

Wiki Leaks Offers Reward for Video of Kunduz Hospital Bombing

KABUL - WikiLeaks has offered a reward of \$50,000 for any footage or cockpit audio from the US warplane that bombed a Doctors Without Borders hospital in the Afghan city of Kunduz. "We are raising a \$50,000 bounty to obtain the footage, the cockpit audio, the inquiry report and other relevant materials such as the Rules of Engagement active at the time," Wikileaks wrote on its website. On October 3, a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Kunduz was repeatedly bombed by a US AC-130 gunship, leading to the deaths of 22 patients and staff. "The AC-130 records its attacks with high resolution gun cameras," Wikile-



aks said in its statement. "According to military procedure, this footage should have been retained along with the cockpit audio. A post-massacre inquiry report referred to as an 'AR 15-6' should have also been commissioned." Washington has admitted responsibility for the bombing, saying that the hospital was hit "mistakenly." On Wednesday, President Barack Obama called Doctors Without Borders International's president, Dr. Joanne Liu, on the phone "to apologize and express his condolences for the MSF staff and patients." Doctors Without Borders have urged an independent ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Kunduz Families Return Home, Recount their Nightmare



KABUL - Scores of families that fled the embattled city of Kunduz last week have slowly started to return home after insurgents were pushed back to the outskirts of the city. Recounting their nightmare, many families said they had never experienced such anguish and fear as they had these past 10 days. 74-year-old Mira Jan, who like hundreds of other residents spent days and nights out in the open, said he never wanted to go through the same ordeal again. However he said he was not deterred by the situation and would face anything for the sake of his country. "We want security we want security," he said, thanking the security forces for enabling them to return. Meanwhile, some other residents complained about the price of basic food products that has skyrocketed and have appealed for help, especially for those left homeless as a result of 11 days of fierce battles. "One piece of bread is being sold for 40 Afghanis. Everyone is destitute. Families have been dispersed, some are in one place and some others in another place," a Kunduz ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Pentagon Giving up on Building new Syrian Rebel Force

LONDON - The U.S. is abandoning its goal of training a new force of moderate Syrian rebels and will focus on equipping and supporting established rebel groups already fighting against the Islamic State group inside Syria, officials said Friday. The change, which has not yet been officially announced, reflects the failure of the current approach, which has produced only a handful of combat-ready moderate rebels and drawn widespread criticism in Congress. Officials briefed on the new approach said it



would focus heavily on equipping and enabling established Kurdish and Arab rebel groups rather than recruiting and vetting a new cadre of moderate rebels, training them at camps in Turkey and Jordan and re-inserting them

US to Release an Afghan Detainee from Guantanamo

KABUL - According to local officials in Washington, the United States will free an Afghan prisoner and sent home to Afghanistan from Guantanamo jail. Muhammad Kamin, the Afghan prisoner has been a prisoner in Guantanamo last eleven years. Sources said that Kamin was arrested in eastern Afghanistan alleged to have relationship with Al-Qaeda group and Taliban in 2004. However, Kamindenied the charges against him which have not been proved so far. Committee on US National security, which has been formed to investigate the cases of Guantanamo detainees, has decided to release Kamin in the near future. US media outlets have also reported that, the committee has not been received any evidence link to the relationship between Kamin and Al-Qaeda group. According to the United States Department of Defense, it held more than two hundred Afghan detainees in Guantanamo prior to May 15, 2006. They had been captured and classified as enemy combatants in warfare following the US and allies invasion of ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Taliban Rapes Girls at Hostel after Kunduz Attack

