

Women from 27 Provinces Take Part in Peace Code



Voter Registration Lackadaisical in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - The voter registration process for the presidential election in Badakhshan province has been lackadaisical, officials said on Friday.

The sluggish process was linked to the remote location of voter registration centres from residential areas and hard-to-travel roads.

Election officials say more than 70,000 individuals have been registered across the country as voters since the launch of the drive 12 days ago.

Around 3,000 people, 39 percent of them women, have been documented as voters in Badakhshan, according to the head of the provincial election panel.

Mahboobullah Sultani told Pajhwok Afghan News the voter registration exercise was yet to be launched in Taliban-controlled Warduj and Yamgan districts.

He said the process was suspended in Shuhada district two days ago for security reasons. Harsh travel conditions and remote location of registration centres have dampened public participation.

"Many residents of far-flung districts have visited our office, suggesting that mobile registration teams be dispatched to their areas. But meeting the demand isn't our discretion. The central election office is supposed to take a decision in this regard."

Sultani added some families did not allow women to take part in the registration process due to the absence of female police personnel at some centres. Women's registration as voters had been lacklustre in the province due to inadequate public awareness, confirmed Women Affairs Director Aleena Ghayasi. "With cooperation from the police headquarters, police-women have been deputed at all registration centres. Women can safely participate in the process," she said. (Pajhwok)

BAMYAN CITY - A contest --Peace Code -- involving women from 27 provinces of the country has been held in central Bamyan province, a UN official said on Friday.

A peace plan presented by women from Helmand, Ghazni, Ghor and Bamyan provinces was declared the best strategy, the official said.

Representative of UN Women in Afghanistan Aleta Miller told Pajhwok Afghan News about a thousand individuals had applied for participation in the competition.

However, she said, 75 of them from 27 provinces took part in the programme. The contestants, 90 percent of them women, were divided into 10 working groups, Miller added.

After four days of group work and discussions, the participants presented ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



Taliban's Deputy District Chief Surrenders in Sar-I-Pul

SAR-I-PUL - Taliban's shadow deputy chief for the Balkhab district of northern Sar-i-Pul province has surrendered to the security forces, an official claimed on Thursday.

Police chief Brig. Gen. Ghulam Jailani Abu Bakar told Pajhwok Afghan News Maulvi Mehdi Mujahid surrendered to Sancharak district police with a Kalashnikov and a wakie-talkie. The police chief said the militants had been suppressed as a result of an offensive by the 206th Shaheen Military Corps in the province. Samaruddin, a resident of Sancharak district, confirmed the development. Pajhwok tried to reach Maulvi Mehdi Mujahid for comment but failed. The militant movement has so far said nothing in this regard. (Pajhwok)



NDS Personnel Capture Militant Commander in Ghazni



GHAZNI CITY - National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel arrested a Taliban commander after a clash in southern Ghazni province, an official said Thursday.

Mohammad Arif Noori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that NDS special forces clashed

with Taliban militants in the Khogyani district on Wednesday night.

He said two militants suffered casualties during the operation and a third one was detained along with a pick-up vehicle. The Taliban have not yet commented on the incident. (Pajhwok)

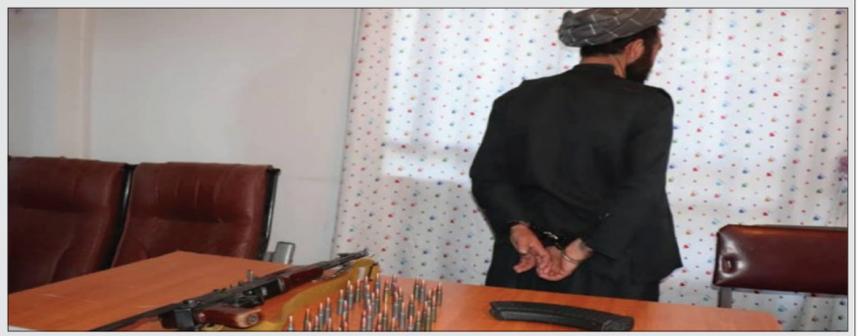
Taliban's Key Member Arrested in Faryab

MAMANA - Afghan security forces have arrested the Taliban's tax collector in northern Faryab province, Interior Ministry (MoI) said in a statement.

In a statement released, MoI said that a key member of the Taliban militant group was detained by Afghanistan's anti-terrorism police in the provincial capital, Maimana city of Faryab, on Friday morning.

According to the statement, the individual was identified as Qari Ghulam Yahya, a designated tax collector of Taliban for Pashtunkot district of the province.

The Afghan soldiers have also seized an AK-47 rifle of the insurgent, the statement added. In a separate incident, Afghan police arrested two irresponsible armed men while they were patrolling in PD2 of Maimana city on Thursday. The Taliban militant group yet to make a comment about the incident. (ATN)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



