

Photojournalist among Pul-I-Charkhi Prisoners

KABUL - A court in Kabul has sentenced a well-known Afghan photojournalist Najibullah Musafir to six months imprisonment which has raised concerns from the organizations defending rights of the journalists in Afghanistan. Najibullah is now imprisoned in Pul-i-Charkhi prison of Kabul. His case falls eight years back when he took pictures of the female basketball players in Kabul's Ghazi Stadium for his news coverage. But the pictures were later used by Etisalat Telecommunication Company for advertisement.

Sediqullah Tawhidi, director of NAI, an organization that supports open media in Afghanistan, expressed concern over the current condition of journalists in the country. He said "The court has sentenced Najibullah Musafir without his presence." He added "Najibullah is not responsible in this case". Sediqullah further said "The pictures were taken for news purposes and Najibullah should not be held responsible for anything in this regard" Najibullah Musafir was arrested two weeks before in Kabul and was



sent to Pul-i-Charkhi prison after court announced him six months imprisonment. Family of Musafir states that they have proof that he was announced clear of charges but after seven years he is again arrested and being sent to prison. Sediqullah Tawhidi, director of NAI, while talking to Khaama Press said that government is silence in regards to the complaints from the journalists. (KP)

Nawroz Festival to be Celebrated with Enthusiasm: PC Members

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - The Provincial Council (PC) members of northern Balkh province on Sunday pledged to extend all out support to ensure better arrangements for the looming Nawroz festival scheduled to be held on March 21. A number of PC members told Pajhwok Afghan News that last year the new year could not be celebrated with fervor because of certain reasons. The resident of Mazar-i-Sharif, the provincial capital of Balkh province, celebrated the first day of solar year by



hoisting special flag at the shrine of fourth Caliph Hazrat Ali (RA). Mohammad Hashim Azimi, provincial council member and member of the organizing committee for Nawroz festival, said the New Year celebrations had historical importance where people from different parts of the country throng to attend the event. He said the organizing committee members, officials of information and cultural department and Olympic committee had been working in tandem to make the event outstanding one. (Pajhwok)

2 Employees of a Development Project Dead in Blast

TARINKOT - Two employees of a development project died in a landmine blast in central Uruzgan province on Sunday, the governors' spokesman said. Dost Muhammad Nayyab told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion took place in Kori Manda locality on the outskirts of Dehrawood district. The car of the employees hit a landmine which also left the third employee wounded. Ami-



nullah Khalqi, the town's administrative chief, also confirmed the incident. However, no one so far claimed credit for the attack. (Pajhwok)

Two ANA Soldiers Killed in Roadside Mine Blast

HERAT - Two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed in a roadside mine blast in western Herat province on Saturday evening, local officials said. The blast took place at about 6pm local time

in Chesht district of TOLONews. The police have started investigation about the incident, he said. However, no group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the blast so far. (Tolonews)

11 Taliban Insurgents Killed

SAR-E-PUL - At least 11 Taliban insurgents were killed in an Afghan National Security Forces' ongoing operation in northern Sar-e-Pul province in the past 24 hours, local officials said. Thirteen other insurgents were injured during the operation. The

operation named "Fateh Zemistani" was launched about two weeks ago in several parts of the province to clear the area of insurgents, Provincial Police Chief Abdul Habib Gulbahari said. "Most of the parts of the province have been cleared of insurgents," he said. "There were no Afghan military forces casualties during the operation so far." The operation still continues to clear all the insurgents, he added. However, the Taliban insurgents have not yet commented about the operation. (Tolonews)

Man Kills Wife, Children



HERAT - A man has killed his wife and two children and later has committed suicide in western Herat province. Abdul Rawouf Ibrahim, spokesman for the police headquarters of Herat province while confirming the report told Khaama Press that the incident took place in the jurisdiction of the 8th Police District of Herat city late yesterday. Spokesman of Herat police said that the kids who were killed by their father aged one year and four years. He added that the person who killed his family was also found dead, with a rope around his neck, hanging in well. Police spokesman further said that the person was originally from

Kabul province he was living in Herat province from the past 10 years. Police spokesman Abdul Rawouf Ibrahim said that because there is no eyewitness available so the cause of the incident is still unknown but police are still investigating the incident. Although, efforts have been made to reduce the violence against women and children but a raise can be seen in the violence against women and children. Human Right Organizations as well as other organizations defending women and children rights in Afghanistan are concerned over the increase of violence against women and children in Afghanistan. (KP)

Mosque, Quran Burning Spark Outrage in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - Dozens of enraged protesters in southern Ghazni province took to the street on Sunday denouncing burning of mosque and copies of holy Quran in the Andar district the other day.



