

# Woman Killed, 3 Injured in Kapisa Domestic Violence Attack

MAHMOOD RAQI - A woman was killed and three others of the same family were injured as a result of domestic violence in Kohistan-2 district of central Kapisa province on Saturday, an official said.

The incident took place in the morning in Karezak area of the district, the governor's spokesman, Qais Qadari, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said a man, Mullah Malang, who has two wives, stabbed and injured his first wife and son with a knife, but another son of his first wife shot dead his stepmother and injured his father in retaliation. Police had arrested the killer. The provincial women's affairs director, Sefwa Kohistani, confirmed the incident and said women were mostly murdered as a result of domestic violence. (Pajhwok)



## A War Victim Speaks of Misery of Life

SHIBERGHAN - Shugofa has been living in a stable under terrible conditions without basic material to sit or sleep on. She has put together old pieces of carpet on the floor. She has somehow improved her living place, but still smell of animals continues to irritate her. She has covered the windows with an old blanket and uses gas to heat up the room in cold season. She pays 700 afghanis per month in rent to the stable's owner. Wiping away tears from her ... (More on P4)... (16)

## Religious Scholars Issue Fatwa Against Peace Talks

ISLAMABAD - Afghan religious scholars have issued a fatwa, declaring peace negotiations in the presence of foreign forces is "against Islamic injunctions".

"Americans want to force the valiant Afghan nation to surrender under the excuse of peace. We hope our Mujahideen will not be deceived through these tactics... and not hold peace talks until even a single invading soldier stays in Afghanistan," the fatwa issued by Ittehad-e-Ulema-e-Afghanistan read. "We wish they would stand by their commitments." The edict comes at a time when diplomatic efforts by different stakeholders in



Afghanistan have been intensified. Precondition for peace talks: Afghan Taliban want removal from UN blacklist Senior Afghan, Chinese, Pakistani and the US diplomats are scheduled to meet in Islamabad on February 6 to hold fur-

ther discussions on a road-map to ask the Taliban to join the peace process. Taliban political negotiators, speaking at an unofficial meeting in Doha last week, had called for certain steps ahead of the talks that include ... (More on P4)... (14)

## Blast Claims 2 Lives in Kandahar

KANDAHAR - At least two people, both civilians were killed as a blast rocked Kandahar city, the capital of Kandahar province 450 km south of Kabul on Sunday, a security official said. "An explosive device went off in fourth police district of Kandahar city at around 03:00 p.m. local time today, killing two people, both civilians on the spot," the official told Xinhua but declined to be identified, saying authorized officials would brief the media after investigation. Kandahar, the birthplace of Taliban militants, has been scene of insurgency over the past several years. (Xinhua)

## Police Rescue Kidnapped Teenager in Ghor

KABUL - A 17-year old boy who was kidnapped around three months ago in Ghor province was rescued on Sunday during a special operation by police in Dara-e-Takht area of the province, said Ghor Police Chief. Ghulam Mustafa Muhsini said no arrests have been made in connection with the kidnapping so far, however, investigations are underway. The 17-year-old boy's name is Hafizullah and was kidnapped around three months ago. Police



said that after identifying the kidnapers they conducted a special operation to secure the release of Hafizullah. "The teenager was kidnapped around three months ago and was rescued during an operation of security forces. We handed him over to his family," Muhsini said. Hafizullah, who was held by the kidnapers for some 80 ... (More on P4)... (17)

## Cricket Fans Blame U-19s Poor Play on Kinship

KABUL - Cricket lovers blame consecutive defeats by the under-19 Afghan cricket team in the World Cup in Bangladesh on players chosen on the basis of nepotism and kinship by the cricket board.

Afghanistan lost against Pakistan and Sri Lanka, with cricket fans saying many of the players in the under-19 side are relatives of national team's members and cricket board officials, but the cricket board denies the claim as baseless.

