

Afghan Journos Sign Petition Seeking End to Impunity



KABUL - More than 150 Afghan journalists on Thursday signed a petition paper demanding an end to the culture of impunity for crimes against journalists.

Three years back, the United Nations chose November 2 as International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists following increased violence against media workers.

According to Afghanistan Journalists Center (AFJC), 73 journalists and media workers have been killed between 1994 and 2015 in Afghanistan and two Afghan journalists in Pakistan.

Fifty-seven percent of the victims, including 14 women, were Afghan nationals, the source said. Mirwais Jalil was the first journalist to be killed while returning from an interview with Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan leader, in Chahar Asiab district in 1994. Four years later of this incident, Taliban killed an IRNA journalist along with a number of diplomats in an attack in Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province.

Media and journalistic activities increased in Afghanistan after the US invasion in 2001, and so crimes against media workers.

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Over 50 Rebels Killed, Dozens Injured in Country-Wide Clashes



KABUL - Fifty-four militants have been killed during clashes with security forces in the past 24-hours, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Friday. The casualties inflicted on the insurgents in Nangarhar, Ghazni, Paktia, Kandahar, Zabol, Farah, Balkh, Jawzjan, Faryab, Kunduz, Baghlan and Helmand provinces, according to MoD statement. Twenty-five rebels were injured while three more were arrested. During the period, the Afghan Air Forces conducted 68 flights and hit rebels' hideouts in 16 different areas. The ministry did not say anything about the casualties of security forces, but the Taliban claimed inflicted losses to security forces in different parts of the country. *(Pajhwok)*

Uruzgan Women Still Give Kids Opium to Silence Them

TIRINKOT - Women in some areas of central Uruzgan province still feed their children opium to make them sleep, causing the infants serious damage, including death. Uruzgan is one of the provinces where poppy is widely cultivated. However, the illegal crop has also helped improved the economic situation of the people. Some families administer the drug to their children too. The counternarcotics department has conducted some public awareness programmes as part of a campaign against poppy cultivation. But the drive has been unproductive. ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

Bus Passengers Recall Horror of Parwan Fuel Tanker Inferno



KABUL - Six victims of Wednesday night's IED explosion against a fuel tanker in Parwan province are still in critical condition in Istiqlal Hospital in Kabul, officials confirmed Thursday. Ten of the 27 wounded were transferred to the Istiqlal Hospital while another 11 are still being treated in Parwan provincial hospital. Eight people were also killed in the incident which happened after a ...*(More on P4)...*(21)

2 Policemen Killed, 14 Rebels Held in Paghman Encounter

KABUL - Two policemen have been killed and 14 militants clad in military uniform arrested during a clash in the Paghman district of Kabul province, an official said on Friday. Addressing reporters Kabul Police Chief Lt. Gen. Mohammad Salem Ihsas 14 insurgents were held in the Tatai area of Paghman after a clash on Thursday evening. Kabul Garrison Commander Lt. Gen. Afzal Aman who was also present at the press briefing said the arrested militants were involved in subversive activities in the province. Eight EK-47 and military gears were recovered from the detained rebels, he added. Separately, unidentified gunmen have killed a driver and took his car in Kabul, said Ihsas. *(Pajhwok)*

Road, Canal Projects Put into Service in Laghman

JALALABD - Two projects - a road and a canal - were on Thursday put into service after their completion in eastern Laghman province, an official said. Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the road and the canal projects were completed with financial support of India in Deh Mazang area of Qarghai district. He said the schemes worth 11 million afghanis. Governor Abdul Jabar Naeemi, local authorities and public representatives attended the projects' inauguration ceremony. The governor said the schemes benefitted 7,000 inhabitants. "We are trying to implement such more projects in the province." *(Pajhwok)*

20 Taliban Dead in Ghazni, Paktika Clashes

SHARANA/GHAZNI - Twenty Taliban militants have been killed during overnight clashes with security forces in southeastern Paktika and southern Ghazni provinces, officials said on Thursday. Ten Taliban and two police were killed during a fire-fight last night in Tarmai area of Argun district in Paktika, provincial police chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Azim Hashmi said. He told Pajhwok Afghan News scores of militants were wounded in the clash that erupted after insurgents stormed security posts in the area. A resident of Tarmai area, Mujahid, said the clash between militants and security forces broke out late in the night and lasted four hours. He said he saw three bodies of policemen at the clash site in the morning. *(Pajhwok)*

Paktika Families Struggling with Crippling Dowries



SHARANA - High dowry demands often lead to disputes between families and coerce bridegrooms to travel to foreign countries for work to earn money. Agha Mohammad, a resident of Gomal district of southeastern Paktika province, told Pajhwok Afghan News that besides creating disputes among families, high dowries led to violence among couples. He said the 'bride price' in their district was 1.5 million afghanis (around \$22,000), an is-

sue responsible for most of post-marriage problems between the families of groom and bride. "A man in our village was engaged to a girl against 1.8 million Pakistani rupees as dowry. The man traveled to Iran to earn that money but he was killed by Iranian guards on the way. Habibullah, a resident of Zirok district, said dowry cost in Zirok, Gomal, Nika, Khushmand, ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

 Aries Your longing for emotional harmony prompts you to consider someone else's feelings prior to your own. But the stubborn Taurus Full Moon illuminates your 2nd House of Values, making it next to impossible to deny your core beliefs for the sake of tranquility. Nevertheless, it's possible to balance your drive for authenticity with your desire for excitement.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

