

A Look at The Plight of a Female Addict in Balkh

KABUL - Khurma 35 is one of the thousands of drug addicts in Afghanistan who do not have access to basic health services. She has been an addict for twenty years. Although she regrets her addiction, she says there are no medical services in Balkh for those suffering from addiction. Khurma lives in Khairabad village of Dawlatabad district in northern Balkh province. It is 40 kilometers from the provincial capital Mazar-e-Sharif. Some 200 families live in her village, the major-



ity of whom have been suffering from drug addiction because of poverty, the lack of health services and easy access to drugs. "I was working hard, gradually I started feeling pain all over my body. I was using drugs to treat my pain.

But step by step I became an addicted person. One of my sons is also an addict. We have nothing, I am begging, my life is really painful," she said. Local residents say many in Khurma's village are suffering from the same affliction. Amir Mohammad 44 is the father of six children. He became an addict a decade ago. He lives in the same village as Khurma. Amir Mohammad says poverty and unemployment ruined his life and drugs became...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Afghan Family of 5 Held in Los Angeles Released

KABUL - Detained at the Los Angeles airport for four days, a five-member Afghan family has been freed and allowed to travel to Washington, American media reported on Tuesday. Issued with special immigrant visas, the family had been given approval to move to the United States. But the five people were detained after landing at the airport. Border patrol personnel stopped the Afghans on Thursday when they arrived at the airport. The family's head has worked for the American government in Afghanistan for a decade. He was sent to a detention centre. According to The News York Times, the man's spouse and three children were held sepa-

rately. But they were freed hours before a hearing before the Federal District Court. On Saturday night, the judge issued a temporary order preventing the mother and children from being moved to a family detention centre in Texas. Mark Rosenbaum, a lawyer with Public Counsel, hailed the release as a positive step. "This is a real victory in terms of the government acknowledging that the family does not pose a threat." Federal officials will meet the family on April 5 to see their visa documents. Until then, the Afghans would have no restrictions on their liberties, the Times said. Government officials told the court the family had been given back...*(More on P4)...(19)*

4 Logar Tribal Elders under Taliban Captivity

PUL-I-ALAM - Four Tribal elders of hailing from Azra district of central Logar province have been in the Taliban captivity over the past forty days, officials said on Tuesday. District Chief, Hamidullah Hamid, told Pajhwok Afghan News the tribal elders had been arrested by the Taliban for the alleged role of cooperation with the government machinery. The elders belonged to the Akbarkhelo locality. He

said the detained elders were Abdul Satar, Meer Ghwsuddin, Abdul Hadi and Hayatullah, the local authorities were unable to release them. According to Hamid Taliban had asked the detained tribal elders to get their relatives out of police ranks and stop cooperation with the government, a conditions imposed over their release. Provincial council member, Abdul Wali Wakil, confirmed the captivity



of four tribal leaders and said the Taliban should release them without further delay because they never cooperated with government. He said the captive tribal leaders were in good health condition. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed the captivity...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Afghanistan to Face Ireland in First T20 Series

KABUL - The Afghan National Cricket Team will play Ireland in their first Twenty 20 International series in India on Wednesday. Afghanistan has played seven T20 matches against Ireland and leads their encounters by four wins to three defeats. Officials in the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) said the national team practiced for one week in Greater Noida in India. The last time Afghanistan and Ireland faced each other in the Desert Cup



challenge last year the Afghan squad beat Ireland three times during the championship. Recently Afghanistan defeated Zimbabwe in ODI series to secure its place in the International Cricket Council rankings. (Tolonews)

