

Some 7,000 Sign Petition to Hold Independent Inquiry into Kunduz Attack

MOSCOW - More than 7,000 people signed a petition to launch an independent investigation into a deadly attack of Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, the CODEPINK nongovernmental organization said on Monday. US President Barack Obama, right is applauded by Nobel Committee Chairman Thorbjorn Jagland after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize during a ceremony in the Main Hall of Oslo City Hall in Oslo, Norway. (File) US airstrikes on the hospital



killed 22 people, including MSF staff and 3 children, and wounded dozens more on October 3. CODEPINK classified the attack as a war crime and called on US authorities to hold an independent investigation. The petition called for repairing the destroyed hospital infrastructure, providing health care for the wounded and giving compensation to families of those killed or injured in the attack. The Doctors Without Borders hospital is seen in flames, after ... (More on P4)... (13)

Five Coalition Soldiers Killed in Kabul Helicopter Crash



KABUL - At least five coalition soldiers were killed in a military helicopter crash in a non-hostile incident Sunday at the NATO base in Kabul, the Resolute Support Mission said in a statement. In addition, five other soldiers were injured. The statement did not give the nationalities of those killed and injured, all of them NATO personnel. But the British Defense Ministry said two Royal Air Force members were among those killed when the Puma Mk 2 helicopter crashed while landing at the headquarters of the NATO Resolute Support Mission, which is training Afghan security forces. The Resolute Support Mission statement said the helicopter crashed due to a non-hostile incident around 4:15 p.m. Sunday at Camp Resolute Support. The alliance said the incident is under investigation, but did not provide further details. (Tolnews)

Turning Gun on Media: Taliban Warn Attacks TV Channels

KABUL - Taliban have warned attacks on 1TV and Tolo private TV channels operating from Kabul with sub offices and reporters in a number of provinces. A statement published on Taliban website accuses the two TV channels for propagating against them. "Tolo and 1 TV channels are spearheads among these propaganda networks tasked with promoting the intellectual, cultural and information invasion of the infidels in Afghanistan. These networks with the complete backing of the Americans ridicule our religious and cultural norms, encourage obscenity and lewdness, inject the minds of youth with dangerous substances such as irreligiosity, immorality, violence, gambling, intermixing and profanity and specifically spread propaganda filled with hate and open enmity against Jihad and Mujahideen." The press release stated. It warns that 1TV and Tolo are now military objectives for Taliban. "The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan from now onwards does not recognize Tolo and 1 TV channels as media outlets but designates them as military objectives due to their disrespectful and hostile actions towards the Afghan Mujahid nation." "Henceforth no employee, anchor, ... (More on P4)... (14)

Normalcy Limping Back to Kunduz City; Price Hike Persists

KUNDUZ CITY - The capital of northern Kunduz province has returned to normalcy after two weeks of fighting, but residents complain against soaring prices of essential commodities and possible insurgent attacks. Two weeks back, hundreds of Taliban militants stormed the strategic city from various directions, capturing the town after a few hours of clashes with the security forces. But the city was purged of insurgents gradually and peace had been restored to most parts. Shops have reopened,



but residents continue face problems and the authorities have failed to address their concerns. Some people say a large number of inhabitants come out of their houses without any fear. There is no immediate threat from the rebels. Mohammad Rassoul, 45, has eight family. He claims many are faced with lack of food items because they have ... (More on P4)... (15)

