Military Solution to War in Afghanistan Ruled out

PESHAWAR - The ongoing conflict in Afghanistan cannot be resolved through military means alone, says a senior Pakistani military official.

Islamabad and Kabul would continue to work hard for peace in Afghanistan, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) chairman told a London audience.

"Pakistan has tried and will try its best to partner with all forces towards reconciliation between various factions so that there is peace and stability inside Afghanistan," he said.

Gen. Zubair Mahmood Hayat warned outside formulas were unlikely to yield positive results and Afghanistan itself could best deal with its domestic problems.

The gathering was also attended by senior officers of the British armed forces and members of defence think-tanks, according to The News International.

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A peaceful and stable Afghanistan was in the best interest of Pakistan, ***...(More on P4)...(13)***

Illegal Armed Men Destabilises Takhar: Residents

TAKHAR - Illegal armed men in Taloqan, the capital of northern Takhar province and most of its districts have created problems for people and destabilized the local government, local residents said.

Nasir Ahmad, a resident of Chahab district of the province, told Pajhwok Afghan News many irresponsible armed groups had been appeared in the province, who were harassing and killing people as well disrupting security situation.

Activities of such groups affects the sovereignty of the government and created security problems for the public, he said.

"Some of illegal armed gangs have built their own government in some areas, they are involved in killing people and looting as well as in internal disputes, they also hold trials about murder cases and kill those who violate their decisions," he said.

He said that many people had been killed as result of clashes between illegal armed groups and their increasing activities in the area. However, Ahmad did not name anyone.

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Civilians Among 5 Killed in Nangarhar Operation

JALALABAD - Two Taliban commanders and three civilians have been killed in an Afghan Special Forces operation in Lalpora district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said Sunday.

The operation was launched in Beli area of the district on Saturday night, Ghalib Mujahid, the district administrative chief told Pajhwok Afghan News.He said a Taliban commander, Liaqat and his deputy were killed when a house was raided by Afghan Special Forces. Three civilians were also killed and three militants injured in the incident, he added.

However, he said the civilians were killed in Taliban gunfire. Some of weapons belonged to the militants also destroyed in the operation.

Afghan forces suffered no casualties in militants' exchange of firing, Mujahid said.Taliban did not comment yet on the incident. (Pajhwok)

Senior Taliban Leaders Among Several Dead in Airstrikes

KABUL - A series of airstrikes targeted the Taliban insurgents in central Maidan Wardak province of Afghanistan, located close to capital Kabul, leaving several dead, including some of their senior commanders.

The provincial police commandment in a statement said the airstrikes were carried out in the past 24 hours in the vicinity of Salman Fars area located in the central parts of the province.

The statement further added that twelve Taliban insurgents including three of their senior commanders were killed in the airstrikes.

At least seven Taliban insurgents were also among those wounded in the airstrikes, ***...(More on P4)...(15)***

US Embassy Regrets Nancy Dupree Death

KABUL - The US Embassy in Kabul in a statement on Sunday regretted the loss of Nancy Dupree, an internationally recognized expert on the history, art, and archaeology of Afghanistan.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of Nancy Dupree, a pillar of the American community in Afghanistan for many decades, whose love for this country and dedication to its culture and history will be forever remembered," the statement quoted Special Charge d Affaires Hugo Llorens as saying.

Ms. Dupree worked tirelessly for the preservation of history and culture in Afghanistan since she arrived in 1962.

Future generations would remember Ms. Dupree as ***...(More on P4)...(16)***

6 Suspects Detained in Kapisa Cleric Murder

MAHMOOD RAQI - Police have detained six suspects in connection with the killing of the Ulema Council chief for central Kapisa province, officials said on Sunday.

Qais Qaderi, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the security personnel made the arrests on Satyrday after the murder of Maulvi Gul Ahmad Hanifyar.

He said three of the men were arrested moment after the incident and the rest in the afternoon. The detainees are currently being interrogated to find the killers.

On the other hand, police spokesman Mohammad Ayub Yousafzai said three suspects were arrested by police in Kohistan-2 district. Two of them are residents of Kohband and a third belongs to Kohistan.

Yasin, a resident of Kohistan 1, said most of the people had been traveling on motorcycles and carried weapons. He urged police to prevent them. (Pajhwok)

Two Dangerous Gangs of Kidnappers and Robbers Busted in Kabul City

KABUL - Two dangerous gangs of kidnappers and robbers have been busted by the Afghan security forces in capital Kabul amid rising criminal incidents in Kabul city.

The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said the members of the gangs were arrested during separate operations conducted by the Afghan intelligence operatives in the city.

A statement by NDS said the arrested individuals have been identified as Mohsin who was in lead of the gangs of kidnappers and armed robbers.

The statement further added that the other individuals arrested during the operations have been identified as Abdul Qadir also famous as Khalid Dedana who was the deputy leader of the gangs, Imran Khan, Fawad also famous as Ramiz, Mohsin, and Noor Ahmad also famous as Bibi Mahro.

NDS said the detained individuals have confessed that they were involved in several criminal incidents including the kidnapping of wealthy Kabul residents, armed robberies, and other criminal acts.