 Taurus You're willing to go to extremes if you believe your behavior will lead to stability in a relationship. The pragmatic Taurus Full Moon brightens your 1st House of Self, giving you a chance to reflect on your fundamental needs. Although you want the emotional security that typically comes with a partnership, you might be afraid to reveal your more radical

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

 Gemini You know there are parts of your regular routine that no longer serve you well, but you don't want to lose the precious gains you've already made. However, your inner turmoil may not be obvious to those who only see your eagerness to participate in the fun. The Taurus Full Moon highlights your 12th House of Privacy, tempting you to simply keep your thoughts to yourself and wait until the storm blows over.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

 Cancer Your network of family and friends is your lifeline and you know you can rely on others when you need them. The Taurus Full Moon stabilizes your 11th House of Community, surrounding you with the emotional comfort you seek. Nevertheless, the relationship between your inner and outer worlds is tense now because of larger uncertainties from global, political and social spheres.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

 Leo Reflecting on your life purpose helps you clarify your current path. Although you want to share your plans with friends so they can support your efforts, you're not seeking their advice. The fixed Taurus Full Moon shines in your 10th House of Authority, encouraging you to take complete responsibility for deciding your place in the world.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

 Virgo Although you know the importance of being practical, you simultaneously feel as if you are somehow above mundane consideration today. The Taurus Full Moon emphasizes your 9th House of Higher Truth, shifting your focus from obtaining tangible results to considering philosophical contingencies. Nevertheless, you cannot avoid the cause-and-effect relationship between your behavior and reality.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

 Libra Simplifying your life sounds like a wonderful idea, but the complications of human emotions turn a casual interaction into a serious melodrama. The unavoidable Taurus Full Moon lands in your 8th House of Deep Sharing, inviting you to approach a conversation with unrestrained curiosity and an open mind.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

 Scorpio Someone may be so obstinate today about a trivial matter that you decide to make an end run around the issue to move past the conflict. However, your evasive tactics don't resolve the tension that's created by the single-minded Taurus Full Moon in your 7th House of Significant Others. An unconventional approach to finding a remedy is required since you are probably as resolute as your counterpart.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

 Sagittarius You just want to go about your chores today, uninterrupted by anyone else's agenda. The determined Taurus Full Moon settles into your 6th House of Logistics, encouraging you to make a plan and stick to it. Unfortunately, you may choose to ignore the presence of your friends who are insistent on including you in their shenanigans. Thankfully, a slight modification to your schedule might be all that's required for you to join the fun.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

 Capricorn The nice thing about being a hard worker is your ability to occasionally schedule well-deserved time off. The Taurus Full Moon invigorates your 5th House of Fun and Games, giving you the go-ahead to run wild while you can. Just remember that everything you do has consequences, even if you have good intentions.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

 Aquarius You like the idea of escaping from the status quo, if only to create a bit of excitement in your world. While others balk at the notion of chaos, it actually gives you the freedom to do what you want, unnoticed by everyone trying to regain a sense of order. Temporary domestic uncertainty doesn't rock your boat while the steadfast Taurus Full Moon anchors your 4th House of Home.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

 Pisces You don't want any surprises in your corner of the world today. The unwavering Taurus Full Moon floods your 3rd House of Communication, immersing you in a deluge of information that may or may not be of practical use. Nevertheless, you must assimilate the incoming data so you can make the necessary decisions about what to take or leave. Although you might attempt to employ logic to sort through the noise, ultimately relying on your intuition will bring the best results.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-60.

Across: 1. Provide, 6. Indian music, 10. Salt Lake state, 14. Past tense of "will", 15. Not odd, 16. 1 less than 10, 17. Tending to vanish like vapor, 19. Information, 20. Highly seasoned fatty sausage, 21. Born as, 22. At one time (archaic), 23. An ancient Assyrian city, 25. Low heavy horse carts, 26. Parsley or sage, 30. Time of the year, 32. Emit long loud cries, 35. Kit for a baby, 39. Farm fecal matter, 40. Adjusted, 41. Smiled contemptuously, 43. Breathing heavily, 44. Kind of shark, 46. A flexible pipe, 47. To scatter about, 50. Factions, 53. Protective ditch, 54. S, 55. 5 cent coin, 60. Leave out, 61. Opposition, 63. Express in words, 64. Burden, 65. Embellish, 66. Being, 67. Flower stalk, 68. Refute.

Down: 1. Female sheep (plural), 2. Exploded star, 3. Twofold, 4. Forearm bone, 5. Swelling under the skin, 6. Record (abbrev.), 7. Boulevard, 8. High ranking officer, 9. Kitty (poker), 10. Beneath, 11. Crown, 12. Jittery, 13. Warm, 18. Female sib, 24. South southeast, 25. Elder, 26. Monotonous sounds, 27. Dash, 28. Graphic symbol, 29. Bachelor's button, 31. Epic, 33. Shaft, 34. Adolescent, 36. Threesome, 37. Anagram of "Nets", 38. Border, 42. Objection, 43. Detachable container, 45. Kleenex, 47. Clobbered, 48. Volumes, 49. Train tracks, 51. N N N N, 52. Indian instrument, 54. God of love, 56. An abandoned calf, 57. A round handle, 58. Beige, 59. Gave temporarily, 62. Belief.

Yesterday's Solution

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ARA	LEVEE	DRYAD
TAOPOLES	BOIO	
TRWLS	SBAG	PAIE
RAMPS	DRAKE	BEN
OVALL	ERUBESCENT	
SODA	TONER	ALOE
EWER	APTLY	TEAR

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