

Bamyan Journalists Voice Concern at Censorship Move

BAMYAN CITY - Journalists in central Bamyan province on Tuesday expressed their concern about a recent move by the governor's office barring local officials from giving interviews before consulting with the authorities.

In a letter sent from the governor's office, local departments were asked to consult and coordinate with the media office before talking to reporters. But local journalists warned the move could lead to curtailing the freedom of expression.

Zafar Bamyani, a reporter with the Voice of America, called the



move illegal. "We don't know why they want to impose censorship on us. Bamyan is one of the provinces enjoying the freedom of ex-

pression until recently." Roohullah Farogh, the provincial human rights commission head, said the letter clearly stated that no official could give interviews to journalists without consulting with the governor's spokesperson.

"We are concerned that the departments would use the letter as an excuse and not provide information to journalists at all," he added.

Farogh said the deputy governor had promised to consult with the acting governor on the issue and if the letter was against ... (More on P4)...(20)

Police Commander among 8 Injured

SHARAN - Special Police Commander Azizullah Karwan and seven other policemen were wounded in an explosion in southeastern Paktika province, an official said on Tuesday.

Karwan was among the security officials who were accused of human rights violations in a recent Human Rights Watch (HRW) report.

Nabiullah Pirkhel, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion targeting the police commander's vehicle took place in the Goshti locality of Wazikhel district. Two policemen are said to be in critical condition, while Karwan's injuries are not life-threatening, according to the spokesman, who said the attack was being investigated.

As usual, the Taliban have claimed responsibility for the attack, saying the police commander and seven others were wounded ... (More on P4)...(21)

3 Women Dead in Attack on Tribal Elder's House

PUL-I-ALAM - Three women were killed and four others injured when unidentified men attacked the house of a tribal elder in central Logar province, an official said on Tuesday.

The incident took place last night when the assailants hurled hand grenades into the house of Syed Shirin Shah in the Aptak area of Khoslu district, the governor's spokesman said. Din Mohammad Darwesh told Pajhwok Afghan News said Shirin Shah, another man and two children were wounded in the attack. The wounded were taken to Kabul a hospital for treatment.

A resident of the area, Syed Ibadullah, said they heard blasts late Monday night. Shirin Shah had no personal enmity and those involved in the attack were yet to be identified. Provincial council secretary Mohammad Naser Ghairat, meanwhile, slammed ... (More on P4)...(22)

Search Launched for Elements behind Violent Protest

SHIBERGHAN - Security officials in northern Jawzjan province on Tuesday said search operation has been launched for the individual who resorted to violence at a peaceful protest a day earlier.

Police officer Abdul Manan Raufi said security reinforcements had been dispatched to Qarqin to break up the protest that was still in progress around the district headquarters.

At least three people were killed and six others injured on Monday



when the protest turned violent. Security forces stopped some people from crossing the Amu River into Turkmenistan. A fourth man succumbed to his injuries at hospital today. Some

3 Laghman Cold Storage Facilities to be Privatised

JALALBAD - Three cold storage facilities for agriculture products would be handed over to the private sector in eastern Laghman province, an official said on Tuesday.

The facilities are located in Alingar, Qarghayee districts and the provincial capital, Mehtarlam. They are yet to get electricity and hence the delay in their becoming functional.

The governor's spokesman, Sarhadi Zwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News the provincial administration was planning to extend electricity to the Qarghai storage facility



before handing it over to the private sector. However, he did not go into details about the possible contractor, but added the facilities would encourage farmers to grow vegetables instead of poppy crop. The remaining two facilities would be handed over to the private sector on contracts, he said and hoped the privatization would have a positive impact on the agriculture sector.

Laghman Agriculture Director Eng. Ismail told Pajhwok Afghan News each storage facility ... (More on P4)...(24)

26 Insurgents Killed in Military Operations

KABUL - 26 insurgents have been killed in separate military operations across the country in past 24 hours, statements issued on Tuesday morning by the Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Interior state.