There's a fire burning in you today, Arries. Be careful how you use it. There's a chance you could offend someone if you get too excited and fail to notice how your arrogant attitude affects people around you. Take your joy and spread it to the collective by empowering others. You will feel better about yourself and make more friends in the process.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You might have to toughen your skin today, Taurus. Don't automatically write someone off because of an action that you think is offensive. Allow others to have their opinions and respect their right to express them openly. Keep an open mind and don't judge. Maintain a diplomatic attitude and keep your critical thoughts to yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Break away from all mental constraints today, Gemini. The only thing holding you back could be your own mind. Don't fear failure. The cards are in your favor. Move forward with the attitude that you're going to succeed, and you will. Your emotions are strong and active. Things are resonating well for you, so speak your mind openly.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Today you may have difficulty connecting with others, Cancer. People may be unnecessarily harsh for no reason. Try not to get too emotionally worked up over any slights. Keep a safe distance between you and the drama around you. The next step you take might send you into quicksand, so make sure there's a good friend nearby to pull you out.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You will be the hit of the party today, Leo. Everyone wants to talk to you. Great transitions are happening in your life right now, and you should look at how you can adopt new principles and attitudes toward them. Your emotions suggest that you take an unconventional approach to the day. The things you learn may be things you want to incorporate into your being.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Unless you want to get into an intellectual sparring match today, you might want to stay home, Virgo. But this battle of wits could also take place in your own kitchen, so perhaps you should take a long walk by yourself and avoid others. Or simply prepare for battle. People aren't apt to be very sympathetic to your cause, so wear your armor.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Spend time with good friends today, Libra. Share dinner with people you love and feel free to be generous with the food and drink. You have the ability to control just about every situation. Remind others that they're part of a greater whole and that working together is the key to accomplishing great feats. Inspire others to be the best they can be.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Unexpected things are on the way and it's best to be emotionally and physically prepared. You may be rather indecisive, but when you do act, your moves manifest in short, powerful bursts. Work to keep your dreams in motion. There are people out there who have the resources you need to be successful. Befriend them and share your goals.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Why go through today with doubts or fears, Sagittarius? You have every reason to be happy. The things you project to the world today will prove extremely favorable. Don't hesitate to enjoy this day to the fullest. People will be eager to participate in whatever you have going on. As long as you remain confident in yourself, everyone else will agree.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Be aggressive with your thoughts today, Capricorn. You might feel a bit emotionally detached. You will most certainly want your freedom. Spend some time alone to sort things out. An ex from years ago might appear on your doorstep, so don't be too surprised when he or she shows up. Take a nonjudgmental attitude toward everything you encounter.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

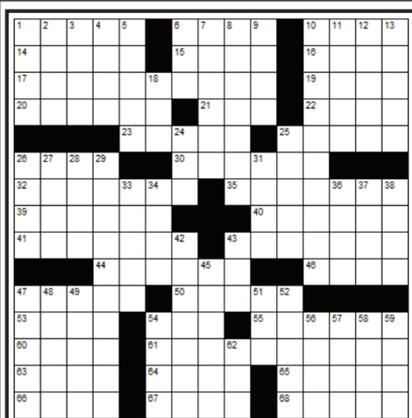


What are you waiting for, Aquarius? Go for the gold. All you need to do is shine. You have the opportunity to merge with powerful groups today, so make sure to keep your eyes open. Do things that will improve your current status in a finance-related situation. Your sharp wit and endless facts and information will come in handy. Have a joke at the ready.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Rid yourself of all regret, Pisces. Guilt is useless. It doesn't do anyone any good. Your emotions are volatile and apt to erupt in unexpected bursts. Feel free to let it all out. Today isn't the best day to ask for sympathy, but that shouldn't be your goal anyway. Only you can clean out the negative issues that are floating around in your heart and mind.



Across

- Grave marker, 6. Tatters, 10. Mist, 14. Behind bars, 15. Decorative case, 16. Iridescent gem, 17. Extremely angry, 19. Annul, 20. Rouse, 21. Antlered animal, 22. Tiny sphere, 23. Trademark, 25. Closes violently, 26. Diatom, 30. Conceive, 32. A prefix meaning opposite, 35. Rampaging, 39. Entertained, 40. Rye grass, 41. C2H5OH
- The easing of tensions, 44. Third sign of the zodiac, 46. Existence, 47. A French dance
- Aromatic seeds, 53. Soon, 54. Confederate soldier, 55. Givers, 60. 57 in Roman numerals, 61. One-sided, 63. Afflicts, 64. Small island, 65. Calcium carbonate, 66. Shut
- Require, 68. Nonsense, ...

Down

- Anagram of "Cabs", 2. Adhesive strip, 3. Prima donna problems, 4. Past tense of Leap, 5. Improvise, 6. Record (abbrev.), 7. Be present at, 8. Dutch florin, 9. Ill, 10. Crossbar on a wagon
- Breathing problem, 12. Gentlewoman, 13. Trudges
18. Mistake, 24. What we breathe
- Brown ermine, 26. Dull pain, 27. Plunder, 28. Spurt, 29. Hostility, 31. Deputy
- Basic belief, 34. Biblical kingdom, 36. Hotels, 37. Catches, 38. Delight, 42. Permit
- Not brilliant, 45. Marriageable, 47. Celebrations, 48. Blacksmith's block, 49. "There you have it!", 51. Actress Lupino, 52. Tally mark, 54. Wreckage, 56. Roman emperor
- Chocolate cookie, 58. Be worthy of, 59. Kill, 62. Directed, ...

Yesterday's Solution

BRUT, REMOTE, DIEGO, AERO, NEWS, EMIR, SLIP, STREAM, BITE, TAN, WILDS, RUSES, EXECUTE, LICONS, ANY, SINGAKTER, ICLING, WAGER, ORE, DADS, ROLLS, ANAL, LIV, BURLY, HISSY, YEOMANLY, ROD, STARR, VALU, CUB, MOWED, FIVEOLA, SUT, BICATR, JCLE, UNIT, EERIE, DULL, RACY, EWERS, ARSE

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