On Saturday night, unidentified gunmen setting mosque on fire, which also left 18 copies of holy Quran burned to ashes in the Salihano locality. District Police Chief Lutfullah Kamran blamed Taliban for the desecration of the worship place and copies of Quran. Kamran dubbed insurgents as enemies of culture and civilization but the rebels rejected the claim. "Taliban prompted to set fire to the mosque as the government has

recently bought loud-speaker, carpets and other necessities of life for the mosque," he remarked. But Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed people of the locality were involved in setting the mosque on fire. He said two tribes had a claim over the mosque's property, which ended in

the torching of the holy place. He said that Taliban would award severe punishment to those who burned down the mosque. Khoshal Khan, a protester, said desecration of religious sites was unacceptable act. The government should identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice, he observed. (Pajhwok)

2 Afghan Cops Shot Dead in Balochistan

QUETTA - Two Afghan policemen were killed on Sunday in a militant attack that took place in Chaman area of Pakistan's Balochistan province, Pakistani media reports. The Pakistan's

Dawn.com while quoting a senior administration officer, said that six militants on three motorcycles opened fire at the vehicle carrying Afghan policemen in Chaman's Bypass area. The assail-

ants sped away on their motorcycles after the attack, the official said. The Afghan cops, who belonged to southern Helmand province, were en route to Quetta for... (More on P4)... (16)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

You might incorrectly assume that you have to solve everyone's problems today. Luckily, you can still be the strong and capable one while also being vulnerable enough to feel someone else's pain. However, you are not required to find a solution right away; neither must you avoid the dilemma. In fact, an alternative approach is to open your heart and experience the predicament without trying to fix it.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

A relative or friend might bug you so much today that you think he or she is trying to pick a fight with you. But don't let a non-issue grow so important that it leads to an unnecessary argument which becomes the focal point of your entire day. If you can successfully sidestep a confrontation now, you should be able to enjoy the fruits of your self-restraint later once they ripen.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Balancing your unflagging need for mental stimulation with your current yearning to chill out can be tricky business. It's not that your interest to interact with others disappears; it's just that you don't want so many distractions when your sensitivity is on high alert. If you are feeling overextended in any part of your life now, take time to recharge your batteries so you are up for the challenges of next week.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

The raw power of your feelings could stop you in your tracks now that the evocative Moon is back in your contemplative sign. However, she also reminds you of how isolated you feel when you don't express your emotions. Unfortunately, it's difficult to communicate your experiences because you worry that your intensity may be too much for others to handle today.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

It's tempting to hide your feelings today, especially if you're not as optimistic as everyone expects. The moody Cancer Moon is hanging out in your 12th House of Secrets, making it nearly impossible to reveal your uncertainty about the future. Paradoxically, sharing your vulnerability demonstrates your true strength.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Being receptive and responsive to your friends and family may prove to be an enriching experience today, but you must first get over your fear of rejection. Sharing your feelings can set you up for disappointment if others don't react as expected. Nevertheless, you'll never know what might develop if you don't take the risk. Opening your heart allows everyone to know your authentic self.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may try to avoid the public eye today, yet you could be needed by others in a way that puts you front and center with everyone's attention on you. Oddly enough, it's not that you want to remain unseen; it's just that you feel awkward in the spotlight now. Whether you like it or not, it's time to choose between hiding out and stepping up to the plate.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

You can look off into the future and see your distant goals quite clearly now, but you still may be at a loss as how to best reach your destination. Unfortunately, you don't recognize any routes that lead directly to where you want to go. Fortunately, you are drawing on a very deep well of persistence and faith. Your willingness to wait for the right moment will clear the way for your success.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)

Although it's always wise to deliver on your promises, you have other things on your agenda now as your creativity overflows with passion. You want to amaze others with your originality, but turning down the volume on your self-expression makes more sense than striking out on your own.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)