Turkish PM Blames Ankara Bombing on Islamic State

ANKARA - The Islamic State (IS) group is the prime suspect in the Ankara bombings that killed nearly 100 on Saturday, Turkish PM Ahmet Davutoglu said. No group has said it carried out the attack, but the government believes that two male suicide bombers caused the explosions, hitting a peace rally. The official death toll is 97, but one of the main groups at the march put the number of dead at 128. The funerals of more of the victims are taking place on Monday. Saturday's twin explosions ripped through a crowd of activists outside the main railway station in the Turkish capital. They were due to take part in a rally calling for an end to the violence between Turkish government forces and the militant Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). There is anger in Turkey that authorities were unable to prevent such a major attack - and some scepticism from opposition groups about the government's claims. Mr Davutoglu said authorities were close to identifying one of the suicide bombers, using DNA tests, and that this would help to pinpoint which group was responsible. He had previously said that IS, the PKK and far-left groups were all capable of such an attack. Some local media have implicated the brother of a man who carried out an IS bombing in the southern border town of Suruc in July, which killed ... (More on P4)... (17)

UNAMA Staffer Killed in Kandahar

KABUL - The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has confirmed that a female member of its staff was assassinated in the southern city of Kandahar on Monday. According to UNAMA, the circumstances of the incident are under investigation. "The mission expresses its sorrow at the loss of a colleague and its first thoughts are with her family," said UNAMA



in a statement. Local officials confirmed that the woman was an Afghan national who was a medical doctor employed by UNAMA. Officials said a number of unknown gun ... (More on P4)... (16)

ANA Chopper Crashes in Bamyan

BAMYAN - An Afghan National Army helicopter has crashed in Bamyan province on Monday. Initial reports suggest that two people have been killed and five others wounded in the incident. Deputy Governor of Bamyan province said that the helicopter crashed due to technical error in Fawlati area. Asif Mubaligh said that militants did not have hand in the incident. (KP)

ANSF Kill Taliban Deputy Governor for Farah

FARAH CITY - Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) have killed Mullah Ibrahim Shiwani, the shadow deputy governor of Taliban for western Farah province. Abdul Rawouf Rahmani, spokesman for Afghan National Army (ANA) in Farah province said on Monday that commando units have been conducting operations against Taliban in Bala Balook District from the past three days. He said yesterday during a raid in Shiwan area 15 Taliban were killed including Mullah Shiwan. Rahmani confirmed that four ANA soldiers have also sustained injuries during these operations. Taliban have not commented on the report but it comes as the district has been witnessing severe clashes between security forces and the militant group. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You are ready to let go of your personal agenda now that the even-tempered Libra New Moon falls in your 7th House of Partnerships. Paradoxically, the likelihood of receiving support for your impetuous behavior increases when you distance yourself from others. Nevertheless, you could end up frustrated if you believe that you can happily exist in your dreamworld alone.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