According to the statement issued by the Ministry of Interior states that 19 insurgents were killed in the operations

District Police Chief Wounded in Blast

NEILI - A roadside explosion in central Daidkundi province on Tuesday wounded the Kajran district police chief 2nd Lt. Syed Habib Hussaini. The incident happened early in the morning in Tangi Kajran locality, an intelligence official confided to Pajhwok Af-

Kidnapped Passengers Rescued in ANA Operation

FARAH CITY - Four passengers kidnapped by insurgents on the Farah-Herat highway have been released as a result of a rescue operation, an army official said on Tuesday.

Mohammad Hanif Rezaee, the 207th Zafar Corps spokesperson, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban had forced five passengers out of the bus in Kansk locality and had taken them away. He added one of the passengers was still in Taliban captivity. The passengers were on their way to Farah. Rezaee said ... (More on P4)...(28)

Taliban Shadow District Governor Killed

MAIMANA - A Taliban shadow district governor for Dawlat Abad district of northern Faryab province and five other insurgents were killed in an Afghan National Security Forces operation, officials of the 209th Shaheen Military Corps said on Tuesday. The shadow district governor known as Mullah Nooruddin and five other insurgents includ-

ing their leader, Mullah Musa, were killed during the "Khanjar" operation in the district, which was launched three days ago and ended on Monday, the head of the media department of 209th Shaheen Military Corps, Reza Reza said. Popalzai, Haji Hakim, Mahmoudkhil, Fatah Baba and Shekhan villages of Dawlat Abad district have

6 Militants Killed; 5 Passengers Injured

QALAT - Six militants were killed during clearing operations in southern Zabul province on Monday, the police chief claimed.

Ghulam Sakhi Rogh Lewanai said that five fighters were killed in Omaki locality and a sixth during a skirmish in Seori district. Five weapons and ammunition were sized during a result of clash.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahmadi confirmed the death of only two militants, claiming four policemen had died in the gunbattle. In eastern ... (More on P4)...(26)

75 Tonnes of Spurious Drugs Set Alight

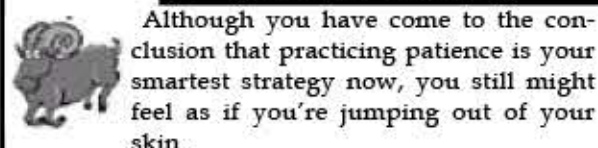
KABUL - Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) officials on Tuesday torched around 75 tonnes of expired and low quality medicines in the Khak-i-Jabbar district of Kabul.

The drugs had been seized from medical stores over the past one and a half months in cooperation with officials from the Directorate of Pharmacy and the private sector, Public Health Minister Firozuddin Feroz told reporters in Kabul.

The minister did not say if any arrests were made in connection with the seizure, but warned officials would continue raiding ... (More on P4)...(27)

Outlook Horoscope

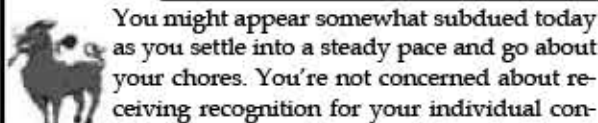
Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Although you have come to the conclusion that practicing patience is your smartest strategy now, you still might feel as if you're jumping out of your skin.

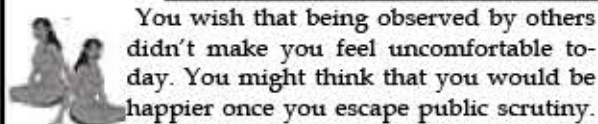
You're enthusiastic about the future, yet you can't decide whether to laugh joyfully at the possibilities or scream out of frustration at the delays.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You might appear somewhat subdued today as you settle into a steady pace and go about your chores. You're not concerned about receiving recognition for your individual contribution now; you're more driven just to get things done right. Your friends and relatives see you as a real team player because you're happy to trade anonymity for the overall success of a group project.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You wish that being observed by others didn't make you feel uncomfortable today. You might think that you would be happier once you escape public scrutiny. Whatever you do, you seem to garner more than your fair share of attention now; however, you might end up growing more accustomed to the spotlight as the day wears on. Unfortunately, your dramatic performance could make someone uneasy.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Following the rules might not make sense to you now, but it still isn't advisable to bite the hand that feeds you.

Be respectful and work within the existing constraints even if they seem illogical. You can always question authority later, especially since rebellious behavior today won't likely make you any friends or influence those who matter.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You probably know better, but it's so tempting to say what's on your mind today if you think you can balance the score by uttering a few clever words at exactly the right time.

