

Int'l Court Cites Evidence of US-Led Forces Abusing Afghanistan Detainees

KABUL - Serious harm has been inflicted on detainees in Afghanistan, as they appear to have been subjected to physical and psychological abuse by US-led international forces in the country, a report from the International Criminal Court reveals. The latest report from the ICC's Office of the Prosecutor stems from several investigations into crimes committed by all sides of the conflict in Afghanistan since 2003, but reports issued in earlier years have been much more reserved in their allegations and assess-



ments of harm, Reuters reported. "The infliction of 'enhanced interrogation techniques'... would have caused serious physical and psychological injury," the report reads. This statement marks what some consider a new phase in the probe, and could make waves in the US, which is not a member of the ICC and has opposed it openly in the past. The report also notes that all inquiries conducted by the US on reported crimes by its soldiers in Afghanistan have borne no fruit: no perpetrators have been convicted and no high-profile... (More on P4)...(12)

15 Daesh Militants Killed in Nangarhar



JALALABAD - At least 15 Daesh militants were killed and seven others wounded in recent clashes with Afghan security forces in Achin district in Nangarhar province, officials said on Thursday. Provincial police chief spokesman Hazrat Husain Mashriqiwal confirmed the incident and said clearing operations in the district have been ongoing for the past six weeks and will continue until the area has been cleared of all Daesh insurgents. This comes after at least 32 Daesh militants were killed in an operation in the same district by Afghan National Security Force (ANSF) members last week. The latest operation was launched a few days ago in Achin district, said Haji GhalibMujahid, the district governor. Mujahid said a radio base station belonging to Daesh was also destroyed. He said the station had been a key communication point for the militants and their leaders in Iraq and Syria. Daesh is an extremist Islamic militant group that first emerged in war-weary Iraq and Syria. Their emergence in parts of Afghanistan was first noted a few months ago. (Tolnews)

Obama Awards Medal of Honor to Afghanistan Veteran

WASHINGTON - In August 2012 - on what he now calls the "worst day of my life" - Army Capt. FlorentGroberg was leading a security detail of American and Afghan soldiers as they escorted a brigade commander to a meeting with an Afghan leader in the Kunar Province in Afghanistan. By the end of the day he had wrestled a suicide bomber to the ground, an act for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor Thursday. He is the tenth living recipient of the nation's highest military award who served in Iraq or Afghanistan. Groberg spotted the attacker walking backward away from the group he was guarding and sprinted forward to tackle him along with another soldier in the security detail, Sgt. Andrew Mahoney. When he noticed the bomb under his clothing, he and Mahoney pushed the man further away from the group and to the ground, where the bomb exploded. "Flo says that day was the worst day of his life," Mr. Obama said at the ceremony Thursday. "That is the stark reality behind these Medal of Honor ceremonies. For all the valor we celebrate, all the courage that inspires us, these actions demanded amid some of the most dreadful moments of war. That's precisely why we honor heroes like Flo, because on his very worst day, he managed to summon his very best." Groberg was thrown 15 feet in the air and knocked unconscious. When he woke up, he recounted to CBS News Pentagon Correspondent David Martin in an interview, ... (More on P4)...(14)

18 Migrants Die as Boat Sinks

ANKARA - Eighteen migrants, among them at least seven children, drowned Wednesday when their boats sank off Turkey's Aegean coast while trying to make the short but perilous crossing to Greece, the latest fatalities in Europe's refugee crisis. In the deadliest incident, the coastguard said it recovered the bodies of 14 people from a wooden boat which was heading from the western province of Canakkale to the Greek island of Lesbos when it crashed into rocks and took on water. Another four perished



when their vessel sank off the coast of Izmir, a province further south, the coastguard said. "Must there be another Aylan for the world to wake up? Humanity is watching from the sidelines," President RecepTayyip Erdogan said on hearing of the latest tragedies. He was referring to three-year-old Syrian refugee AylanKurdi, whose body was pictured washed up on a Turkish beach in ... (More on P4)...(13)

US Precision Kunduz Bombing Designed to 'Spare no one': Advocacy Group

WASHINGTON - The US air campaign that destroyed a Doctors Without Borders (MSF) hospital in Afghanistan was likely designed to kill everyone inside to ensure intended targets were eliminated, Afghan Peace Volunteers Co-Founder Dr. Hakim, also known as Wee Teck Young, told Sputnik. On October 3, the MSF trauma hospital in Kunduz, accommodating some 200 people at the time, was hit by a series of US airstrikes, ... (More on P4)...(15)

