

Honour Martyrs by Executing Anas Haqqani: Nabil

KABUL - Ex-spymaster Rahmatullah Nabil on Wednesday said frequent attacks on Supreme Court staff by the Haqqani Network and Pakistani agents, in collaboration with local associates, were aimed at preventing the implementation of Anas Haqqani's death sentence. In reaction to yesterday's suicide attack outside the SC gate, which killed 20 people and inflicted injuries on 45 others, Nabil wrote on his Facebook account one of Afghanistan's major issues was identification of attackers and their accomplices. "They are indeed the



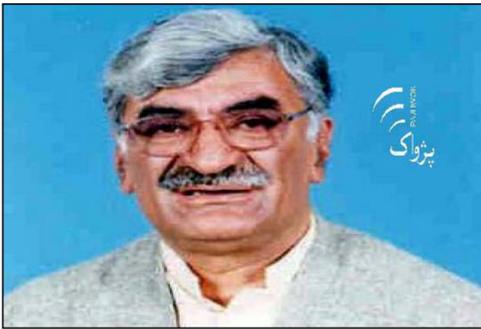
fifth column." He wrote: "In my opinion, the terrorist attacks and repeated targeting of SC officials by the Haqqani Network and Pakistan supporters with complicity of local snakes in the grass, are aimed at creating fear among judiciary members and impeding the execution of Anas Haqqani." Haqqani, the brother of the group's deputy emir who is also the operational leader of the Haqqani Network, was arrested in 2014 by the National Directorate of ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

20 Years Old Takhar Woman Hospitalised after Being Gang-Raped

TALOQAN - A 20-year-old woman was gang-raped in the Farkhar district of northern Takhar province, an official said on Wednesday. The governor's spokesman, Sunatullah Timori, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Nasira was disgraced by a man named Jamshed and his associates. Nasira told Pajhwok Afghan News: "A month after my wedding, I tried to call my uncle, but I mistakenly dialed someone else, who identified himself as Jamshed. "The man shared some love stories with me and I liked his tales," the victim said, adding a few days later she eloped with Jamshed to the district centre. "When we arrived here, Jamshed and two of his friends in police uniforms raped me for four nights," she alleged. However, the governor's spokesman said it was still unclear who was involved in the incident. Police investigations are underway. Nasira, a resident of the Mashtan village of Farkhar district, is currently under medical treatment at the ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Asfandiyar Pans Kabul's Exclusion from Moscow Talks

PESHAWAR - The Afghan government must be part and parcel of negotiations on the future of the war-torn nation, a Pakhtun nationalist politician has said. Awami National Party (ANP) chief Asfandiyar Wali Khan urged Pakistan and Afghanistan to iron out their differences, saying Kabul had to be included in any consultative process. Speaking at an event in Charsadda on Tuesday, he wondered why Kabul was left out of recent Beijing-Islamabad-Moscow dis-



cussions on the future of Kashmir if its neighbours Afghanistan. "Will Pakistan accept any decision on ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Corpses of 2 Women Found in Herat

HERAT CITY - The bodies of two women mysteriously murdered have been found in the Guzra district of western Herat province, an official said on Wednesday. Abdulahad Walizada, provincial police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the bodies were recovered from Siyoshan desert on Tuesday night. The reason behind the murder of two women was yet to be ascertained. Police, however, launched investigation into the incident, he added. But a local security official, who wished anonymity, said the Taliban killed the two women and attached a notice to their bodies, claiming the slain were involved in adultery. Walizada denied the killing of the two women by Taliban. He said it could not be confirmed that ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Women Among 11 Killed in Ghazni Snowstorm

GHAZNI CITY - Local officials on Wednesday said nearly a dozen people, including five women, had died in recent heavy snowfalls in southern Ghazni province. Azizullah Azimi, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the snowfall caused both life and financial losses in the province. He said seven people including two women had died in Jaghori district. The victims were heading



to hospital when stuck in snow on their way and lost their lives to severe cold, he added. Two women in Malistan, one in Waghaz and a man in Dahyak districts also lost their lives to freezing weather and snowstorm, Azimi said. Snow cleaning contracts ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