Rural Afghan Women Share Bitter Stories

KABUL - Women in the rural areas of Afghanistan have called on leaders and the government of the country to listen to the hardships they suffer because of the ongoing war. With the help of the Afghan Samoon Society, nearly 50 women have come to Kabul from south-east, eastern and central provinces of the country to share the challenges and problems that women and girls are facing with in rural areas. The women have come to Kabul to be part of International Women's Day and want to use the opportunity to publicize their problems and to make sure their voices are heard. One Helmand women, Zulheja, who has lost three of her sons over past two years in the war in the province, said their wives and her grandchildren are living in dire conditions. Her three dead sons were policemen and she has now brought three of her grandchildren to Kabul to have their voices heard. "I demand that the President and CEO pay attention to us. They should...*(More on P4)...(24)*

Inside Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence

KABUL - After a lot of hard work, Pajhwok Afghan News managed to get permission to visit a safe home for girls and women who have fled different kinds of domestic violence. Victims of family violence are living in the safe home in Kabul. Violence experienced by these inmates may be happening in other parts of the country as well. Some women have also brought their chil-



dren to the facility. Maryam, 21, a resident of the Zari district of northern Balkh province, claimed she was thrice raped and had to come to Kabul in quest of refuge...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Beach Soccer Team Lose to Bahrain

KABUL - Bahrain grabbed their third straight win in Group A of the 2017 AFC Beach Soccer Championship after a closely fought 6-4 win over Afghanistan's Beach Soccer Team in Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia on Tuesday. Both sides went into the game hot on the back of two encouraging wins, with Bahrain second above Afghanistan on goal difference in their five-team group. The game was evenly contested in the opening phase until Bahrain captain Rashed Jamal opened the scoring six minutes before Hesham Ahmed doubled their advantage with a long-range strike with two minutes remaining. The Bahrainis added their third with a quick...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Journalist Father Killed by ANA Soldier in Uruzgan

TIRINKOT - A local reporter's father has been killed by an Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier in central Uruzgan province, officials said on Tuesday. Gulaly, eyewitness told Pajhwok Afghan news that the incident took place near the Monar square in Tirinkot, the provincial capital, late on Monday. He said the Paiwaston voice radio reporter Fazel Ahmad Basarmal's Father Abdul Khaleq was on his way to mosque for evening prayer when the ANA

soldier opened fire at him. The accused soldier was arrested by other officers after the incident and was being investigated, he added. The provincial hospital head, Dr. Aminullah Tokhi, said they received an elder wounded man who was hit with bullet at head and succumbed to his wounds at the hospital. Uruzgan Police Chief, Brig. Gen. Ghulam Farooq Sangari confirmed the incident and said the detained ANA soldier...*(More on P4)...(23)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You pride yourself on your ability to separate work and home, leaving family or living situation issues out of your professional life. But there is only so much space left in your deal-with-it-later folder and it's filling up fast. If you don't address the buildup soon, it may spill over at a time and place much less appropriate.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

There's a stew brewing inside your mind, and it's not the kind you think people will be happy to be served. Regardless, you've made too much of it for just yourself, and the pot may boil over if you don't dish it out. You fear that someone will feel blindsided if you tell them your true opinion today, but you're the one more likely to get hurt if you don't speak your mind. Delaying the inevitable only makes relationship matters worse.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may think you're doing someone else a favor by playing down your feelings. Pretending everything rolls right off your back isn't normally much of a stretch for a wordsmith like you, but it's not so easy to pull off today. The cautious Cancer Moon tiptoes through your 2nd House of Finances, indicating that you might have a sore spot around your spending habits that you want to protect. Unfortunately, what you try to hide most ardently is actually what will find its way out the fastest.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're wearing your heart on your sleeve even if you could swear that you left it in your pocket where it was safer. Your family and closest friends are especially apt to see what's going on today because it's written all over your face. Even your body language quickly responds to every nuance in your mood as the retentive Cancer Moon stimulates your 1st House of Self.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your reticence isn't baseless today; sometimes you just need to process your feelings on your own. Nonetheless, using this as a reason to not work through your emotions won't serve you well in the long run. The moody Cancer Moon draws you out of the spotlight and into your 12th House of Privacy where you can take inventory without an audience.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

