

Daikundi Disabled Persons Demand Access to Rights

NEILI - Some people with disabilities in central Daikundi province accuse local officials of negligence in providing them their allowances and privileges. The physically challenged people accuse local officials of depriving them of their rights such as recruitment of qualified disabled persons to different positions, establishing capacity development centres for them, allotment of residential plots and apartments, allocation of seven percent scholarships for their children, free education and special discount in air and road fares. Mohammad, a disabled in Neili, said



people's behaviour towards disabled people had changed and they were disrespected. He said local officials had many times promised people with disabilities access to their rights, but no practical steps had been taken so far in this regard. "No official has so far paid attention to the problems of disabled people. We want their situation to be improved," a member of the provincial council, GhairatJawahiri, said. Ghulam Mohammad Farzam, ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Taliban Accused of Killing Woman on Adultery Charges

SHIBERGHAN - The Taliban shot dead a woman on adultery charges in northern Jawzjan province, officials said on Sunday, but the militants rejected the charge as baseless. A 20-year-old mother of two was shot dead on Saturday night in the Mimlik village of Faizabad district. The woman was accused by her in-laws of having adultery. She was handed over to the Taliban a few days ago, the district chief, SairaShakib, told Pajhwok Afghan News. The shooting of the woman was a conspiracy, he claimed.

Her in-laws did not name the man with whom the accused had illicit relations, according to the official, who demanded a thoroughgoing probe into the murder. But the detective chief at the police headquarters, Abdul Rahim, was unaware of the incident. "The woman was killed by a group of Taliban led by Maulvi Ahmad Shah," said the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) head for Jawzjan, Sar-i-Pul and Faryab provinces. MaghfiratSamimivoiced ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Taliban Gun down Provincial Judge: Officials

KABUL - An Afghan official says insurgents have killed the top judge on a provincial appeals court. Jawed Salangi, spokesman for the governor of the eastern Ghazni province, said Sunday that Mohammad Anwar was ambushed and shot while in neighboring Wardak province the day before. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the killing in an email sent to reporters. Insurgent attacks on Afghan security forces and officials have intensified across the



country in the past year. Judicial officials have long been Taliban targets. Anwar's killing comes days after the nomination of a new attorney general, Farid Hamidi. Hamidi is a former human ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Huge Weapons Cache Seized By NDS

CHARIKAR - A huge weapons cache has been recovered by the National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel in the JabalusSaraj district of central Parwan province, the spy-network said on Sunday. During a raid, 93 pistols of different types, 10 Kalashnikovs, nine Kalakovs, four Krinkovs, two M4 rifles, 11,200 pistol bullets and 9,000 Kalashnikov bullets were recovered, NDS said in a statement. The insurgents wanted to conduct terrorist attacks in the province with the weapons they had stored, but security forces frustrated their attempt, the statement added. It did not give more details, but the provincial crime branch chief, Col. Abdul ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Nearly a Dozen Daesh Fighters Killed in Airstrike

JALALABAD - Nearly a dozen Daesh, or Islamic State, fighters have been killed in a drone airstrike in eastern Nangarhar province, official said on Sunday. Lt. Col Hazrat Hussain Mashriqwal, the provincial police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the foreign troops conducted the air raid in the Shinshobi area of Achin district on Saturday night. He said at least 11 Daesh militants were killed in the raids. A resident of Achin,



SangarShinwari, said air strikes had been accelerated recently in the district by NATO-led troops. *(Pajhwok)*

Taliban Shadow District Governor Killed

KABUL - Afghan government forces mounted pressure against Taliban militants in the northern Baghlan province, killing a shadow district governor on Sunday. "The security forces launched a cleanup operation in Koro valley of Dushi district on Saturday. As a result, a Taliban shadow district governor Mullah Jan Mohammad was killed on Sunday morning," Abdul SatarBariz, governor of Baghlan province, told media. Jan Mohammad had organized roadside bombings and targeted security personnel, Bariz said, adding that Jan Mohammad's elimination is regarded as a major blow to the Taliban fighters in Baghlan province. Taliban haven't commented on the news. *(Xinhua)*

9 Insurgents, 7 Police Killed in Ongoing Uruzgan Firefight

TIRINKOT - At least nine Taliban and seven policemen have been killed during an ongoing clash in central Uruzgan province, officials said on Sunday. The clash erupted between the militants and police on Saturday night in Charchino district, the town's police chief, Wali Dad, told Pajhwok Afghan News. "Last night, the insurgents attacked the police four times and two of the assaults were pushed back. The attackers are closing in on the district," he said. Wali Dad added the Tali-



ban had captured 12 security posts so far and if police were not reinforced in the area of ammunition, the district would soon collapse. At least seven policemen have been killed and eight others wounded in the ongoing gunfight and injured were evacuated to hospital. He said 11 Taliban fighters were also killed and nine others wounded. The Taliban confirmed the clash, with the group's spokesman, QariYousafA ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

1 Dead, 5 Injured in Bamyan & Daikundi Incidents

NIELI/BAMYAN CITY - A man has been killed and five others have been wounded in separate incidents in central Daikundi and Bamyan provinces, officials said on Sunday. Abdur Rahman Ahmadi, the Bamyan governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News a man was killed and eight others were injured in a clash between two families in Foladi area on Saturday. The wounded are in stable condition. The gunfight erupted when a bridegroom's vehicle passed through the farmland of a family. Individuals from both families had been de-



tained. The detainees are under investigation, and their cases have been referred to the attorney's office. Elsewhere, a mini-bus flipped over in the Band-i-Borlo locality of Shahrstan district in Daikundi province. At least seven passengers, including two women and as many children, were wounded. Dr. Hashmatullah Zahir, a surgeon at the civil hospital in Nieli, the provincial capital, said the injured were in stable condition. Some of them have had their legs and hands fractured. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Maintaining a positive outlook gains the admiration of others today, but even your best efforts will fail if you are avoiding an important issue. There's really no viable alternatives other than being brutally honest now. Pretending that everything is fine just increases the tension. Distorting the facts won't lead you to where you want to go.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your friendly attitude is contagious today. Normally, your personality warms up to others slowly and steadily, although your loyalty is legendary once you establish an emotional bond. However, you're eager to do away with the surface chit-chat, jump in and make something special happen without going through all the proper channels.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may be lost in contemplation, dreaming about your plans with great intensity and concern; nevertheless, people might not even notice your struggle now. However, you could become quite irked if someone doesn't acknowledge your feelings today, especially if you have taken the time to explain them. Don't dwell on what others think; your routine will likely shift back to normal by tomorrow.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

