

# NUG Accused of Failure in its Second Anniversary

KABUL - Just one day ahead of the National Unity Government's (NUG) second anniversary, a number of critics and former officials criticized the incumbent government for what they called failure in fulfilling its promises to the nation.

Former NDS chief Amrullah Saleh commented on the issue and said that maintaining the attention of the international community and the maintenance of government can be counted as main achievements of the NUG over the past two years. "The leaders have disagreements in four areas: the authorities of the CEO [Abdullah]



Abdullah], electoral reform process, issuance of the electronic National Identity Cards and a misunderstanding in dividing the power equally," Saleh said.

He added: "President Ghani has gained the international community's attention. Hamid Karzai's foreign policy was weak as he was in fight almost with every country [in the world]," he stated.

In the first day of the NUG in 29 September 2014, President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah vowed to bring reform to the electoral, ... (More on P4)... (13)

## Taliban Recruiting Children as Soldiers in Their Ranks: Ghor Officials

KABUL - The Taliban militant group and other irresponsible militant groups are recruiting children as soldiers in their ranks, local officials in Ghor province said.

Zabiullah Jawad, the provincial Independent Human Rights Chief, has told RFERL that they have credible evidences and documents to prove that Taliban are recruiting children to fight for the group.

Provincial governor's spokesman, Abdulhai Khatebi confirmed the remarks by the Independent Human Rights Commission, saying the group is actively recruiting children in the areas under their control.

The recruitment of children as soldiers is not in Afghanistan specifically by militant groups formed to fight the Afghan government.

Earlier reports emerged from the eastern Nangarhar province suggesting that the loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group are forcing the children and young men in the districts under their control to ... (More on P4)... (14)

## Women among 52 Prisoners Released from Herat Jail

HERAT CITY - Fifty prisoners have been released in compliance with presidential decrees in western Herat province, an official said on Wednesday.

Gen. Abdullah Aziz, in charge of the prison, told Pajhwok Afghan News the release orders were issued International Women's Day, Eid festival and the advent of Ramadan.

He said the prisoners were



involved in cases of robbery, traffic accidents and others and had served most of their jail terms. Women were among the beneficiaries, he added. (Pajhwok)

## Five Army Soldiers Killed in Attacks in Afghanistan

KABUL - Five Afghan army soldiers have been killed throughout Afghanistan within the last 24 hours, the country's Defense Ministry said on Wednesday.

"Five personnel of Afghan National Army (ANA) martyred during military operations against the enemies of Afghanistan and as a result of separate incidents over the past 24 hours," the ministry said in a statement.

The Afghan security forces' casualties have risen recently as they struggle against a surge in attacks by Taliban militant group and other anti-government fighters. The statement also said that scores of insurgents, including 20 fighters of Islamic State (IS) militant group, were ... (More on P4)... (15)

## US Strike on Islamic State in Afghanistan Kills 21

KABUL - A suspected U.S. drone strike against Islamic State in Afghanistan killed at least 21 people on Wednesday, most of them militants but possibly including some civilians, Afghan officials said.

Civilians casualties in U.S. air strikes have long been a source of friction between the Afghan government and Western allies fighting the Taliban-led insurgency since 2001.

The strike in Nangarhar province, on the eastern border with Pakistan, killed 21 people, at least three of them civilians, and wound-



ed another 11, according to Reuters that the attack struck a house where people were sleeping after a gathering to welcome a local elder who ... (More on P4)... (16)

## 'Smuggling of 11 US Made Power Generators to Pakistan Foiled'

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Wednesday claiming preventing 11 American power generators from being smuggled to Pakistan. A statement from the NDS said mafia and smuggling groups directed by regional intelligence agencies wanted to smuggle 11 American high capacity and quality power generators in trucks to Pakistan. But Afghan intelligence forces prevented the attempt after receiving information, the statement said.

The smugglers had kept the generators in a house in Gardi Ghaws area of Momand Dara



district of eastern Nangarhar province, the statement added. It said the location of the generators was detected with the help of local people and the NDS prevented them from smuggling to the neighboring country. (Pajhwok)

## Raziq Deploys Security Forces to Ensure Kandahar-Uruzgan Highway's Safety

KANDAHAR - Kandahar Police Chief Gen. Abdul Raziq on Wednesday said security forces have been deployed to ensure the safety of Kandahar-Uruzgan Highway after it was faced with threats by insurgents.

Reports indicate that the highway was re-opened two days ago following a military operation carried out by Afghan security forces.

Raziq assured the people that the highway will not be closed in the future. Raziq who is leading the Uruzgan battle stated

that nearly 260 Taliban militants were killed in fought against security forces over the past three weeks, adding that 25 security forces were also killed in conflicts.

"Now Kandahar forces have taken the control of the highway and our mistake previously was that we handed over the security responsibility of the highway to Uruzgan forces. We are also trying to bring reforms among Uruzgan police force members," he said.

Meanwhile, security forces in Uruzgan said

## 2 Children Killed, as Many Injured in Logar Explosion

PUL-I-ALAM - Two children were killed and two others injured in a bomb blast in Pul-i-Alam, the capital of central Logar province, on Wednesday, an official said.

Separately, six Taliban militants were killed and four others wounded in a clash with security forces in southern Helmand province.

Salim Saleh, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News two brothers were killed and two others wounded when one of them stepped on a landmine in Dadokhel area at 10am. He said all the victims belonged to one family. The bomb had been planted by Taliban, he alleged. There was no immediate reaction from the insurgent group.