KABUL - Military officials in northern Kunduz province have claimed that Taliban militants raped girls at a hostel after attacking the Kunduz city facility. The officials also claim that the insurgents, after entering other areas of the city, carried out the same atrocity against female residents and killed some of their victims. TOLONews reporter, Wali Arian who has visited the hostel, says insurgents also destroyed the hostel building. He says that after entering the hostel, the Taliban reportedly raped a number of girls who were there at the time. Sayed Iqbal Sadat, an army officer, said: "Some girls were remaining here and the residents confirmed that such a thing had happened." Wali Arian meanwhile says that nothing at the hostel has been left untouched by the Taliban - not even the girls' religious books. Some officials say that a number of girls were also killed by insurgents at the hostel. "We received information from our intelligence sources that girls were killed but we have not seen anybody to confirm it," another army officer Mohammad SafdarAndarabi said. Army officials believe that a modus operandi of the Taliban is to destroy everything in their wake. Army commander, Ahmad Habibi, said: "Unfortunately, what the Taliban are doing now are all against the Islamic teachings." Kunduz city was captured by the Taliban 10 days ago but was later retaken by Afghan security forces after they started a large scale clearance operation. (Tolonews)

Aid Workers, Civilians will Bear the Brunt after MSF Hospital Bombing



NEW DELHI - Afghan aid workers and civilians will suffer the most after the deadly U.S. bombing of a hospital run by the charity Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) in the northern city of Kunduz, experts said on Friday. At least 22 patients and MSF staff were killed on Saturday when a U.S. aircraft attacked the hospital during fighting between Afghan government troops and Taliban forces. MSF, which wants an independent international probe into the airstrike, says it has withdrawn its staff from Kunduz and is reviewing all its operations in Afghanistan "to carefully weigh the safety and security of staff and patients." "MSF's decision to withdraw (from Kunduz), which is unfortunate but completely understandable, could have catastrophic consequences for civilians in the broader region," said Michael Kugelman, senior program associate for South Asia at the Woodrow Wilson Center. "There are medical facilities in Kunduz and ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

'Say No to Plastic Bags' Campaign Launched

KABUL - A number of activists on Thursday launched an anti-plastic bag campaign and distributed cotton bags to bakeries in Kabul city. The activists chanting slogans of "thanks, we don't want plastic" took their campaign to the streets of Kabul. They said their campaign is aimed at preventing diseases which are transferred via such bags

and to control pollution in the city. Organizers of the campaign suggest people use cotton and paper bags instead of plastic ones. Zahra Yagana, head of Rangin Kaman (Rainbow) Network said: "We were thinking about such a campaign for several months but after assessing the situation we found that plastic bags are used widely in Afghanistan therefore it

should be stopped to prevent pollution and other problems which it creates." Meanwhile bakery workers praised the initiative and called on the public to stop using the bags. "We will not use plastic bags. We use at least 400 bags every day but after this we will use cotton and paper bags as they are better for our health," said a ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Insurgents Kill Two People at Kabul Restaurant

KABUL - Kabul police chief on Friday night confirmed that two suicide bombers who wanted to target KolbahSolh Restaurant in the western part of Kabul were killed by security forces. However, the attackers managed to shoot dead a security guard and a restaurant patron before being gunned down, said the police chief. (Tolonews)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Lowering your defenses isn't all that easy because people may seem verbally aggressive for no reason today. Conversations might get stuck in the middle of nowhere while messenger Mercury stops to turn direct in your 7th House of Relationships. However, your heightened sensitivity might provoke you to misinterpret someone's friendly advice as criticism of your position.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Your thoughts are so singularly focused on the details of a project today that you can lose sight of the overall picture. Although your undivided attention to little things might go unnoticed, it could actually save the day. Nevertheless, you may drive others crazy with your unforgiving perfectionism now. Remember, progress will become more obvious as clever Mercury gains momentum in the days.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your friends may not offer you the support you expected today, but their concerns are probably for your own good. It's not that there's anything wrong with your ideas; it's just your enthusiasm might be distorting your sense of proportion. Whatever commitments you make now will need to be scaled back in the days ahead. Remember, your good intentions won't necessarily overrule any laws of nature.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You might believe you have to justify your existence today, but living up to someone else's expectations isn't as important now as being true to yourself. Instead of rushing ahead and impulsively trying to make everyone feel more comfortable, let others take responsibility for themselves. Of course, you can still act with kindness.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You could run around in circles chasing your tail today, yet end up feeling like you didn't accomplish anything at all. Trickster Mercury's direct turn in your 3rd House of Immediate Environment keeps you busy with one distraction after another. Nevertheless, you can reduce your frustration by simply considering the consequences before you start moving in multiple directions.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Be careful what solutions you are selling today because you might easily convince someone that you know what's best, even if you don't. You are so sure of your logic you could even make a snap decision about buying something you don't need. Ask someone you trust for advice, rather than just defending your choices. But soliciting another opinion is only the first step; you must actually listen to the feedback you receive before you finalize a purchase.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



