

NAI Reacts to Hekmatyar's Criticism of the Media

KABUL - NAI, an organization supporting open media in Afghanistan, on Monday criticized Hizb-e-Islami leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar for his recent remarks regarding the media, saying his comments were in contradiction of Afghanistan's constitution. The organization said Hekmatyar's remarks were also in contradiction of the peace deal his group signed with government.

"Any process that leads to peace must guarantee that the past 15 years' achievements are maintained and the values are in the constitution and not being insulted," said Mujib Khelwatgar the CEO of NAI.

Syed Aqa Fazel Sancharaki, deputy minister of publications for the Information and Culture Ministry said Hekmatyar was not in touch with all the changes and new institutionalized values in the country. Sancharaki said those who are new to



the current political system in the country must conform to freedom of speech and democracy in Afghanistan.

"The Afghanistan society and government are indebted to the media's works and efforts," Sancharaki said. Meanwhile journalists in the country believe that Hekmatyar's statements against the media were irresponsible. "Those who are working as advisers with those leaders must tell them and make them aware about the fresh evolutions in Afghanistan," said Bilal Sarwary, one journalist.

While yet another journalist, Danish Karokhail said: "Those who are just joining Afghanistan's politics and have any problems with the media, or if there is any problem or misunderstanding, come and sit with us and negotiate with us to solve it." Journalists and media rights watchdogs said ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Afghan Drug Mule Dies in Delhi after Heroin Capsule Bursts



KABUL - An Afghan national died in India after at least one capsule of heroin burst in his stomach, India Today TV reported.

The 55-year-old Afghan national, Maheya Dawood, had reportedly traveled to Delhi on a medical visa and had been staying with a relative in the city when he died. According to a senior doctor, as reported by India Today, an autopsy was carried out on the man and 46 capsules of heroin were found in his stomach.

"When Dawood's body was taken to AIIMS (an institute of medical science), doctors scanned his abdomen and found 46 capsules containing heroin ... He died due to the capsules bursting inside his body," said the doctor.

India Today TV also reported that a similar case had been reported two weeks ago which also involved an Afghan national. This man also died after capsules of heroin burst in his stomach. *(Tolonews)*

Cumbersome Process of Getting School Certificate

KABUL - Some individuals are involved in making fake 12th grade certificates, with the lengthy procedure for the document's release from the concerned government body paving the ground for corruption and kickbacks, Pajhwok Afghan News has reliably learnt.

Applicants say they are frustrated by the delaying tactics of department tasked with issuing 12th class certificates. Many are deprived of higher education because they cannot get their course completion certificates in due time.



Students from some provinces complain of being asked for additional money to be provided with their schools certificates by the authority. They blame the school administration for failing to provide complete particulars of students -- details needed for issuance of certificates.

Fake certificates Pajhwok Afghan News has learnt ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Security Forces Re-Take Ghormach after Heavy Clash

KABUL - Afghan security forces managed to reclaim Ghormach district in northern Faryab province on Monday after a three-hour battle with the Taliban.

Local officials said dozens of insurgents launched an attack on the center of Ghormach at about 4am local time.

Abdul Qahar Aaram, head of the 209 Shaheen Army Corps' media department in Balkh said security forces were able to drive back the insurgents.

"The insurgents were driven back after three hours," he said.

However, he did not provide further details about the attack nor about casualties among either security forces or insurgents.

This comes after Taliban insurgents announced the launch of their spring offensive on Friday. Already they have increased attacks in the country, particularly in Badakhshan, Baghlan and Faryab. *(Tolonews)*



US Forces Come Under Car Bomb Attack in Batikot

JALALABAD - A car suicide bomber targeted American forces in the Bati Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province on Monday, but caused no casualties, an official said.

The attacker used a Suzuki model car in the attack that occurred in the afternoon,

the governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the suicide bomber targeted a military vehicle of US forces on a patrol in Barikab area of Bati Kot district. Only the bomber was killed in the blast and the foreign

forces suffered no casualties, Khogyani added. Bati Kot District chief Haji Ghalib confirmed the incident and said no one was harmed in the attack and only the vehicle of foreign forces was partially damaged. The media office of US forces ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Family of Hizb-E-Islami Victims Call for Justice

KABUL - A number of families who lost relatives during clashes with Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hizb-e-Islami fighters in the past have asked government to ensure justice is served.

