Dead

SHIBERGHA/SAR-I-PUL - A girl hanged herself to death in the capital of northwestern Jawzjan province while a 26 years old woman was found dead in Sar-i-Pul, officials said on Sunday.

Mohammad Reza Ghafoori, the Jawzjan governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the 19-years-old girl hanged herself in her house in the Shikhot area of Shiberghan this morning.

He said the girl was studying political science at a private university in Shiberghan. Initial investigations show the girl was suffering from psychological problems, but domestic violence could not be ruled out.

However, provincial crime branch chief, 2nd Lt. Niamatullah Kahzad said the girl hanged herself to death after a verbal clash with her sister.

But Jawzjan human rights head, Maghfirat Samimi, said he had obtained information that the girl's family was not interested in her education.

This is the first incident of the kind in Jawzjan this year, but some reports say six girls have been killed by their families for different reasons.

According to another report, a 26 years old woman was found dead in the Gosfandi district of Sar-i-Pul. (More on P6)...(16)

## Top Haqqani Network Leaders Killed in Paktia Airstrike

KABUL - Two senior leaders of the Haqqani terrorist network were killed in an airstrike in southeastern Paktia province of Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said the two top Haqqani network leaders were killed in the vicinity of Orgun district earlier today.

A statement by MoI said the two leaders of the terrorist network identified as Abdul Azizi and Ghalchakai were targeted in Shikhan area of Orgun



around 5:30 am local time. The Ministry of Defense of Afghanistan also confirmed that an airstrike was carried out in Orgun and at least five Haqqani network members were killed.

The anti-government armed militant groups including the Haqqani network and Taliban have not commented regarding the (More on P6)...(17)

## Father of Rape-Murder Victim Seeks Justice

KUNDUZ CITY - The father of a 7-year-old girl, who was killed after being sexually assaulted in the Khanabad district of north-eastern Kunduz province, has sought justice from the government, an official said on Sunday.

Police chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Hameed said the 7-year-old girl sold milk in the district bazaar where she was kidnapped 10 days ago. Her dead body was found two days back



in a stream. He said police delivered the body to the forensic personnel and the findings showed the girl was sexually abused before being strangled to death. He added three suspects -- including a man and his son -- have been arrested in connection with the incident. The detainees have (More on P6)...(18)

## 3 Policemen Killed, 2 Wounded in Khost Blast

KHOST CITY - At least three policemen have been killed and two other injured in a bomb explosion in Zazai Maidan district of south-eastern Khost province, an official said Sunday.

Gen. Raz Mohammad, commander for border police of southeastern zone, told Pajhwok Afghan that a police ranger pick-up was hit by a bomb in Chato Ghra area of the district late on Saturday.

"The police pick-up was struck by the bomb when it was returning from the district bazaar to its own area," he said, adding three policemen were killed and two others wounded in the incident.

Taliban did not comment about the incident so far.

Zazai Maidan is one of the border districts of Khost province that shares border with neighbor Pakistan.

According to another report, one person was killed and three others wounded during a clash between Taliban and Afghan forces in Bala Bolok district of western Farah province. Provincial police spokesman, Iqbal Baher, told Pajhwok that a convoy of police forces came under attack by Taliban in Shiwan village of Bala Bolok district this morning. He said one Taliban fighter was killed and two other wounded in Afghan forces retaliatory firing. A policeman was also injured in the clash, he said. (Pajhwok)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



You may resist common sense today as you continue to pack more and more into your day. But your busyness is not about being ambitious; rather, you don't want to miss out on anything that might happen, even at the cost of exhausting your resources. Hopefully, your moment of realization arrives early enough for you to relax before the day is done.

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



You're tempted to take the easy way out at work today, but it's a mistake to believe you can escape the natural laws of cause and effect. Nevertheless, you could have an epiphany as you discover a new way to perform a particular aspect of your job. There are sensible reasons to follow established routines, but sometimes they can be improved.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Managing the ebbs and flows in relationship dynamics can be complicated today. When your heart is happy, you're likely to increase your ante because you're confident your luck will endure. But the tide will quickly turn if you overplay your hand, leaving you short-changed by the end of the day. However, you can work the energy in your favor now if you understand that nothing is permanent.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You could shock your friends and associates with your unexpected behavior at work today. Just when you think everything is under control, your frustration gets the best of you and you break from the script. You worry others when you're no longer a character in someone else's plot. But you make people nervous because you're closer to the truth now.