It's time to get to work and set things right, especially if you didn't accomplish all that you intended over the past three weeks while chatty Mercury retrograded in your sign. You're finished talking about what you need to do; today you must deliver the goods. Don't fall prey to someone else's harsh judgment or your own self-criticism. Your words are influential, but ultimately, it's your actions that count the most.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Although your fantasies have led you into new territory, spinning your wheels of logic helps you untangle a sticky situation today. You are in a time of transition now that rational Mercury is turning direct in your 12th House of Imagination. Whatever you do, don't give up if the answers to complex questions are not readily apparent.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You might feel as if you recently received the bad end of a deal. It appears that others are getting off easy now while you are paying the price for your hasty decision. But don't worry about past mistakes since talkative Mercury finally ends its retrograde phase today, enabling you to express yourself with a newfound clarity. Think first and then say exactly what's on your mind.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You aren't as overwhelmed as everyone else seems today, even though your feelings are bouncing around in the changing tides, too. You possess a sound sense of your career path, yet aren't surprised by the current resistance you encounter. Calmly observing your reactions to someone who tries to exert their authority is more constructive than responding impulsively now and regretting it later.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You may have watched your plans fall apart in slow motion as circumstances changed substantially over the past three weeks. Thankfully, mischievous Mercury is done with its retrograde through your 9th House of Big Ideas and today's turnaround can send you off in an exciting new direction. It might take a few days to capture a precise picture of what went wrong and to formulate a successful strategy.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You are itching for forward movement as you put a rather ambitious plan into motion. However, it may be more difficult than you imagined to get along with others now, especially if their goals are vastly different from yours. Unfortunately, your current impatience won't help the situation improve any faster. Luckily, you should excel at your endeavors over the next few days as your thinking grows sharper.

Across

1. Pit, 6. Swear, 10. Does something, 14. Eccentric, 15. "Do others...", 16. Bucket, 17. Paging, 19. Within, 20. Stop the flow of a liquid, 21. Female sib, 22. A young male horse, 23. Mayhem, 25. Ridges of sand, 26. Expect and wish, 30. Hard glossy coating, 32. Not precise, 35. Milky, 39. Lacking neatness, 40. Sullenly, 41. The junction between two neurons, 43. A breed of dog, 44. Skin pattern, 46. Being, 47. Knot, 50. Sea eagles, 53. Hindu princess, 54. Genus of macaws, 55. Not complex, 60. Bright thought, 61. Resembling incest, 63. Sediment, 64. Shopping center, 65. Take forcibly, 66. Tall woody plant, 67. Toboggan, 68. Cheerful.

Down

1. Austrian peaks, 2. Ship, 3. Eastern discipline, 4. Whirl, 5. Phase, 6. Slice, 7. Occurring together, 8. Impassive, 9. Male offspring, 10. Beekeeping, 11. Religious law, 12. Name of a book, 13. Small slits, 18. «Eureka!», 24. Animal doctor, 25. Style of interior furnishings, 26. Snake sound, 27. Unique, 28. Hireling, 29. Refugee, 31. Fabricated, 33. Dismay, 34. Vesicle, 36. Twin sister of Ares, 37. Beers, 38. Stringed instrument, 42. Continuing forever 2,000.43 pounds, 45. Seer, 47. Grain to be ground, 48. Lowest point, 49. Anoint (archaic), 51. S. 52. A stomach exercise, 54. Goals, 56. Cogitate, 57. Decant, 58. Lie in wait, 59. Catch a glimpse of, 62. A late time of life.

Yesterday's Solution

account, adopt, adventure, animal, association, beige, bode, breath, brink, bunny, cheer, cull, decent, demand, door, douse, duels, dust, energy, family, flood, funny, gale, gantry, honey, mode, mush, nutrient, pens, promiscuous.

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