

'Spiraling Faryab Insecurity Stifles Media Role'

MAIMANA - Some media officials and activists in northern Faryab province complain interference by local officials, lack of funds and support of the government and specifically growing insecurity are among reasons slowing down the role of media in the province.

The activists warn if government and international organizations fail to support media it would be a big blow to the government's achievements in the last 14 years. After toppling of Taliban re-



game, more than 15 weekly and monthly papers and publications started their activities in national and local languages.

Majority of these outlets have stopped publications in the past two years due to lack of funds by donors and evacuation of foreign troops from the province. Printing press is also non-existent in the province and these papers get printed in Kabul or Mazar-i-Sharif. Despite being a cultural and academic province, Faryab has a...

Charchino District Chief Dead in Bomb Blast

TARINKOT - The district chief for Charchino district of central Uruzgan province was killed in a bomb blast on Saturday morning, an official said. The governor's spokesman Dost Mohammad Nayab told Pajhwok Afghan News that the district chief Mohammad Ismail Haqyar was heading toward his home when his car hit a roadside bomb at around 8:00 am this morning. He said died on the spot while another of his colleague was wounded in the incident. No one was so far detained in connection of the blast but police had launched investigations, he said. (Pajhwok)

Afghanistan Condemns Suicide Attack in Saudi Arabia

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Saturday strongly condemned a suicide attack in a mosque in eastern Saudi Arabia that resulted in the killing and injuring of several people.



"Attack on mosques and holy places and killing of worshippers is not only enmity with the holy religion of Islam but also with the humanity," a statement from the Presidential Palace quoted the president. Ghani expressed condolences with the government of Saudi Arabia and bereaved families who lost their near and dear ones in the attack. Earlier, a suicide bomber targeted a mosque during Friday prayers, killing 20 people and wounding 80 others. The Islamic State (IS) has claimed responsibility for the attack. (Pajhwok)

28 More Rebels Dead in Zabul Clashes

QALAT/CHARIKAR - At least 28 militants have been killed during clashes in Arghandab district of southern Zabul province, an official said on Saturday.

Around 800 Taliban militants stormed several security posts in the district that led to heavy gun battle last night, district chief Momand Nasratyar told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said that 28 rebels were killed during the six-hour fight and some of the bodies of the fighters were still lying



on the scene. Six Afghan security forces personnel were also wounded in the firefight, Nasratyar said. However, a security official in the province wishing anonymity said that four Afghan National ...

Qargha Military Base Comes Under Rocket Attack

KABUL - A rocket fired by Taliban militants hit a military camp in Qargha area of the capital Kabul on Saturday morning but caused no casualties, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said. According to a statement released by the MoD, the BM-1 rocket was fired on the camp from mountains of Chehel Dukhtaran area of Paghman district around 6:00am. Security forces launched investigations



into the attack and identified the location of the rocket fire. Four more rockets ready for firing were recovered and defused by security forces. A suspect was detained in connection of the attack, the MoD said. Taliban, however, have not yet commented on the attack. (Pajhwok)

Nimroz Elders Drum up Support for Governor

ZARANJ - Some tribal elders of southwestern Nimroz province on Saturday demanded the incumbent governor to continue his job while others expressed concerns over the performance of the governor.

As many as 200 elders marched towards the build-

ing of Borders and Tribal Affairs Department and praised Governor Amir Mohammad Akhundzada for improved law and order, development of agriculture and forging unity among tribes in the province. A tribal elder Abdul Rahim Niazi said that Akhundzada personally paid

visits to security check posts and monitored security situations across the province. Provincial Council chief Mohammad Sadiq Chakhansuri said every tribe of Nimroz province were happy with Amir Mohammad and wanted him to continue his job...

Wife Commits Suicide after Losing Husband in Explosion in Faryab

MAIMANA - The wife of a police officer committed suicide after losing husband in an explosion in northern Faryab province. The tragic incident took place in Qaisar District.