Qatar to Reconstruct Quake-Damaged Houses in Nangarhar

KABUL - Qatari government announced Thursday to reconstruct houses damaged in recent earthquake in three districts of eastern Nangarhar province. Abdul WahabShirzad, head of the Natural Disaster Department of Nangarhar province said an agreement has been signed with the Red Cross of Qatar to reconstruct earthquake-damaged homes in Behsood, Rodat and Kama districts. Shirzad said around \$10 million have been allocated for the project and would be used through an organized plan. 7.5 magnitude earthquake jolted Afghanistan on 26 October damaging thousands of homes and leaving at least 600 people killed and wounded. The heavy hit areas were Nangarhar, Badakhshan, Kunar, Laghman and Takhar provinces. People have been in desperate need of assistance but the process of delivering aid to them has been very slow in the cold and chilly weather. (KP)

Mother of Shukria Unaware of Her Daughter's Death

KABUL - Shukria a 9-year-old girl who was among the Zabul Seven beheaded recently by Daesh militants was on her way to Pakistan with family members when she was abducted last month along with the other victims. The victims had been traveling along the Zabul - Ghazni highway when abducted by insurgents. Among those killed were two women and the girl. According to the child's devastated father,



Ramazan, his daughter's death has been kept secret from her mother. He said his wife is ill and has not yet been informed of her death. Ramazan said his wife is clinging to the hope of her daughter being alive, being rescued and returning home. (Tolnews)

Two Suicide Bombers Killed in VBIED Explosion



KABUL - Two suicide bombers have been killed in a Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) explosion in Paktika province. The incident took place outside the office of the governor of Sarobi District Wednesday afternoon. Spokesperson for the governor of Paktika province said that police had received information about a possible suicide attack in Sarobi District. According to Nabiullah-Peerkhil, when two suicide bombers driving a Surf vehicle "laden with explosives" tried to target the office of the districtChief but police suspected the vehicle and stop it. Peerkhil said when the vehicle did not stop, police fired at it and a huge explosion occurred leaving both of the suicide attackers killed. He said one policeman also sustained injuries and windows of the governor's office shattered in the blast. Taliban spokesman Mujahid said the attack was planned by them and that government has suffered heavy casualties in the explosion. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You might cling to a very practical notion about relationships today, along with an ambitious action plan to get what you want. Unfortunately, you may discover you need an entirely new strategy to manifest your dreams once you shift into gear. Admitting that you're wrong could prove to be a real challenge until you realize how much energy you're expending by trying to keep an old fantasy alive.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Knowing where you stand is essential because you like to have your feet on steady ground prior to building on it. However, your need for certainty could become a real showstopper, since nothing is as clear as it seems today. Your confusion creates obstacles as the day progresses, adding to your discomfort. It's wise to make an important decision as soon as possible.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your schedule is as complicated as your thought process while the Moon trines ingenious Uranus today. Unfortunately, you're also quite likely to suffer from poor time management skills now, which can seriously mess with your schedule. Although you may be a touch forgetful, the real problem is that your energy is just spread too thin once again. Stop making unnecessary commitments.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Gauging someone's reaction to your words is difficult now, no matter how confident you feel about your message. You may be anxious to take dramatic action on a lingering issue that has reached a tipping point. But as you make your move, you suddenly realize you can't tell if you're creating the impact you want.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You are quite pleased with your performance once others acknowledge your creative approach. However, your ability to express what's in your heart doesn't require anyone else's approval; your justification comes from within. Running through old scripts of what you wish you did or didn't do isn't very useful now. This intellectual chatter only clutters your mind with uncertainty or regret.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You are a master of logic, but you could make a poor decision today if you rely on your head and not your heart. Your thoughts are bent out of shape by your desires now, making it pointless to employ any form of rationalization. Instead, let your emotions take you on the scenic route; you might not arrive at your destination on time, but you will experience more joy on the ride without the misleading noise of your monkey mind.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

