

Family of American Hostage Call on Taliban Leader for

KABUL - The family of an American hostage on Saturday appealed the Taliban leader Mullah Hibatullah to ask his loyalists to release the American hostage Cathleen Coleman and her husband Joshua Bowell in the wake of holy month of Ramadan and Eid festival. The American and her Canadian husband were taken hostage by the Taliban in 2012 in Ghazni province and since then they have been able to contact their families only three times.



Coleman and Bowell have two children and their grandparents want to see them as soon as possible. "We were so blessed to receive the news of birth of two healthy sons, thank you for sharing such wonderful news, these blessings brought us great joy, such news has also brought us sorrow, we desperately want to be with our daughter and grandsons," said James Coleman father of Cathleen, the hostage. "Pray that... (More on P4)...(16)

Former HIA Commander Gunned Down

JALALABAD - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead a commander of the Gulbadin Hekmatyar-led Hezb-i-Islami (HIA) Afghanistan in the Chaparhar district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News unknown gunmen seized Col. Rahmat Shah from his house and killed him in Gandi Bagh locality late on Friday. Another HIA commander, Abdullah Kamawal, confirmed the killing of Rahmat Shah and said he was a famous figure in the area. Police have opened an investigation into the incident, but no arrests have been made so far. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. (Pajhwok)



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Baghlan Religious Scholars Condemn Attack on Police Cadets in Kabul

KABUL - Religious scholars in Baghlan on Saturday condemned the attack on police cadets in Kabul, saying that those who commit such deeds are not called Muslims.



In a ceremony organized in Pul-e-Khumri city, the religious scholars said no one should be deceived by terrorists and that no one should cooperate with rebel groups. "All attacks, like the one in Kabul that killed and

wounded tens of soldiers, the image of Islam by using terrorists," said Mawlawi Farid, a religious scholar in

Baghlan. "The soldiers killed in Thursday attack were the real sons of this soil, and those who killed them were the slaves of Pakistan," he added.

Another religious scholar in Baghlan, Shah Zaman Zamani, said: "They come under the name of Islam and conduct subversive activities in our country. Region's intelligence agency is behind all these rebel acts." The ... (More on P4)...(17)

2 Dead, 17 Wounded in Nangarhar Suicide Bombing

JALALABAD - Two civilians were killed and 17 others wounded in a suicide bombing in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, on Saturday, an official said. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion took place in the limits of fifth police district at around 10:00 am.



The apparent target was head of local uprising groups and tribal elder from Kot district Haji Hayat Khan. However, he and his guards escaped unhurt. Khan's vehicle was damaged in the explosion. Public Health Director Dr. Najibullah Kamawal said two

bodies and 17 injured people had been evacuated to the hospital from the site. Police Spokesman Hazrat Hus-

'9 Civilians Killed, Houses Plundered in Dostum-Led Offensive'

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - The residents of Dawlatabad district of northern Faryab province say security forces led by First-Vice President Abdul Rashid Dostum and uprising groups loyal to his party, Junbish-i-Milli Islami, have arrested 81 civilians in the district. They said few days ago local police backed by uprising members entered their village and launched a house-to-house search operation, killing nine civilians and taking away household belongings of people. Government officials in Faryab confirmed the op-



eration and only confirmed the arrest of 81 people and denied other incidents. They said Shash Par village in Dawlatabad had been turned into a Taliban centre and the rebels used to always threaten security on the Andokhi-Maimana highway, loot passengers

Bomb Targeting Official Kills 4 ANA Troops

KANDAHAR CITY - The Khakrez district chief survived a roadside bomb attack that killed four Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers in southern Kandahar province on Saturday.

Kandahar police chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Raziq told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in the limits of Khakrez district on Saturday noon. He said the Khakrez district chief, Haji Mir Hamza, was on his way to Kandahar city, the provincial capital, along with security forces when his car hit a roadside bomb. He said the official survived the blast but four ANA soldiers were killed and three others wounded. He said an investigation into the incident had been launched. However, insurgents have not yet commented on the incident. (Pajhwok)

10 Taliban Eliminated in Badakhshan Clash



FAIZABAD - Ten Taliban were killed and some wounded in security forces airstrikes on the insurgents hideouts in the Raghistan district of north-eastern Badakhshan province, an official said on Saturday. Police Chief Brig. Gen. Ghulam Sakhi Ghafari told Pajhwok Afghan

News the Taliban launched attack on security forces checkpoints late on Friday. He said the fighting was still underway and reinforcement was about to arrive soon. According to reports ten Taliban were perished in airstrikes and scores wounded. (Pajhwok)

