

Afghan, Pak Tribal Elders Hold Peace Gathering

GARDEZ - Tribal elders from Pakistan and Afghanistan on Sunday held a joint gathering in southeastern Paktia province and agreed to work together for bringing peace and stability to the region. Elders from Chankani, Patan, Muqbil, Mangal, Zazai and Karkha districts and some from across the Durand Line attended the gathering in the border town of Dand Patan. They discussed the reopening of crossing points between Pakistan and Afghanistan and decided to work together in this regard. Tribal elder from Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Naw-



roz Khan, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "We had organized jirgas (tribal meetings) in the past as well for peace and today's gathering was about peace." He said tribes on both sides of the border wanted peace and uninterrupted movement of commercial vehicles. Another elder from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Bahadar Khan, said they were under pressure from the Pakistani government and their lives had become difficult. In the jirga, Paktia tribal elders said terrorists should not be assisted in any way for the sake of peace in the region. (Pajhwok)

Families of Victims Blast Govt. over Treatment of Fallen Soldiers



KABUL - Angry family members of soldiers killed in Friday's Taliban attack on the Afghan National Army 209 Shaheen Military Corps Headquarters in Balkh province slammed government for not having covered the bodies in shrouds following the incident. They said they were handed the bodies, in coffins, by the army but that the bodies had not been covered. In addition, many families had to transfer the bodies to their home province themselves. A family member of Mohammad Ewaz, a fallen soldier from Baghlan province, said his deceased relative had joined the Afghan Special Forces seven years ago and fought in numerous provinces during this time. Ewaz's relatives said they waited for hours outside the corps headquarters in order to get Ewaz's body and when they received the coffin, he was not even covered in a shroud. "He served for seven years in army, but had no shroud when we received his body. This is what comes from serving in the army. He was put in the coffin, with his military uniform on, and they had not even closed his eyes," said Juma Khan, a relative of Ewaz. "A Military Corps ambulance handed his body over to us outside the military compound. He was in a coffin with no shroud on," said another relative of Ewaz, Taza Mir. Mohammad Ewaz is survived by two young sons and his family lives in a rented house. Ewaz's brother, Nazir, said he is extremely worried about the future of his nephews. "They have no one to take care of them. His family lives in a rented house. He has left behind two children," he said. (Tolonews)

First Afghan Minister Elected a Member of Governing Council of UN-Habitat

KABUL - The Minister of Urban Development and Housing Syed Sadat Mansoor Naderi became a member of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). According to an official release "The Council elected by acclamation Afghanistan (Asia-Pacific States) to a term expiring on 31st December 2020." The release further added that "It postponed the election of one member from the Latin American and Caribbean States for the same term, as well as six from the Western European and Other States, including two for a term expiring 31 December 2018, one expiring 31 December 2019, and three expiring 31 December 2020." According to a statement by the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, the UN Governing Council casted votes of confidence to Minister Naderi considering specific standards among the Asian and Pacific States. The statement further added that Minister Naderi was identified as a member of the Governing Council for his activities, including participation and speech during the summit in Indonesia to finalize the 20 year urban agenda, representing the private sector of Afghanistan and speaking regarding specific challenges and offering specific recommendation. He also had a similar activity during a summit organized in Ecuador which resulted into the inclusion of his recommendations for the first time in the global agenda. Other activities that Minister Naderi was involved in are the preparation of the book on ... (More on P4)... (14)

74,000 Acres of Land Grabbed in Nimroz

ZARANJ - Land measuring 74,000 acres has been usurped by more than 100 individuals over the past few years in southwestern Nimroz province, local officials say. Only 1,350 acres of the usurped land has recently been retaken from their illegal occupants, said Nimroz justice department head Azizullah Basir. He told Pajhwok Afghan News the 74,000 acres of land had been grabbed by 1,202 individuals in Delaram, Chakhansor, Khashrod districts and Zaranj, the provincial capital. However, he said 1,300 acres of the land had been recovered in Chakhansor district and 50 acres in Zaranj in the recent past. Mohammad Akbar Sharifi, agriculture, livestock and irrigation director, said his department had been able to recover 133 acres of land from grabbers dur-



ing the past four years. He said the land recovered had been allocated for a 400-bed hospital, a stadium and a forest farm. An official of the Properties Authority, who wished to go unnamed, said land grabbing was ongoing in the province since

2001. Governor Mohammad Sami warned land grabbers irrespective of their position and status of legal action. A provincial council member, Maulvi Gul Ahmad Ahmadi said they had repeatedly asked the government to come hard

on land usurpers. Amanullah, a civil society activist in Nimroz, said green and recreational areas had been grabbed upon by powerful individuals and had constructed residential buildings on the land. ... (More on P4)... (15)

80 Daesh Militants Killed in Airstrikes

KABUL - At least 80 Daesh militants including foreign fighters were killed and six others were wounded in Afghan forces airstrikes in Ghor and Nangarhar provinces in the past 48 hours, the ministry of defense said early Monday. According to the MoD 10 Daesh militants were targeted in Afghan airstrikes

in Ghor province and their hideouts were destroyed. The ministry said that 70 other Daesh militants were killed in Afghan airstrikes in Achin and Haska Mena districts of Nangarhar province and their six hideouts were destroyed in the airstrike. Meanwhile in a separate Afghan security forces operation in Chahardara district

of Kunduz province, at least 35 insurgents were killed and six others were arrested and their hideouts were destroyed. The ministry said that three other insurgents including Mullah Burhan, a Taliban commander in Farah province, were killed and five others were arrested. The Afghan defense ministry ... (More on P4)... (16)