152 War-Affected Families Aided in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - Local officials on Tuesday distributed food and non-food items to 152 war-affected families in the capital of Jawzjan province. The families fled violence in Faryab and Sar-i-Pul provinces and Qush Tapa and Darzab districts of Jawzjan to Shiberghan city in the past two months. Syed Talib Sadat, Jawzjan's deputy refugees and repatriation director, said the aid distributed to the displaced families included 12,000 afghanis



cash, four bags of flour, three tins of ghee, two kilograms of salt, 14 kilograms of lentil, blankets and winter clothes. He said the aid had been provided by international charity organizations, adding the affected families had also received aid from their relevant provinces. However, Sadat said ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

2 Civilians Killed, 1 Wounded in Paktia Suicide Attack

GARDEZ - At least two civilians were killed and a third wounded in a suicide attack in the Dandi-Patan district of southeastern Paktia province on Wednesday, an official said. Provincial police chief, Brig. Gen. Qadir Gul Zadran, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the bombing took place in the district centre at around 1pm. "The suicide bomber wanted to enter the district headquarters, but police identified and asked him to stop. The bomber immediately detonated his explosives," he said. Zadran added two civilians were killed and a guard of the district building injured in the attack. Resident Abdullah Maskin said the suicide bombing occurred near the district headquarters. "We were having lunch when the blast rocked the area," he added. However, he was unaware about casualties. No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attack. Dandi-Patan is a remote border district of Paktia province where Afghan forces and Taliban frequently engage in armed clashes. (Pajhwok)

2 Daesh Militants Killed in Nangarhar Drone Strike

JALALABAD - Two Daesh militants were killed and three others wounded in a NATO airstrike in Haska Mena district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday. The governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News the drone strike was carried out in Char Wazi locality last night. Two Daesh gunmen were killed and three others wounded and their weapons destroyed in the strike. Separately,



a joint Afghan-NATO force seized two Kalashnikov, two guns and other weapons during raids in Anar Bagh and Bacha Kodi areas of Ghanikhel district, the governor's spokesman said. Meanwhile, Nangarhar police in a statement said they rescued two persons from captivity of Daesh and kidnapers. Police ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

It's almost like the ground beneath you has liquefied and maintaining your composure is a challenging task today. The reactive Cancer Moon's connection with inventive Uranus inspires a risky plan of action and you wish others would just trust you even if your ideas sound crazy. Luckily, emotions are known for their transient nature and every storm dies down eventually.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your emotions are extremely distracting today as turbulence rocks the boat when you least expect it. Conversations meant to defuse the situation might end up striking an unintentional chord, causing contention to escalate to another level. Luckily, an argument in the heat of the moment is likely to be as fleeting as the emotions that spark them. As long as you remain kind while defending your position.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You're content to take it easy and enjoy some familiar comforts now rather than branching out. However, surprise invitations from friends and colleagues may have you feeling conflicted. You hate to miss out on the fun and games, but you prefer not to take a gamble today. You might be concerned about what others will think if you politely decline, but it's important to do what's best for you.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your receiver is turned up to high and you're surprised by the amount of feedback you are getting now. The impressionable Moon in your sign reflects shocking Uranus and preposterous Jupiter, putting you on the spot. Although you may feel like you must go to extremes to regain power, overreactions will only make the situation worse. Try not to take things too personally.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You crave a break from the action and you're willing to go as far as to invent a tale of questionable magnitude to ensure you won't be disturbed. It's perfectly acceptable to keep your feelings private as the vulnerable Cancer Moon slinks through your 12th House of Rest, even if you feel like others are questioning why you're not taking the lead.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your attention meanders from the beaten path as you imagine your ideal future while the security-conscious Cancer Moon wanders through your 11th House of Long-Term Goals. It seems extremely important to reach for your aspirations now, but you might want to hold off on beginning an ambitious fundraising project until the gullible Moon is out from under the influence of radical Uranus. Ideas which seem wildly innovative now may seem ridiculously silly tomorrow.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're in need of reassurance but it's hard to find stable ground in the current emotional atmosphere. Your closest relationships are charged with electricity, crackling with the risk of offending someone with one wrong word. Although your nerves may be on edge today, you still hope to gloss over disagreements and create harmonious connections. Trusting in your natural peace-making abilities to handle conflict leads to your success.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are longing to escape and unwind on your own personal tropical island. Unfortunately, you can daydream all you want but the doubts and worries that drive you into fantasy-land will remain whether you face them or not. Luckily, the Moon's dynamic connection to brilliant Uranus provides a sudden inspiration to shake you out of your reverie.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