When the going gets tough it's nice to have a group of like-minded allies by your side. The last thing you want to do is upset the sweet harmony that exists in your social circle. However, if someone is uneasy about an unresolved issue, then honesty is the best policy. You may try to protect your peers by skimming over the real story, but if your friendships are strong enough to be worth your loyalty, they're strong enough to endure the truth.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You already made up your mind that you don't want anything or anyone raining on your parade today. Intermingling and gossiping between coworkers may push your buttons as you wish everyone would get back to work. The tenacious Cancer Moon funnels emotional energy into your 10th House of Status, prompting you to protect your reputation and possibly overreact toward any perceived threats.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You can be a harsh judge of new philosophies because you don't want anyone to pull the wool over your eyes. You could find yourself knee-deep in exploring all kinds of worldviews trying to make sense of them all when the naive Cancer Moon floods your 9th House of Higher Truth.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You have a natural gift of optimism which is why you make such a delightful friend. However, there's a different side of you that you keep hidden while playing the life of the party. But a partner or family member might see through your facade to the core of your self-doubt today, and there's no sense in trying to give them the runaround once they do. The sensitive Cancer Moon in your 8th House of Deep Sharing encourages you to tell it like it is without fear of looking foolish.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Underneath your sometimes stoic exterior, a soft spot exists for those who need help. You may be especially susceptible to tales of woe and pleas for assistance while the empathetic Cancer Moon swims through your 7th House of Others. You might find that your only two settings are open or closed as you either want to accept the sad stories on faith or reject them entirely.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Although you may not be the most touchy-feely kind of person, it's natural for you to make friends wherever you go. However, you tend to even keep long-time acquaintances at arm's length if you don't want to get trapped in a mushy discussion. Oddly enough, you might open up to a coworker or someone you barely know during the course of the day.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

The mundane doesn't seem appealing when your imagination is more colorful than a sunset. You're called to create your next masterpiece as the evocative Cancer Moon sails through your 5th House of Self-Expression, opening a wellspring of artistic impressions. However, this cosmic flood is also the source of angst and feelings that are not so pleasant to experience. If you woke up on the melancholy side of the bed.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-64.

Across: 1. Slightly wet, 6. Town (American slang), 10. Cut down, 14. Zeal, 15. Dwarf buffalo, 16. 66 in Roman numerals, 17. New Zealand native, 18. Life stories, 19. Fastens, 20. A moderately quick tempo, 22. Pig sound, 23. Woman, 24. On the up and up, 26. A type of nut, 30. Malice, 32. He plays a role, 33. Destruction, 37. Cold-shoulder, 38. Portion, 39. Sharpen, 40. They seek pleasure, 42. Fight with swords, 43. Parts portrayed, 44. Swore, 45. Chews, 47. Many millennia, 48. Inheritor, 49. A preacher, 56. Against, 57. An aromatic ointment, 58. Equestrian, 59. Place, 60. Being, 61. Anoint (archaic), 62. School session, 63. Marsh plant, 64. Foliate.

Down: 1. Mother, 2. By mouth, 3. False god, 4. Achy, 5. Set off, 6. Din, 7. Module, 8. Part of a plant, 9. In Britain, it's petrol, 10. To a complete degree, 11. Twenty-three in Roman numerals, 12. What's happening, 13. A flat circular plate, 21. Uncooked, 25. Estimated time of arrival, 26. Money, 27. Pang, 28. An upright in a wall, 29. Money paid for a service, 30. Hard fats, 31. Photos, 33. Ascend, 34. Charged particles, 35. A single time, 36. Require, 38. A pale lager, 41. At this time, 42. Burial, 44. Sprocket, 45. Wish granter, 46. Fertilizer ingredient, 47. Ceased, 48. Stop, 50. Flower holder, 51. Backside, 52. Connects two points, 53. Notion, 54. Consciousness.

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