Karim Janat in the under-19 team is Asghar Stanikzai's brother, Naveed Obaid is the brother of Nasimullah Danish, the cricket board chief executive, Wahidullah Shafaq is the brother of Shafiqullah Shafaq and Zahir Ahmadzai is the nephew of Zahir Ahmadzai, said Zarabullah Shah Zaheer, trainer of the Afghan team and the head of cricket association.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News the under-19 team had

been strong earlier but now it was a weak side. The under-16 cricket team finished 7th in the 16-nation game last year but this time the team could not stay among the top eight teams, he said.

A cricket lover, Hashim Oryakhel, wrote on his Facebook wall that Taj Malik Ala is the deputy head of cricket board, his brother Hastigul is in the selection committee, his son is in the under-16 team and ... (More on P4)... (15)

## 57 Afghans Expelled from Pakistan-Administered Zone of Kashmir

ESHAWAR - Scores of Afghan citizens, having no legal residency documents, have been expelled from the Pakistan-administered zone of Kashmir, law-enforcement officials say.

Fifty Afghans, who had been living in different areas of Kotli district without genuine documents, were driven out on Saturday, police and administration officials told The Express Tribune.

Another seven Afghan citizens, roaming



around different areas of the district without travel papers, were repatriated to their county, according to the newspaper. (Pajhwok)

## NDS Member among Two Killed in Farah

FARAH City - A retired teacher was shot dead by unidentified gunmen while National Directorate of Security (NDS) soldier was killed in a roadside bombing in western Farah province, officials said on Sunday. The retired teacher, Abdul Zahir, was on his way home on Saturday evening when two motorcyclists gunned him down in the Kharaba village of the Pusht-i-Rod village, the administrative chief of the town, Ghausuddin told Pajhwok Afghan News. Police have so far detained no one in connection with the murder. Mir Hamza, a resident of Masaw village where Abdul Zahir was teacher, said that the 60 years old teacher retired from job three years ago and currently he had no official job. Separately, a NDS soldier ... (More on P4)... (18)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



You're itching to change the course of events today, but others aren't likely to follow your lead. Your impulsive nature acts as a red flag for some people, especially since you can jump to conclusions without the necessary facts to support your unconventional plans. Nevertheless, it's in your best interest to go ahead and be as inventive as possible now.

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



Although you prefer knowing the truth, receiving new information today gives rise to self-doubt. You could even question if you are on the right track when it comes to your professional aspirations. Don't let your tendency to resist the inevitable harden into obstinacy, because your previous assumptions may be wrong. Remaining open to alternatives doesn't necessarily fix the underlying problem.

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



You're at the top of your mental game today and can effortlessly dazzle people with a brilliant blend of your wit and wisdom. However, you must tread lightly or you might become so enthralled with your own cleverness that you take an argument too far. An overdose of confidence on your part may cause you to lose ground in a conflict so quickly that your head spins. Positive growth is possible if you are willing to engage in an honest conversation.

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



You could be uncharacteristically insensitive and inadvertently step on someone's toes today. Typically, you're so acutely aware of people's feelings that they don't even need to verbalize them. But your excitement may escalate to the point that your compassion falls to the wayside. Your current lack of altruism doesn't indicate a lack of kindness.

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



You're flying through cerebral spaces today, eager to enjoy the freedom of your thoughts. However, previous commitments might resurface at an inopportune moment, presenting a time management dilemma. Unfortunately, your nervous energy grows distracting unless you consciously channel it into creative activities. Try working in partnership with people who approach tasks differently from you.

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



An ingenious plan helps you break out of an all-too-familiar rut today. An old habit that's been eluding resolution may finally be put to rest; surprisingly, you can shift your thinking now as suddenly as a bolt of lightning. But don't fall into the trap of taking yourself too seriously, even if your solution is brilliant. A self-righteous manner turns others off before you can even explain your intentions.

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



Your day may not run as smoothly as you wish because unscheduled events can dramatically impact your schedule. Unfortunately, you could end up pulling your hair out if you cling to your original timetable. The smartest way to handle any tension now is to simply let it go and move on. Acknowledging that the winds of fate are temporarily a strong factor in your life empowers.

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



Freaking out about an unplanned plot twist only creates additional stress today as you consider radical approaches to keeping your day on track. There are many possible roads ahead, but you may have reservations about moving into uncharted territory. Your ideas are probably more brilliant than you think, so go ahead and take a chance.