It seems like you can't get what you want today as your need for meaningful connection is at cross-purposes with your desire to be completely free of commitments. The sensitive Cancer Moon clashes with rebellious Uranus, pitting your emotions against your wild side. Fortunately, the situation may stabilize naturally when a trusted friend is willing to hear you out. Maintaining an open mind is the fastest way to personal growth.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

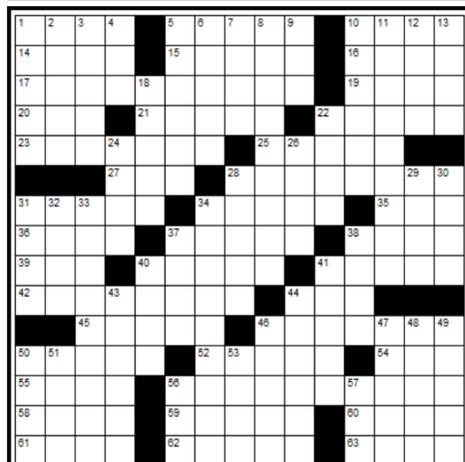
You're walking on eggshells trying to cater to the feelings of others today. You want to be supportive of your closest companions as the protective Cancer Moon swims through your 7th House of Relationships, but it can be hard to know what to say when logic seems lost in the emotional fog. Your mind may wander to your work during the middle of a heart-to-heart conversation with a friend in need.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may find yourself operating on autopilot today, falling back on old habits as a way to distract yourself from the emotional turbulence that seems to lurk around every corner. If you lean too much on the daily grind and don't address the swirling feelings, you might lash out verbally when the needy Cancer Moon gets rattled by rebellious Uranus in your 3rd House of Speech.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your friends and loved ones flock to you for consolation because your presence acts as a calming influence on them. You may be feeling just as emotional as they are today, but the nurturing Cancer Moon's presence in your 5th House of Self-Expression makes all your words feel like a warm blanket to those who need them. Sometimes offering someone an inspirational message can be just as uplifting for you.



Across
1. Brownish purple, 5. Pursue, 10. Hairdo, 14. God of love, 15. Sword handles, 16. College girl, 17. Gossamer, 19. Algonquian Indian, 20. Autonomic nervous system, 21. Pique, 22. Upper-class people (British), 23. An informal term for money, 25. Ganders, 27. French for "Summer", 28. Drug-induced relaxation, 31. Style, 34. Trudges, 35. Pair, 36. Not odd, 37. Sarcasm, 38. Honey insects, 39. Bite, 40. Assists, 41. Drink made of liquor and water, 42. Slovenly, 44. Legislation, 45. Amount of hair, 46. Directionless, 50. Disney mermaid, 52. A skin disease, 54. Delivery vehicle, 55. Brand of credit card, 56. Dragon, 58. Shade trees, 59. Grain to be ground, 60. Bright thought, 61. A musical pause, 62. Approves, 63. Writing table.
Down
1. Foot lever, 2. Pee, 3. Seashore, 4. Clairvoyant's gift, 5. Opportunity, 6. Door part, 7. Maguey, 8. Roe-producing fishes, 9. S, 10. Hail, 11. Surrendered as a penalty, 12. Coral barrier, 13. Poems, 18. Fancy, 22. Orange pekoe, 24. Small slender gull, 26. Countercurrent, 28. Indolence, 29. Was indebted, 30. Prying, 31. Family lines, 32. Wicked, 33. Favoritisms, 34. Call number (libraries), 37. Nile bird, 38. Roll a ball, 40. Cain's brother, 41. Domesticated, 43. Bosom, 44. Lamps, 46. Jittery, 47. Avoid, 48. Purposes, 49. Move stealthily, 50. Affirm, 51. Anger, 53. Diva's solo, 56. Conceit, 57. Disencumber.

Yesterday's Solution
RUNNERS, TISAR, BARE, AIRARA, ROBE, OVAL, FIGHT, EDEN, REVS, PASSIONATE, DREE, BID, WHESTS, RUNNER, FRIAR, OSTER, SOUNDLESS, LEPT, CUING, ISLE, ERSTWHILE, ANNEX, LOUTS, SPEEDY, FLEER, FOP, SEAS, NAVIGATIION, TACO, TRES, RADIO, ITEM, NEAT, EMEND, ESSIE, GALS, LEAKS

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