A coworker may present you with a complicated conundrum that eludes immediate resolution. Thankfully, the fair-minded Libra New Moon pacifies your 6th House of Employment, enabling you to emotionally detach yourself from the unresolved situation. You might not be able to fix the problem today, but you can't set it aside, either.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Wrestling with your own feelings isn't always the simplest thing to do; it's even more challenging when you're dealing with someone else's erratic emotions. Luckily, you can smoothly skate over this bumpy territory because the Libra New Moon's presence in your 5th House of Fun and Games allows you to maintain a playful attitude. But stress won't drop out of sight just because it's inconvenient for you.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Taking a sentimental journey through your personal history isn't new behavior for you nostalgic Crabs, but the reflective Libra New Moon's emphasis on your 4th House of Roots raises issues that you might not have considered yet. Thankfully, you are in a positive frame of mind today, making it easier to handle the emotional complexities that arise now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although you believe you know what's best for you, today's accommodating Libra New Moon highlights your 3rd House of Communication, encouraging you to also consider the needs of others. But don't allow your current enthusiasm to trick you into thinking everything will turn out fine just because you're feeling generous. Although you might not normally be so dependent on anyone else.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You must make a significant decision about your finances now, yet it's challenging to reach a definitive conclusion while the ambivalent Libra New Moon influences your 2nd House of Money. You may waste time wavering back and forth today, unable to finalize your choice. However, it's not helpful to be too self-critical. Wait a couple of days to see where the new wave of energy carries you before committing one way or the other.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're eager to put your new intentions into constructive action, but first you need to express your desires clearly enough to create the impact you want. Thankfully, the strategic Libra New Moon occurs in your 1st House of Personality, triggering a sudden break from your past mistakes. Although focusing your thoughts on a specific goal can set you into motion.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're often a champion at keeping secrets, but something you are hiding could spell trouble now. Although the friendly Libra New Moon creeps into your 12th House of Privacy, you yearn to tell someone what you know. However, you won't likely spill the beans if it means going back on your word. This dilemma is stressful if you believe there's no right course of action.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Even if your social calendar is chaotic, the energy shifts when the artistic Libra New Moon rattles your 11th House of Long-Term Goals. You're marching to the beat of a different drummer now as you begin to pull away from the crowd. Although stress is exacerbated by awkward relationship dynamics, you still can continue to be true to yourself. Your interpersonal dance grows more fulfilling as you take care of your own needs first.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You're taking your professional obligations to heart while the diplomatic Libra New Moon is busy activating your 10th House of Social Status. Your career objectives are accentuated, but it isn't wise to pile more busy work onto your full plate today. Accept additional tasks only after you weigh and balance the pros and cons of having to fulfill another promise.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your excitement grows as you anticipate new ways to widen your world view when the creative Libra New Moon lands in your 9th House of Big Ideas. You're inspired to make a decision now about a new course of study to expand your horizons. But don't limit yourself to work-related subjects because it is time to break out of your rut by exploring a totally different universe.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your sensitivity to someone's emotions is the key that opens a door to intimacy while the lovely Libra New Moon strengthens your 8th House of Deep Sharing. However, there is no need for worry because your intuitive compass will prevent you from getting lost in uncharted waters. Fortunately, you can maintain clear boundaries today, even while diving into the unexplored shadows of an evolving relationship.



Across

1. Slave, 5. Winged, 10. Box, 14. Not under, 15. A ring-shaped surface, 16. Ripped, 17. Broad, 18. Transliterate, 20. Splashed, 22. Spray can, 23. Ancient unit of measure, 24. Decorative jugs, 25. Money paid out, 32. garde, 33. Type of mushroom, 34. Make a copy of a recording, 37. Purges, 38. Speedy, 39. Not there, 40. Female sib, 41. Start, 42. Not fluid, 43. Self-centered people, 45. Relative of a giraffe, 49. Dawn goddess, 50. A porch, 53. Bad-mouth, 57. Vengeful punishment, 59. It comes from cows, 60. Focusing glass, 61. Area of South Africa, 62. Type of sword, 63. Kill, 64. Sedimentary rock, 65. Recent events.

Down

1. Scatters seeds, 2. Wicked, 3. Start over, 4. Washes up, 5. Be present at, 6. A titled peer of the realm, 7. Genus of macaws, 8. Bluefin, 9. Being, 10. To scatter about, 11. Composure, 12. Bower, 13. Bobbins, 19. Angler's basket, 21. Clue, 25. Hearing organs, 17. 26 in Roman numerals, 27. Cushions or mats, 28. Insect stage, 29. Subject, 30. Pee, 31. Scarlet, 34. Sandwich shop, 35. Relating to urine, 36. What we sleep on, 38. Regulation (abbrev.), 39. Equestrians, 41. Existence, 42. Cease, 44. Get cozy, 45. Ellipses, 46. A sturdy belaying pin, 47. Drome, 48. Large-flowered garden plant, 51. Lairs, 52. Nursemaid, 53. A Freudian stage, 54. Fully developed, 55. Killed, 56. Anagram of «Seek».

Yesterday's Solution



after, ahead, airplane, asteroid, banter, bleed, caper, cheer, damage, dear, drink, entertain, ethical, fair, fault, grave, grog, honor, horror, image, larva, legal, lies, loaf, malt, mean, meditation, message, mongrel, ogle, operate, paragraph.