One family who lost five relatives in a Hizb-e-Islami attack in Kabul said on Monday that Hekmatyar is responsible for the death of their loved ones and that he should be held accountable.

The family said their daughter, along with her husband and three children, were killed in a suicide attack on the Finest supermarket in Kabul six years ago - an attack that Hizb-e-Islami claimed responsibility for. However, to date, no one has been brought to justice over the incident.

The family claim circles within government help insurgents and that government is hiding this fact.

Mujib, a 17-year-old student, was wounded in the suicide attack on Finest six years ago. He said his sister, who was in the supermarket buying goods for her child, was killed in the incident. Mujib said he cannot forget the image of his sister covered in blood.

"I want government to investigate them. She was my sister, was part of my body. My aunt's daughter was also killed along my sister," he said.

Sediq Sahil, Mujib's father said he complained to judicial institutions on three occasions and three committees were formed to investigate the suicide attack on the store, but actual details and results have never been finalized.

"A complete report was put on the president's table. There was enough evidence about who the culprits were," he said. According to Sahil, 20 years ago Hizb-e-Islami also kidnapped his brother who had been working with the interior ministry. They reportedly took him to Pakistan.

When his elder brother went in search of him in Pakistan, he too was kidnapped. The brothers were never found.

He said his mother tried in vain to get help from many leaders and even went to Char Asyab district of Kabul province to meet Hekmatyar. But no one listened to her, he said adding that she passed away five years ago.

"They were not members of K.G.B and were not a threat to the national interests. They were simple citizens and Hizb-e-Islami should be asked why they kidnapped my family members and where they took them? Why were they taken away and where are they now? There is no news of their destiny, or if they are alive or dead," said Sahil.

On 28 January 2011, a suicide attacker detonated his explosives in Finest supermarket in which eight people including Hamida Barmaki, a lecturer at Kabul University along with three children and her husband and three foreigners were killed.

In addition to the eight killed, 10 others were also wounded in the attack. Hekmatyar's Hizb-e-Islami claimed responsibility for the attack. *(Tolonews)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You're ready to take the next step on a project at work, but it may be more complicated than you bargained for. Although you might think you handled all the potential problems in advance, new ones surface today to test your resolve and resiliency. Although you could be tempted to throw in the towel, this is the worst possible time to consider giving up.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You can easily fool yourself into believing you're on the right track today. However, you're in for a rude awakening if you run out of resources before you finish your work. But you're not one to take no for an answer once you've made a plan to reach your destination. You might need some assistance, so don't let pride stand in your way of asking for help now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



The very same issues that pile up in everyone else's life today are merely annoying assignments for you to finish along the way. You like the extra challenge of engaging in many different discussions and projects at once. Unfortunately, none of the incomplete tasks gain predominance over all the others, so you're resigned to keep your juggling act going for now. Sufi poet Rumi wrote, "Every object, every being, is a jar full of delight."

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your goals are set but you still must state your intentions so others in your network know what you're doing with your time. Nevertheless, logistical problems rise to the surface today, revealing the unrealistic optimism present in your original thinking. Doing better is not an option; it's the only option. Giving up on your goal because of one setback is like slashing your other three tires.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Your leadership skills are solid as a rock today but that doesn't mean a team of experts is at your beck and call. Your ability to hold a position is impressive to your coworkers, and you're likely to continue on your mission no matter what. Don't get sidetracked into thinking that others need to shift their priorities to make more time to support yours.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Your conflicted emotions send mixed signals to your coworkers today. The extroverted Leo Moon encourages you to express your creativity and bask in the recognition of a job well done. But the Moon is hiding in your 12th House of Secrets, prompting you to work behind the scenes. You prefer the spotlight to be on anyone but you. Nevertheless, this is a time to reexamine your priorities and reassess your spiritual journey.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You believe that the cure to all that ails you today will be found in your relationship with your network of friends and coworkers. Naturally, support from your peers can ease most burdens, but their enthusiasm could fall short of your current expectations. In fact, your problems won't be solved by someone else's intervention now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You want to demonstrate the strength of your convictions with powerful words and decisive actions that send a clear message to your coworkers. Unfortunately, they might not be reading off the same page, and there may be significant differences between what you say now and what others actually hear.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You can see the distant horizons today, but have little inclination to visit them. You must singularly focus on your immediate surroundings, dealing with one subject at a time. Nevertheless, you don't possess the patience to continue concentrating on the tiniest minutiae when you want to be wrapping your mind around the entire picture. Generalist thinking will need to wait; like it or not, the devil is in the details.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Success means different things to different people and whatever your version of it is today, you're likely to change your mind tomorrow. You're drawn into the realm of unexpressed feelings and you want everyone to know how deep you are diving to recover these sunken treasures. Don't worry about material gain now; just follow your instincts and continue to gather information along the way.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