Abdul Jamil Sediqi, the district governor said that Abdullah was assigned for the security of highway that lost his life in a roadside bomb explosion. He said after Abdullah's wife heard the news she took the pistol and shot herself at home. The couple left a child behind. Abdullah's villagers were saddened about the incident and criticized militants for their acts which bear tough consequences. (KP)

Militancy, Counter Militancy Claim 60 Lives in Afghanistan in 2 Days

KABUL - Taliban-led militancy and Afghan government forces counter-militancy operations have claimed the lives of 60 people with majority of them armed insurgents, according to officials, over the past two days in the conflict-ridden Afghanistan. In the latest violent incident, a roadside bomb organized by Taliban outfit left a district governor dead in the southern Uruzgan province on Saturday morning, a local official confirmed.

"The governor of Charchino district, Mohammad Ismael Haqyar was on way to office today morning when a roadside bomb organized by militants struck his vehicle in Shah Mashad area leaving him along with his bodyguard dead," spokesman for Uruzgan provincial government, Dost Mohammad Nayab told Xinhua. In another violent event which occurred in the northern Kunduz province late Friday night, a man in police uniform opened fire and after killing four policemen in a police checkpoint runway. The deadly incident, according to police officials happened in Kalagao area, a suburban capital the Kunduz city late Friday night and police have ...

Two Soldiers Kidnapped in Herat



HERAT - Two soldiers have been kidnapped in Guzara District of western Herat province, an official said on Saturday. Nisar Ahmad Popal, governor of Guzara District said that police officer Sibghatullah and Afghan National Army soldier Sultan Ahmad were playing football in Seshwan area when unidentified gunmen kidnapped them on Friday evening. He said there is no information regarding the whereabouts of these soldiers but Intel agencies are investigating. No group has yet claimed responsibility for the abduction. Kidnapping cases have increased in the country in last two months and a half. Daish and Taliban are being held responsible for these abductions. (KP)

23 Terrorists Detained in Nangarhar

KABUL - National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency has arrested 23 militants from different parts of eastern Nangarhar province.

A statement issued Saturday by NDS states that the militants were arrested that the terrorists were apprehended during separate military operations from the districts of Behsoud, Khogyani, Surkh



Rud, Ghanikhil, Mohmand Dara and Jalalabad city. Among the 23 terrorists one is Abdul Bari alias Ahmad Shah who had intended to carry out a suicide attack in a busy part of Jalalabad but detained before he could reach to his target. A suicide vest was recovered from his possession. All terrorists are now in the custody of the intelligence agency. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Restraining your impulses is exhausting work, reminding you of your ongoing struggle with impetuous behavior. However, it's more difficult to withhold your desires now since your charm seems to be working wonders on those around you. Your effervescence can lead to trouble because your passion might be overpowering to your audience.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You can become obstinate about defending your values today while the Moon is in fixed Leo. You could unconsciously get stuck in an old emotional conflict or consciously redirect your focus toward the outer world. Instead of staying within your comfort zone, take a chance now and express your feelings in an unconventional way.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



A larger-than-life gesture on your part can have a big positive impact on those around you today. However, coming from a place of sincerity is essential because your plan will backfire if your actions are just a calculated performance for the sake of eliciting a particular response. There's no reason to force an issue just for the effect. It's definitely not a good idea to pull the wool over anyone's eyes if you want to maintain your integrity.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Oddly enough, you may reach deep into your imagination now, but your behavior is still motivated by a sense of practicality. You're inspired to create something tangible, but could get mired down by all the logistics today. Nevertheless, it's still advisable to maintain your connection with the magical and spiritual realms. Energize your actions with your most wonderful dreams.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You're acutely aware of your emotional needs while the Moon is activating your dramatic sign. An old pattern of extravagance might resurface now, so resist unnecessary indulgences so they don't become the main focus of your day. Besides your apparent attraction to others, your feelings can connect you to your powerful yet private inner world.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Perhaps a pragmatic idea pops into your awareness as a flash in a dream. Or maybe a glimpse of your future is caught for a moment in the diaphanous web of your imagination, making you feel as if you are recovering a lost treasure from unknown realms. Normally, you're quite logical, but setting aside your need for rationality opens new doors of creativity now. Remain receptive to any messages that originate from your subconscious.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your creative urges are stirring and it's wise to make the most of these feelings while they last. Whether you pull out the colored pencils, acrylic paints or your camera, try to capture your vision as vividly as possible. It doesn't matter what medium you use; your current assignment is to recognize beauty where you see it and to express how it influences your heart.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Someone may ask you to participate in a community event or to become involved with a cause that helps others. However, you might not be willing to move in that direction today if your schedule is already too busy. A clash of intentions could produce a temporary standoff, but the disagreement won't likely turn into a major battle.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your over-the-top optimism could hijack your day if you believe that anything is possible. You can have an inspirational impact on others, but you may lose your effectiveness if you are unrealistically enthusiastic. You feel extremely adventurous and lean toward taking a risk, especially if it involves an impulsive attraction. But try not to confuse anyone with that twinkle in your eyes unless you know exactly what you're getting into.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