This comes as incidents involving armed conflicts and other criminal incidents are on the rise in the key cities of the country including capital Kabul during the recent months.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) officials in the Ministry of Interior (MoI) earlier informed regarding the arrest of two individuals involved in the brutal murder of three people and wounding four others during a brawl in the city. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries Disinterest morphs into curiosity and, eventually, transforms into decisive action today. You might do your best to avoid involvement on a project at work because you don't want to take sides in a developing disagreement over logistics. Nevertheless, you can't help but deepen your participation, even if you remain ambivalent about the outcome.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus It's tempting to resist change when everything in your life is working. At first, the lack of stress discourages you from taking any risks. Nevertheless, your feelings begin to shift as relationships put unexpected pressure on you. Doing the right thing isn't always the easiest response in the moment, but it's the healthiest in the long run.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini Although your calendar is already set in stone today, you're still eager to gamble with your destiny. It's as if you know when the space-time fabric is susceptible to weird fluctuations now, and you jump in with your agenda at exactly the right moment. However, you could overstate your case or underestimate someone else's resolve. Don't tie yourself to any one strategy yet.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer You may reach your emotional limit today, especially if you are spending a lot of time with your friends. You are quite sensitive to contradictory information yet you're committed to sorting out useful facts from trivial data. Although you still want the benefit of good advice from those you trust, you also need to integrate current experiences before you open yourself.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo Frustration builds if you try to force your solution to a work-related problem onto others. It's especially challenging if you see what's obvious today, while your coworkers are only operating with a limited perspective. Unfortunately, the more you push, the more they close down.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Virgo Handle important business as early in the day as possible while the energetic flow is still working in your favor. You can still be productive later on, but dealing with even the most minor matters might feel like you're swimming upstream. Thankfully, the resistance you encounter won't likely be enough to stop you in your tracks now, but it certainly could slow you down.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra You may be relishing your current anonymity because you don't want to explain your recent decisions to others. Although you might be convinced to share your plans at the right time, you're hesitant to defend your position on a contentious matter today. Nevertheless, you still could be drawn into a conversation that leads to more personal disclosure.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio Your reputation often precedes you as someone who is willing to delve into a discussion about sensitive subjects. However, you hold the power to choose whether or not to proceed into dangerous territory. If you decide that a topic is off-limits, no one is clever enough to bait you into a conversation today.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sagittarius You don't mind a bit of verbal fireworks today as long as there is a purpose to the exchange. A meaningful dialogue may be postponed for a variety of reasons and it feels good to get your thoughts out in the open when it finally happens. Keep in mind that any discussion now is likely the first in a series of interactions over the next several days. It's not productive to assume you will reach a viable resolution right away.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

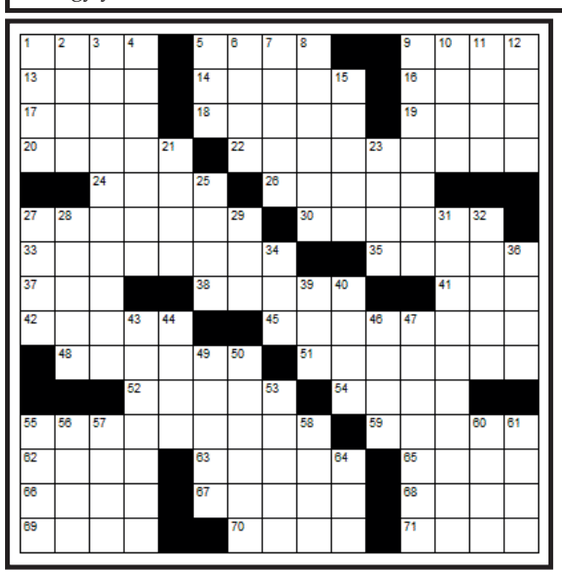
Capricorn Building stability in relationships requires your sincere commitment. However, you expect the same loyalty from everyone else. You might grow annoyed when you realize you're going through the motions by yourself today. Unfortunately, you can't accuse someone of playing by different rules because that only pushes them further away.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius You're concerned that your feelings are getting in the way of your interactions with others today. It might even seem like you're stuck in an emotional tidepool with no way out to sea. Fortunately, the tides are always in flux and your fears will begin to dissipate once the fresh energy flows into your life. A short conversation with the right person could be enough to start the ball rolling.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces Your uncharacteristic stubbornness may help you convince others that you're not to be trifled with today. However, your tenacity only takes you so far. It's the right strategy to bring people into your world, but you could be so headstrong now that you lose your audience as quickly as you gained it. Fortunately, you Fish are no strangers to swimming with the flow.



Across

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Down

1. "Wise" birds, 2. Train track, 3. Shield, ,4. Perform surgery on 5. Venomous snake, 6. A crumbling earthy deposit, 7. Steer clear of, 8. Associate, 9. Jeopardize, 10. University administrator, 11. Gave temporarily, 12. Anagram of "Seek", 15. French for , Queen" , 21. Add, 23. Infiltrator, 25. Placed, 27. Disappear gradually, 28. Pueblo brick, 29. Not high, 31. Audacious behavior, 32. A boneless steak, 34. Short sleep, 36. Naked,, 39. Carpet, 40. Make secure by lashing, 43. A short novel, 44. Basic unit of money in China, 46. Historical periods, 47. Instructed, 49. Tumbler, 50. Stitched, 53. Squalid, 55. Greek cheese, 56. Not under, 57. Anger, 58. Wise one, 60. Forearm bone, 61. Implored, 64. Scarlet additional, agility, check, compile, concave, diet, dope, dove, drive, fail, field, guide, ideal, impact, inside-lane, league, lenses, limited, middle, mint mope, music, ordinary portable, power

Yesterday's Solution

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