7 Members of A Family Dead in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - Seven member of a family including women have been killed in gunman attack on a house in the Shah Wali Kot district of southern Kandahar province, an official said on Saturday. Police Spokesman Zia Durrani dubbed the gunmen as Taliban and said the group attack innocent family members in Meli Karez locality Friday night. He said three men and four women were among the dead, adding the slain family members showed strong resistance during the attack and killed one assailant. The Taliban have not yet commented about the incident. Few days back similar incident happened in Maimand district. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Keeping your focus can be rather tricky today as you jump from one project to the next. You might believe you're in complete control of every detail and look forward to surprising everyone with your amazing multitasking skills. However, everything you try to do is complicated if you can't find your groove. Instead of negatively judging yourself for your inconsistencies now.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You might wish you could spend the entire day puttering around the house without being distracted by anyone else. Unfortunately, you can't easily escape from the well-meaning interruptions by people who want to include you in their fun. Thankfully, you don't need to make an all-or-nothing decision about your current plans.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You are exhibiting your infamous split personality today as forks in the road appear and you want to take both options. Your indecision is obvious now that the Moon is back in your changeable sign. However, people may be harsh critics if you continue to flip-flop when explaining your intentions. Nevertheless, keeping your options alive as long as possible is a useful strategy for you Gemini Twins who like to live in duality.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your feelings are flying through your mind at the speed of light today, making it nearly impossible to grab on to any one of them. Verbal communication is unsatisfying because your words cannot capture the subtleties of your emotions. Nevertheless, you must overcome a defeatist attitude and do your best to convey your thoughts to your audience now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Although you may need to deal with complicated logistics today, you're itching to relax in the company of your friends. The loquacious Gemini Moon is visiting your 11th House of Social Networking now, yet you're having trouble shaking your conflicting wish for peace and quiet. Unfortunately, you'll be bored before you know it if you stay home alone.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You would like to be seen as a compassionate leader, at home or in your community. However, your thoughts are jumping from one innovative idea to another today, inspiring you to talk quickly before you forget what you were going to say. Unfortunately, your need to verbalize everything now makes it difficult for others to connect with your softer side. Thankfully, you can take control of the situation by choosing to share less and care more.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You might be living in the present moment, but your thoughts are carrying you off into the future. Fortunately, your fantasies are quite entertaining now and bring a smile to your face whether or not you share them with anyone else. There's no reason to waste energy trying to avoid current responsibilities, since you can fulfill them while still exploring your imagination.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You long for that rare conversation with a special person that elevates your spirit while touching your soul. You're not interested in chatting about the news or the weather; you want to get directly to the core of the matter. You might feel as if time is running out and you're fearful of missing the opportunity to make a real connection.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Although you're certain about your destination today, everyone else seems to be buzzing around in circles without a purpose. However, you might be more easily pulled off course now that the interactive Gemini Moon is cavorting through your 7th House of Others. There is no need to push anyone away in order to eliminate the excess noise from your life now. Instead of wasting time getting rid of the distractions, focus more intently on your goal.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Deeply ingrained moral issues can be irritating if they create inner conflict today. You're not as forthcoming with your feelings as it seems because you don't want others to get involved in your process of contemplation. You may project your more talkative side, but it's probably just a way to cover concerns you don't care to discuss.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

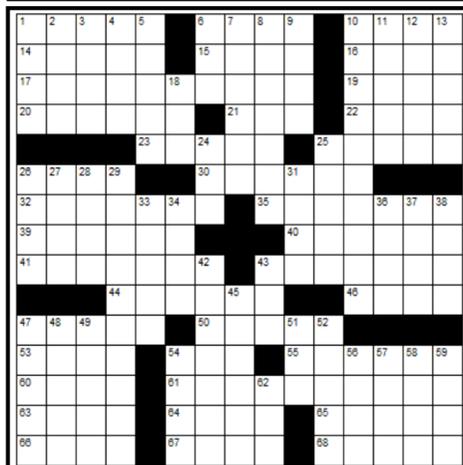


The fireworks in your brain are putting on quite a show with ingenious thoughts lighting your inner sky. However, your attempts to record the magic are futile and could even ruin the brilliant performance. Granted, sometimes it's tough to stay present when you fear the moment will quickly pass.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



People seem to show up at your door today simply to bring you good news or to demonstrate their appreciation for what you do. However, you can't capitalize on their support if other circumstances are blocking your progress. Don't allow frustration to hijack your positive mood, or you'll end up souring your entire day. You might not be able to directly alter your fate now, but changing your attitude changes everything.



Across

1. Christmas song, 6. Slip, 10. Hens make them, 14. Small terrestrial lizard, 15. A ceremonial staff, 16. Stubborn beast, 17. Mentors, 18. Weightlifters pump this, 19. Scheme, 20. Transfer, 22. Boys, 23. Margarine, 24. Orbital high point, 26. Coy, 30. Antlered animal, 31. Nonclerical, 32. Debauchee, 33. Red vegetable, 35. Demolish, 39. Short heavy curved sword, 41. Aerial, 43. Mug, 44. Japanese wrestling, 46. French for "Black", 47. Consumed food, 49. Indian bread, 50. Adhesive strip, 51. Under the influence of narcotics, 54. Team, 56. Flippant, 57. Unable to read, 63. 1/12th of a foot, 64. Existed, 65. Hearing-related, 66. Brother of Jacob, 67. Its symbol is Pb, 68. Property claims, 69. Not more, 70. Makes a mistake, 71. Serpent.

Down

1. Actors in a show, 2. Food thickener, 3. Indian music, 4. Portent, 5. Lariat, 6. Without mirth, 7. Modern sing-along, 8. Computer symbol, 9. Relating to the teeth, 10. Having a job, 11. Internment camp, 12. Clearing, 13. Feel, 21. The common people, 25. Long ago, 26. Circle fragments, 27. Defeat decisively, 28. Adorable, 29. Sunflower, 34. Tropical evergreen trees, 36. Dwarf buffalo, 37. Trim, 38. Rabbit, 40. Pot, 42. A nine-piece musical group, 45. Ill-defined, 48. Comestible, 51. Patter, 52. Anxious, 53. Killer whales, 55. Welts, 58. Lascivious look, 59. Wreckage, 60. District, 61. Armored vehicle, 62. If not.

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LATENT GRETTLE
SIGENT LEPER
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ACRES HOMER
BOOR BIB GAMING
URSA ECONOMICALL
SNIT MATE PROBE
ESNE ELISE SENSE

awash, betray, blaze, bother, boxes, certificate, cheek, cover, drawn, error, focus, group, humor, instruction, lift, morning, obey, plank, reave, rebellious, receive, rescue, river, shame, short, sorry, torch, tote, trust, unrest, vindicate, weary, where.