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



You possess the uncanny ability to pull rabbits out of hats today, but your magic isn't limited to stage tricks. You seem to be able to conjure up the right energy to help others break out of old patterns and discard routines that are no longer of use. However, you need to remember that you have limitations of time and resources.

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



Your actions are inconsistent today but you continue to rationalize everything you do by connecting them to a higher purpose. However, even with your eyes on the heavens, you may be distracted by more immediate temptations of the flesh along the way. Unfortunately, sensual pleasures only lead to temporary physical satisfaction, leaving your soul still longing for something else.

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



Trusting folks is difficult today because everyone seems to be flaking out on their commitments. You would rather someone just said no, instead of agreeing to do something and then disappearing with no explanation. Of course, this unreliable behavior makes it tricky for you to live up to your word as well; don't commit to more than you can honestly deliver without the help of others.

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



If you haven't already broken rank, you have one more chance to demonstrate your innovative side by heading out on your own. However, the window of opportunity begins to close later in the day, and you may be stuck with little change until another chance rolls around. Unfortunately, your judgment is not as precise as usual and you could, with great confidence, make a poor decision now.

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



You can surprise others with your brilliance today because your unorthodox thinking is well grounded in pragmatism. This special trick of yours comes in handy because people are caught off guard by how effectively you balance a healthy respect for the rules and a total disregard for them at the same time. But you can get carried away with your own creative prowess now and push the envelope too far.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You like to indulge in the sweeter things in life as much as anyone else, but you are often more rigorous in your ability to exercise self-control. Nevertheless, you're being tested now as reality dangles enticing temptations in front of you. Don't play the role of a martyr by stoically denying your needs. Acknowledge your human nature and nurture your desires without surrendering your life to them.

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



You're still riding a creative wave but it takes a more practical turn today, enabling you to craft your ideas into something tangible. But you're not motivated by the expectations of others now; you're driven by your own need to imprint your unique individuality onto the world. You're not in it for the money and you don't really care what people think.

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



You may have important obligations to manage today, but you secretly wish you could slip off into your fantasy world. It's not that you're looking to avoid work, but you have important questions about the mysteries of the universe and you want answers now. Unfortunately, you might need to temporarily tuck your dreams back into the deep darkness of night while you concentrate on meeting more earthly responsibilities.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-66 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across clues: 1. Dispatched, 5. Community spirit, 10. Relating to aircraft, 14. Gloat, 15. Vortex, 16. Seize, 17. Against, 18. A shallow drum, 20. Sewing tools, 22. Chooses, 23. Fitting, 24. Make fun of, 25. Drill instructor, 32. Artist's workstand, 33. African antelope, 34. Diminish, 37. Gentle, 39. Angel's headwear, 40. In song, the loneliest number, 41. Solder, 42. Stupefy, 43. Last straightaway, 45. A kind of macaw, 49. Disencumber, 50. The easing of tensions, 53. Disregard, 57. Responsibility, 59. Beige, 60. Legume, 61. Fanatical, 62. Stigma, 63. If not, 64. Tale, 65. Stitched.

Down clues: 1. Glance over, 2. Sea eagle, 3. Memo, 4. Twirled thumbs, 5. High regard, 6. It was (contraction), 7. Not her, 8. Spheres, 9. Blackthorn, 10. Grant, 11. Genus of health, 12. Harangues, 13. Overweight, 19. Extreme, 21. Quiet time, 25. Audition tape, 26. Shower, 27. Small island, 28. Perpendicular to the keel, 29. Take by force, 30. Prongs, 31. Eastern Standard Time, 34. Where the sun rises, 35. Coalition, 36. The two together, 38. To and \_\_\_, 39. Reckless, 41. Indian hemp, 42. Naval jail, 44. Chic, 45. Pueblo brick, 46. Renegade, 47. Collection of maps, 48. French for "Queen", 51. Sailors, 52. French for "State", 53. French for "Black", 54. Behold, in old Rome, 55. A pouch in some birds, 56. Change direction, 58. Nigerian tribesman

Yesterday's Solution

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