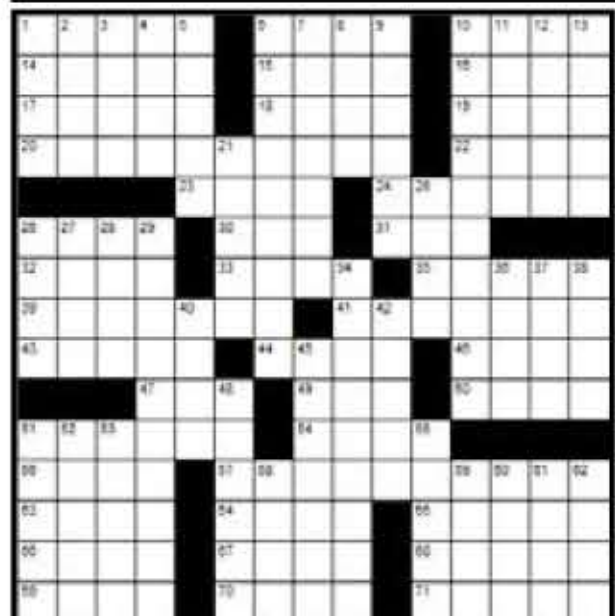
You're confronted with an ambiguous message now, as others say one thing yet do another. You're encouraged by the loving support you receive, but it feels as if something still isn't quite right today. The unspoken judgment is that you're not doing enough, even if you have no idea of what else you could do. Don't let self-doubt creep into your life; focus on the positive feedback to propel you to the next level, instead.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

You're extremely intuitive when it comes to what your close friends want today, enabling you to initiate helpful tasks before anyone even asks you for assistance. Unfortunately, you may also harbor resentment toward those who aren't willing to give you straightforward direction. You probably don't mind the extra work, but might feel frustrated about the lack of acknowledgement and appreciation.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

You may feel more alive today, revitalized by the tidal Cancer Moon as she refreshes your pools of emotions. If you're attempting to recover from a recent schedule overload, set new boundaries while you still can. Thankfully, you won't have to relinquish any power, nor must you defend your personal right for taking a solitary path.



Across
1. SSSS, 6. Sense, 10. All excited, 14. Swindle, 15. Within, 16. Baseball great, Ruth, 17. Washing machine cycle, 18. Talon, 19. Portent, 20. Downplay, 22. Ascend, 23. French for "Black", 24. Small piano, 26. Pitcher, 30. Holiday drink, 31. Children's game, 32. Assistant, 33. Again, 35. Light wispy precipitation, 39. Anagram of "Carpets", 41. Introductory, 43. Adult male singing voice, 44. Wisdom, 46. Wings, 47. Russian fighter, 49. Website address, 50. Bawdy, 51. Influenza (archaic), 54. Chickadees, 56. Boorish, 57. Widely circulated, 63. Weightlifters pump this, 64. Well-behaved, 65. Type of drill, 66. French, 67. Absent Without Leave, 68. Crown, 69. If not, 70. Cautious, 71. Provide with a permanent fund
Down
1. Beige, 2. Tibia, 3. Transmit, 4. Leisure, 5. Strict, 6. Conceived by the imagination, 7. Make larger, 8. French for "State", 9. Not highest, 10. Native, 11. Street urchin, 12. Overweight, 13. Agile Old World viverrine, 21. Submarine detector, 25. Cover with asphalt, 26. Where the sun rises, 27. Sponge, 28. Biblical garden, 29. Remunerate, 34. In a troubled manner, 36. Anger, 37. Chew, 38. Matured, 40. Journey, 42. Animal hides, 45. Outside, 48. Trinket, 51. Complain, 52. Not urban, 53. Graven images, 55. Sudden burst, 58. Hawkeye State, 59. Wreckage, 60. Quaint outburst, 61. Relating to aircraft, 62. Sketch

Yesterday's Solution
affix, attune, chief, collar, confusion, confier, dais, fight, fins, gratuity, habit, hags, hasty, heft, heroics, lapse, lead, lens, liquor, nerves, pantry, raisin, rope, rouse, sauce, scrap, sharp, shrewd, sore, spree, stain, stamp, store, temporary, theft, totals, uplift, water