Abdul Hameed, a resident of the area, said the children bomb were aged between 12 and 14 years. They were ... (More on P4)... (18)

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Your frustration is quick to show if people are either unclear or unreliable today, prompting you to possibly lose faith in them. If you're unhappy about a lack of support from your coworkers, don't let despair lead to finger-pointing; instead, allow your thoughts to simmer before sharing them with others. The harder you push for clarity now, the fuzzier your reality becomes.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You're all too aware of the gulf between your romantic fantasies and the current reality of your relationships. Although you may be motivated to communicate exactly how you feel today, it's tricky when the stable ground begins to shift. Don't let annoyance get the best of you; remember that your attitude will impact the coming events in ways that you cannot yet understand.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You can make measurable headway today while addressing a persistent issue if you're willing to confront a difficult situation. You may feel overwhelmed by the circumstances, but rest assured the large waves of change will settle down in the weeks ahead. Relationships act as an anchor for you now, offering you something to hold onto as your foundations dissolve. You might be a little less confident exploring your feelings.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Adhering to a healthy diet and a steady exercise routine may seem like an elusive goal now, but one that will be quite rewarding if you make a sincere effort. A wide variety of physical activities and delicious foods to choose from allow you to jump from one to another whenever you feel like it. Although you can improve your well-being by changing your habits.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although you fiery Leos enjoy the spontaneity of play, this is no time to make snap judgments in your personal life. You may think you possess enough information to make a decision with clear purpose and direction while you're in this period of twists and turns. However, you are wise to treat your biggest dreams with the utmost care now.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You might feel restricted by domestic responsibilities today but, paradoxically, you're also freer to use your imagination to step beyond all the constraints. Expect more of yourself, but be gentle enough to feel the pleasure of growth, rather than setting goals which you then must drive yourself relentlessly to achieve. Nevertheless, it's still wise to be discriminating when you share your ideas with others because they could feel threatened by the breadth of your vision.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You are caught in a time warp today as discouragement from earlier in the month returns to dampen your ambitions. You may not realize that your trajectory is still on the rise as the most solid bedrock temporarily turns into shifting sand. Thankfully, there is a higher spiritual purpose to the changes you are now experiencing. Remember, even if you haven't reached your destination yet, you are still gaining wisdom along the way.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You may have reached an impasse in a disagreement and feel as if you need to take drastic action today. You are driven by a desire for stability, but are painfully aware of all the emotions you suppress to maintain harmony in personal and business relationships.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Old dreams and persistent illusions hit the end of the road today as new opportunities allow you to put your ideas into motion. You may be at a point of no return, increasing your concern about completing a project. However, your dilemma is more complicated than just meeting a deadline; you could doubt your own ability to deliver the goods. Those people and institutions you normally trust might not be very dependable now.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You're on a mission now and are blessed with the energy and resources to reach your goal. Although you're all charged up and ready to go, you still might experience a twinge of uncertainty today as the Moon stirs conflict between your concrete ambitions and your nebulous dreams. If you doubt a decision you made earlier in the month, draw comfort from the knowledge that clarity will return in the days ahead.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

There is little room for self-deception now, especially if there are unresolved money matters still on the table. Perhaps you thought you could maintain your idealistic values, only to realize they may need to be adjusted in light of changing circumstances. No matter how your emotional or financial fortune plays out, authenticity is more important than anything else.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're excited about the prospects at work these days, but you may also be experiencing an underlying uneasiness if you're unsure of how to meet your obligations. The value of a relationship could be called into question as the ground continues to shift beneath your feet. The energy is particularly tricky to navigate now because you're uncertain about how to best assert your individuality.

**Across**

1. Blackthorn, 5. Hemp, 10. Team, 14. A fish similar to cod, 15. Goat antelope, 16. Relating to aircraft, 17. Deductive, 19. Ascend, 20. Beam, 21. Should, 22. Fellows, 23. Chal lenge, 25. Stealer, 27. Before, poetically, 28. What a train runs on, 31. Hurts, 34. African antelope, 35. Ribonucleic acid, 36. Horn sound, 37. Seethes, 38. Pond gunk, 39. Cover, 40. Long times, 41. Ganders, 42. Stretch, 44. Tall hill, 45. Requires, 46. A fractional mon etary unit, 50. Branchlets, 52. Not these, 54. Unruly crowd, 55. Constellation bear, 56. Praiseworthy, 58. Insulation, 59. Dog, 60. DDDD, 61. Church alcove, 62. Lyric poem, 63. Backside.

**Down**

1. Pottery fragment, 2. Hawaiian veranda, 3. Approves, 4. Snake-like fish, 5. Keen, 6. Ecu, 7. Vault, 8. Back pieces on coats, 9. Hole-making tool, 10. Profession, 11. Make stronger, 12. At one time (archaic), 13. Troubles, 18. Belonging to you, 22. Arizona river, 24. Chick's sound, 26. Snake sound, 28. French for "Queen", 29. Rectum, 30. British title, 31. Competent, 32. Cover with plaster, 33. They seek pleasure, 34. Help oneself, 37. Tiny sphere, 38. Dispatched, 40. Anagram of "Sage", 41. Agile Old World viverrine, 43. Cancel, 44. Next to, 46. Encrypted, 47. Yellowish-brown, 48. Field mice, 49. Overweight, 50. Brass instrument, 51. Envelop, 53. Protagonist, 56. C, 57. American Dental Association.

**Yesterday's Solution**

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 PEER DENIS ERASE

altar, beside, boor, bush, caress, census, cheer, cigar, dessert, divan, encompass, flume, front, harbor, haunt, horn, indulge, liar, mean, music, neap, nestle, numb, photograph, pincer, popular, revere, rhyme, shift, shrine, slave, spin, spook, sports, spue, spur, still.

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