ALP Commander Gunned Down in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - An Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander has been gunned down by unidentified gunmen in southern Kandahar province, a security official said on Monday. The incident took place in the limits of the 4th police district in Arg area late on Sunday night, the official told Pajhwok Afghan News on the condition of anonymity. He identified the ALP commander as ... (More on P4)... (17)

Causalities Feared as Khost City Rocked by Explosion

KHOST CITY - A heavy explosion targeting Afghan Special Forces was heard on Monday afternoon in Khost City, the capital of southeastern Khost provinces, an official said. According to security sources the explosion happened at around 1:00pm near the old airport. The sound of explosion was heard in the entire city and windowpanes of house close to the site of explosion had been broken. A thick fog could be seen in air. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may be convinced that pretty much anything is possible today. However, it could be tough to balance your outrageous dreams with a more pragmatic approach to life. Frustration can get in the way of your happiness when assertive Mars tangles with excessive Jupiter, forcing you to increase your efficiency and narrow your vision.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Keep your eyes on the ball since precision control of your actions is crucial now that energetic Mars bounces off giant Jupiter. Missteps in matters of the heart, complications with children and glitches in creative projects are possible. Still, you can avoid the unexpected by consciously channeling the urgency you feel into your work.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Themes of expansion and contraction make it hard to find the right mix between too much and not enough. You may be required to temper your excitement about the future because of the demands of a more immediate situation involving your home or family. The most extreme plan can work now if you take it one solid step at a time. Nevertheless, standing on the edge of something big is both thrilling and nerve-racking.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may rush ahead and take unnecessary risks today, but impulsive actions only remind you that you do better when you consider your words and actions first. Warrior Mars rams into a clunky alignment with bombastic Jupiter, possibly inciting an argument or leading you in the wrong direction. It might not be easy to manage your intensity now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Everything you fix today seems to create new problems, like the mythical many-headed Hydra. Your I-can-do-it attitude may backfire now, even if you have the best of intentions when superhero Mars misaligns with overblown Jupiter. Don't get sidetracked by the immediate effects of your behavior.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Relationships may be a source of irritation today because you can't find enough clarity on the problem in order to resolve it. Something doesn't feel quite right, yet the closer it is to you, the more elusive it becomes. Although you're willing to do almost anything, the solution continues to slip through your hands. Ironically, answers come when you stop asking questions. The simple act of shifting your attention elicits the resolution you seek.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You might feel as if you're dancing in the dark today, uncertain of your next step. You may think you need more time to evaluate your options while reactive Mars creates a nagging aspect with auspicious Jupiter. It seems as if any choice you make now isn't the right one. Fortunately, Mercury in strategic Capricorn comes through with a sound plan that gives you the benefit of the doubt. Trust your dreams, even if the possibilities before you appear limited.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

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Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Managing your energy wisely seems like an impossible task today, especially if you are swept up by a wave of enthusiasm. Nevertheless, armed with a grand idea, you're ready to take on the world as you battle for survival. Unfortunately, self-righteousness could instigate a war of words that prevents you from reaching your goals. Stick to the facts and sidestep unnecessary conflict based upon mere differences of opinion.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Orderly thought and decisive action make perfect sense to a calculating Mountain Goat. However, action-planet Mars crosses paths with indulgent Jupiter, leading you on a wild goose chase or sparking misplaced anger. You may believe that you need to react immediately or things will quickly grow out of control today. Nevertheless, a moment of self-restraint in the midst of an emotional exchange could save you many moments of regret later on.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may benefit from redirecting your energy today if you hope to find resolution to a lingering conflict. Normally, you're more than willing to attack a complex problem head-on. However, maintaining your focus is difficult when contentious Mars goads boisterous Jupiter, sending you off on a wild ride. Delicately dancing around an argument now reduces tension, saving wear and tear on both you and your relationships.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're itching for action as your wanderlust continues to grow, but somehow your goals become less specific over time. It's hard to tell today whether you're making concrete plans or just idly watching the clouds roll by. Thankfully, there's no need to struggle now; your best bet is to postpone big decisions until you are clear about your direction. In the meantime, try a bit of escapist fare as purposeful Mars skids into an awkward misalignment with joyful Jupiter.

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Down

1. Smudge, 2. Tropical tuber, 3. Was indebted, 4. Slowpokes, 5. Covetous, 6. Tatters, 7. Pother, 8. Rodents, 9. Verse, 10. Minim, 11. German iris, 12. Pointed arch, 13. Fecal matter, 19. Hangman's knot, 21. What we kiss with, 25. Sneaker or pump, 26. Low-fat, 27. Dines, 28. Aches, 29. Habituate, 30. Viper, 31. Fitting, 34. A style of design, 35. Winglike, 36. Cunning, 38. Ear of corn, 39. An endowment, 41. Nuzzled, 42. Casino game, 44. Pertaining to the spring, 45. Inscribed pillar, 46. Poison, 47. Increased, 48. Consecrate, 51. Seats oneself, 52. Immediately, 53. Western tie, 54. Expect and wish, 55. Pitcher, 56. Territory, 58. Nigerian tribesman.

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