A casual friendship may have the chance to be strengthened while your key planet Venus forms a supportive sextile with stabilizing Saturn. However, your desires can run into a wall if you try too hard to force something to happen. Luckily, there's really nothing you have to do but flirt gently with your limits and keep the possibilities alive. If you play your cards right.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are fascinated by your fantasies of fame and fortune, but you prefer to keep your dreams under wraps. Unfortunately, your motives may be apparent today, challenging you to hide what you do from those who might pass judgment on you. Fortunately, your associates are more understanding than you think; there's no reason to keep your world compartmentalized now.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Dreaming about an upcoming journey can be very distracting today. Nevertheless, it's not such a great idea to finalize your travel plans because you could be limited by real world constraints. Rather than trying to make sensible choices now, you're tempted to listen to larger-than-life Jupiter and go for the grand gesture. Of course, a trip across town isn't the same thrill as hiking through the high peaks of Tibet.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

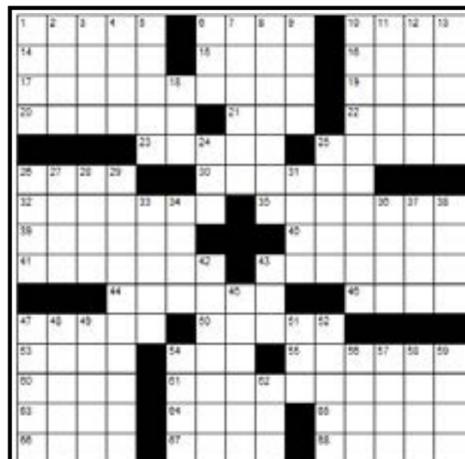
Your career plans fall into place today as people rally to join in your cause. However, you're oddly overtaken by a strong impulse to attend to the most basic chores now, like paying bills or doing laundry. Unfortunately, you might not possess the sufficient concentration to follow through on a boring task. Instead of starting something that you're not going to finish.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Normally, you're determined to stick to your agenda, but someone can distract you from your destination today. You can't help but be inspired when a friend or colleague's endeavor catches your eye. Nevertheless, your ability to recognize what's most productive helps to motivate you to spread your wings. You must learn to trust your flashes of intuition and observe where your attractions pull you.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You need to be clear about your priorities or your best intentions could be sidetracked by a simple twist of fate. Solid preparation and consistent execution of your plan is mandatory, but still may not be enough to avoid an unexpected surprise. Fortunately, being derailed off course can ultimately work to your advantage by creating anxiety, flooding your system with adrenaline and heightening your perceptions.



Across

1. Make into law, 6. Baroque composer, 10. Part of a comparison, 14. Pertaining to the moon, 15. River of Spain, 16. Vagabond, 17. Prodigious, 19. Hawaiian strings, 20. Ancient ascetic, 21. Utilize, 22. Distribute, 23. An Italian woman of rank, 25. Gulf, 26. Not, closed, 30. Mammary glands of bovids, 32. Stronghold, 35. Voter, 39. Withstand, 40. Relating to the sea, 41. Celebrated, 43. Gist, 44. Impart knowledge, 46. Seven days, 47. Sheriff's group, 50. Estimate, 53. Sly, 54. F, 55. A narrow channel of the sea, 60. 53 in Roman numerals, 61. Variation, 63. Black, in poetry, 64. Small island, 65. Consumed, 66. Make melodious sounds, 67. Not we, 68. Hand joint.

Down

1. If not, 2. Cashews and almonds, 3. Rectum, 4. Superhero accessory, 5. Inclination, 6. What we sleep on, 7. Be plentiful, 8. Campaign, 9. A flexible pipe, 10. Instrument of torture, 11. Contrived, 12. Assists, 13. Snouts, 18. Prefix meaning "Modern", 24. Cashew or almond, 25. Districts, 26. Mining finds, 27. Confined, 28. Cocoyam, 29. Nutritious, 31. Shade trees, 33. Pee, 34. Meat from cows, 36. Prong, 37. A single time, 38. Stink, 42. Grind, 43. An uncle, 45. A strip of pleated material, 47. Loses color, 48. Small African antelope, 49. Descendant, 51. South southeast, 52. Scatter, 54. Modify, 56. Back, 57. Against, 58. Frosts, 59. Canvas dwelling, 62. Effeminate.

Yesterday's Solution



beep, blast, brush, charge, crown, describe, dwell, enact, enjoy, flame, forget, grade, grief, guilt, hope, impact, lens, liable, month, museum, negate, nobody, poise, ream, resolve, result, rumor, scold, serve, slate, soars, spurt, stare, stick, stipple.