The events of the day may turn out to be a lot more complicated than you expected. Someone might try to change your course by pulling strings but you will likely see through the veiled attempts to control the situation. You're not amused by any hidden manipulations; you prefer to bring everything out into the open where reality is more manageable.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



A friend or relative might have an unexpected outburst that triggers your discomfort. The tension is exacerbated by the fact that you often grow anxious when you step out of the logical realms and into the irrational world of feelings. You can actually learn from your own illogical reactions, even if you aren't sure where they will lead. Don't blame anyone else for your emotional struggles.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Your top priority now is to hold onto your center of gravity so you don't float off into your dreamworld for the next couple of days. Thankfully, nothing needs to stop you from indulging in your fantasies while you continue to perform your mundane chores. Even if you wish you were doing something more creative, maintain the appearance of your normal routine.

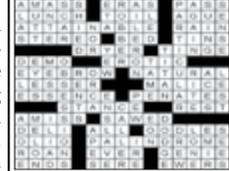
Across

1. Hints, 6. Unwanted email, 10. Maguery, 14. Mob, 15. Hawkeye State, 16. Anagram of "Crab", 17. Put up with, 18. Connection, 19. Fourth sign of the zodiac, 20. Remunerate, 22. Leer at, 23. Dispatched, 24. Maximum, 26. Biblical garden, 30. Card with one symbol, 31. Liveliness, 32. Unusual, 33. Bacterium, 35. Slash, 39. Stumble, 41. Relating to sight, 43. Electrical pioneer, 44. Sneaker or pump, 46. Stopper, 47. Sick, 49. Half of a pair, 50. Terminates, 51. Drag in mud, 54. Website addresses, 56. Decorative case, 57. Help, 63. Baby's bed, 64. Speaker's platform, 65. Territories, 66. Murder, 67. Sea eagle, 68. Butchers' offerings, 69. Satisfy, 70. Trailer trucks, 71. Analyze syntactically

Down

1. Blacken, 2. Part of the outer ear, 3. Relating to urine, 4. Cocoyam, 5. Appears, 6. Gun mufflers, 7. An indicator, 8. Barley beards, 9. Cosmetics, 10. Assistant, 11. Very slow in tempo, 12. Not written exams, 13. A common green newt, 21. Wampum, 25. Exam, 26. At one time (archaic), 27. A romantic meeting, 28. Historical periods, 29. Paltry, 34. Anagram of "Roominess", 36. Computer symbol, 37. Credit or playing, 38. Large North American deer (plural), 40. Effrontery, 42. Rinds, 45. Lodging, 48. Boss, 51. Packs of playing cards, 52. Courtyards, 53. Self-reproach, 55. Postage, 58. Indian dress, 59. District, 60. Close, 61. Felines, 62. Being.

Yesterday's Solution



average, behind, chirp, coals, corrode, crave, dangers, delay, dolt, dream, first, flesh, focus, frost, glass, less, lithium, native, objects, period, policy, press, rare, relay, retirement, rice, ride, seep, sleepy, string, sweat, tasks, think, tower, trails, trophy, twine, wench, wines, your.