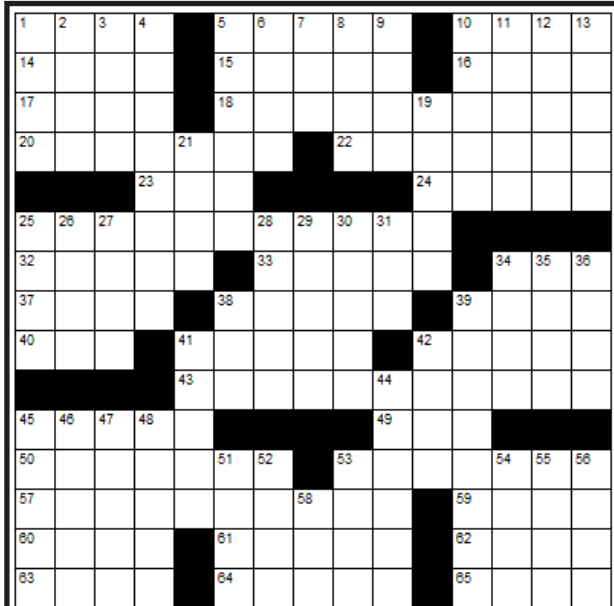


Relationships are both the problem and the solution today. Nearly everyone seems to be jumping out of their skin as they react to complicated changes in their lives. However, for some unknown reason, it appears that you have escaped the brunt of the storm. Unfortunately, you still must deal with the people in your immediate environment, even if they're envious of your position.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You can't stand it if anyone thinks you're not being effective in your current job. You might go out of the way to demonstrate your contribution now, but you're not allowed to do it directly. Tooting your own horn is in bad taste if your goal is to garner attention. Showing up and doing your work doesn't sound glorious, but recognition will come in time.



Across

1. Leavening agent, 5. Grave marker, 10. Be compelled, 14. Margarine, 15. Complete, 16. A single time, 17. Weight to be borne, 18. A verbatim performance, 20. Part mortal and part deity, 22. Distort, 23. Lie, 24. Notes, 25. Thinks about carefully, 32. Praises, 33. Accord, 34. Ouch!, 37. Keen, 38. Greek letter, 39. Relating to aircraft, 40. Japanese apricot, 41. Washing machine cycle, 42. ___ alia, 43. Blockage, 45. A kind of macaw, 49. Spelling contest, 50. Photo devices, 53. Kayak, 57. Unfeeling, 59. Chinese mafia, 60. Pickle flavoring, 61. Braid of hair, 62. Type of sword, 63. Appear, 64. Frothy, 65. Marsh plant,

Down

1. Fearless, 2. ___ vera, 3. 500 sheets, 4. Altered, 5. A rapidly flashing light, 6. Pigeon___, 7. And so forth, 8. Nonclerical, 9. Countertenor, 10. Slogan, 11. Labor group, 12. Gain points in a game, 13. Canvas shelters, 19. Jittery, 21. Tomcats, 25. Apothecary's weight, 26. Overhang, 27. 57 in Roman numerals, 28. Wreckage, 29. Anxiety, 30. Anagram of "Merit", 31. Estimated time of arrival, 34. Abominable Snowman, 35. Chocolate cookie, 36. Frayed, 38. Bro or sis, 39. Aardvark, 41. Lion sounds, 42. Chilled, 44. Presence, 45. Corrosives, 46. Bog hemp, 47. Enough, 48. Kingdom, 51. Vipers, 52. Storage cylinder, 53. Radar signal, 54. Lasso, 55. Leg joint, 56. Matured, 58. Bleat,

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RAIN RIAPT TRAGE
ERGO TRIO TERRA
EDEN YENS YODEL

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