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



Your notion of doing something totally different from everyone's expectations is quite thrilling now. In your mind, spontaneous activities should supersede your previous commitments if they sound like more fun. You might even stir up some mischief just to see the type of reaction you can provoke. Have fun today; there's no reason to conform for the sake of practicality. Your current crazy ideas will likely lead to a sensible plan by tomorrow.

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



You are often cautious in your conversations about life choices, but your erratic thoughts may be so loud today that you can't keep them quiet. Unfortunately, you might say contradictory things now, which could lower your overall credibility. Rather than rambling on to anyone who will listen, continue to develop your ideas on your own. Your patience is rewarded.

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

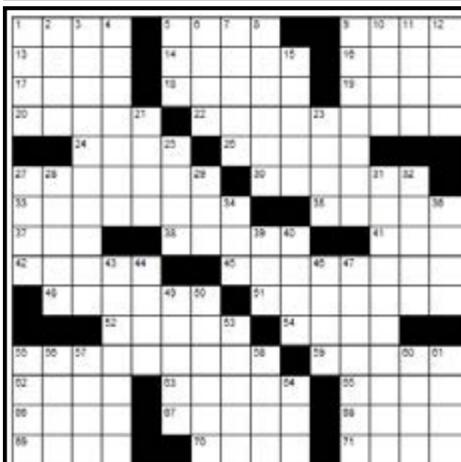


Your nerves are tightly wired today as electric Uranus zaps chatty Mercury. Watch your step when it comes to communication, since you could easily commit your time and energy to a project that isn't really in your best interest. Consider the consequences before agreeing to an endeavor that can drain your resources. There's no reason to add more activity to your already busy day.

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



You might go out of your way to show people how independent you are today, making you less accommodating in your attitude. Your patience is tested now, tempting you to say something that is emotionally disruptive. Nevertheless, you don't have to put up with anyone's power-tripping as long as you're prepared to deal with the ramifications of your current rebelliousness.



**Across**

1. Speech disorder, 5. Group of cattle, 9. Hoodwink, 13. Against, 14. Territories, 16. Anagram of "Sire", 17. Fraud, 18. Luxury boat, 19. Chick's sound, 20. Periods of discounted prices, 22. Store clerk, 24. Dwarf buffalo, 26. A keyboard instrument, 27. Anagram of "Migrate", 30. Warning devices, 33. Sacrifice, 35. Tranquility, 37. 7 in Roman numerals, 38. Urgency, 41. Directed, 42. Banana oil, e.g., 45. Angering, 48. Unruffled, 51. Tournament, 52. Nautical for stop, 54. Male deer, 55. Pus-filled cavities, 59. A drama set to music, 62. Hubs, 63. Oozes, 65. Goad, 66. Urarthritis, 67. Boredom, 68. Its symbol is Pb, 69. Troops, 70. Visual organs, 71. Makes a mistake.

**Down**

1. Young girl, 2. Ancient Peruvian, 3. A cylinder in a cave, 4. Salad pepper, 5. Fodder, 6. Historical periods, 7. Summary, 8. Showy bloom, 9. Express strong disapproval, 10. Component of urine, 11. Multicolored, 12. Catch a glimpse of, 15. Pilfer, 21. Dirt, 23. Break, 25. Nursemaid, 27. Rend, 28. Awry, 29. Estimated time of arrival, 31. Slacker, 32. Display, 34. East southeast, 36. Jittery, 39. Explosive, 40. God of love, 43. Rapacity, 44. Rant, 46. Car, 47. Wrestle, 49. Thigh armor, 50. Ancient ascetic, 53. Little, 55. Aquatic plant, 56. Rude person, 57. Pond gunk, 58. Disgorge, 60. Lion sound, 61. Contributes, 64. Female sib.

**Yesterday's Solution**

actors, adjacent, altar, basin, boat, brawny, cattle, chap, complication, concrete, deliver, earn, embroil, favor, haunt, intertwine, khaki, manage, meadow, modify, output, radio, rink, road, savior, scary, skein, sponges, steed tong, train, trash, triple, vain, voice, zesty.