However, you might believe that some things are better left unsaid. Don't waste energy by holding a grudge if you have unexpressed anger that needs venting.

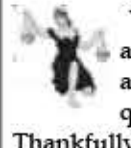
Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You are usually quite rational in your approach to solving problems; however, a friend or partner could confuse you with their stories, even if you think your logic is sound.

At first, you may doubt your ability to accurately interpret what you hear, but as you listen further you realize that you aren't the cause of the current misunderstanding.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You may be at odds with someone today, and you don't understand how the warm and fuzzy feelings could have cooled off so quickly.

Thankfully, a lover's quarrel or a business conflict won't last long if you can maintain mutual respect, no matter how strongly you disagree. But don't force the issue now because tempers might flare without warning.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



A heated debate with an acquaintance can rattle your nerves today and pull you off track.

Although you may be tempted to settle the score right away, it's impossible because there's actually no single correct answer. Fortunately, you're probably amenable to accept the difference of opinions if you feel like your words are heard.

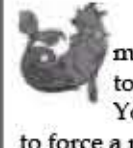
Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You may believe that cooling your jets now will help you stabilize your position with someone you like, but the idea of new projects at home spark your interest before you slow down enough to matter.

If you are wise, you won't take off with an intriguing idea until you give it plenty of time to develop. However, you could become obsessed with your scheme and try to launch it prematurely.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You might decide that being patient is more prudent than climbing mountains today, trying to achieve impossible results.

You could exhaust yourself if you attempt to force a river to flow uphill now that the Moon has returned to your ambitious sign.

But it's pointless to fight the inevitable, even if you feel the need to stand your ground.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Oddly, you are more certain about your feelings today, even if a close friend or relative thinks you're barking up the wrong tree.

Luckily, you're wise enough to recognize that there can be differing methods to successfully handle the same issue. Establish common ground and then agree to disagree on the specifics.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Although you're in an agreeable state of mind today, a conflict could erupt if you say more than is necessary. Ironically, your attempts to avoid an argument only seem to agitate it.

Unfortunately, you may be more confused about an important issue than you realize, and your lack of clarity fogs your communication now.

Across

1. Improvise, 6. Close violently, 10. Not legs, 14. Direct the course, 15. A landlocked African republic, 16. Not this, 17. Breathing problem, 18. Visual organs, 19. Scramble piece, 20. In spite of everything, 22. A Freudian stage, 23. Ahead, 24. French for "Again", 26. Feudal worker, 30. Hale, 31. Comes after Mi and Fah, 32. Pinnacle, 33. Provide nourishment, 35. Picture, 39. Outdo, 41. An endocrine gland, 43. Provide with a permanent fund, 44. Threesome, 46. Standard, 47. Mayday, 49. N N N N, 50. Checks, 51. Replenish, 54. Goulash, 56. Send forth, 57. Disinfectant, 63. River of Spain, 64. Vitality, 65. Betel palm, 66. Swerve, 67. Burden, 68. Turbine part, 69. Countercurrent, 70. Defrost, 71. Go on a buying spree

Down

1. Food thickener, 2. Hoodwink, 3. Water chestnut, 4. Notion, 5. Whiskers, 6. Stinkiest, 7. Kit for a baby, 8. Beers, 9. Overlooks, 10. A supplementary part, 11. Rhinoceros, 12. Of the cheekbone, 13. Inscribed pillar, 21. Takes off, 25. French for "Black", 26. Lack of difficulty, 27. Twirled, 28. Egghead, 29. Informative, 34. Prissiest, 36. Dwarf buffalo, 37. Dress, 38. Shade trees, 40. Absent Without Leave, 42. Units of medicine, 45. Relaxing, 48. Ski race, 51. Female ruff, 52. Implant, 53. Terminated from a job, 55. Dons, 58. 1 less than 10, 59. Brace, 60. French for "Head", 61. Computer symbol, 62. Credit or playing

Yesterday's Solution

adore, agree, amuse, bacon, bail, barren, bonus, branch, chick, cope, dale, deserve, dribble, drool, eternal, family, farad, forever, happy, judges, mangle, nation, propose, purple, realm, reel, shovel, start, television, threat, title, together, ken, tutor

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