When the storm tides of emotions rise, you ocean-friendly Crabs happily go about your business. You're pleased to be back in the sea where you feel safe now that the Moon is visiting watery Scorpio. However, others might not perceive any differences in your behavior because you are adept at hiding your true feelings.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You might appear to be overly moody today, especially if your emotions contradict your intentions. Others can mistakenly believe your current irritability originates from a sticky situation that isn't working out as you expected. Nevertheless, the source of your stress is a familiar contradiction between your head and your heart. It makes sense now to retreat peacefully while you can.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may be preoccupied with family matters or domestic responsibilities today, but others still see you as more upbeat than you actually feel. Your optimism is readily discernible, even if you're experiencing tugs of self-doubt. You're determined to move away from emotional vulnerability and lean toward the analytical realms where you can gain more control. But instead of trying to circumvent the uncertainty, explore the colorful range of your emotions.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You can quickly skip right over a controversial issue now because you're an expert at transforming uncomfortable situations into pleasant experiences. Nevertheless, there may be mixed messages heading your way, making it more complicated to know which direction to turn. Ultimately, you want to be gracious, but your feelings might be too intense to hide. Don't fake it for the sake of false harmony.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're prepared to step out on the edge in order to make positive changes in a relationship today. Your current confidence puts others at ease, potentially inspiring them to open their hearts. You might even feel as if you're sitting on top of the world, enabling you to express the intensity of the Scorpio Moon without the negativity that often accompanies emotional self-expression.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your intuition won't lead you astray today unless you try to sidestep any controversial subjects. If you're not paying attention to the emotional flow, someone with a less carefree attitude might just have something crucial to teach you. Consider volunteering at a retirement home, hospital or a community event where you have the opportunity to interact with people who are less fortunate than you.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

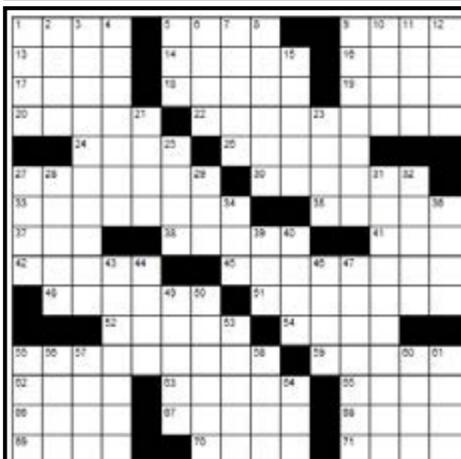
Your day off may be so tightly scheduled that it doesn't leave you much breathing room. This kind of structure might bother many people, but you thrive in the security of knowing what you must do. Nevertheless, everything doesn't necessarily progress according to your preconceived plan today, especially if you discover something more interesting than your original agenda.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Enjoying yourself may be challenging today, especially if you feel trapped by previous commitments. However, getting annoyed with others is pointless, even if they appear to be preventing you from following your bliss. Shift the energy by finding ways to let off some steam, so your unexpressed anger doesn't transform into resentment.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Strong waves of emotions are building within you, motivating you to accomplish a lot now. All you need to do is figure out a clever way to harness the energy. If you're feeling confused by the uncertainties ahead, don't miss this cosmic opportunity to settle your nerves today. There's no reason to be entangled by what you don't know. Instead, visualize your most idealistic scenario for the future, color in every detail and then behave as if your dreams are real.



Across

1. Cut down, 5. Vipers, 9. Forearm bone, 13. 71 in Roman numerals, 14. Ancient Persian coin, 16. Found on a finger, 17. Blips, 18. Less damp, 19. Location, 20. Fathers, 22. Anagram of "Sauciness", 24. Dines, 26. Grave marker, 27. Savior, 30. Warning devices, 33. Enclosed, 35. Gladden, 37. 56 in Roman numerals, 38. Make improvements, 41. Zero, 42. Birds of peace, 45. Annuals, 48. Lemon or canary, 51. Gallivant, 52. Vibes, 54. Brother of Jacob, 55. Striped or spotted, 59. Heaps, 62. 62 in Roman numerals, 63. Dimwit, 65. Wise one, 66. Margarine, 67. Ringworm cassia, 68. Ear-related, 69. Small slender gull, 70. Marsh plant, 71. Where a bird lives.

Down

1. Austrian peaks, 2. 22 in Roman numerals, 3. Communicative, 4. Illness, 5. Total, 6. Indian dress, 7. One who is excessively proper, 8. Afternoon nap, 9. Disentangle, 10. Nonclerical, 11. Anagram of "Tine", 12. Beers, 15. Barbarous, 21. Blend, 23. Wings, 25. Satisfy, 27. Gentle, 28. Emissary, 29. Skirt's edge, 31. Control, 32. Pippens, 34. Former North African ruler, 36. If not, 39. Mesh, 40. Have the nerve, 43. Jubilation, 44. Swing around, 46. Coarse file, 47. Go-between, 49. German iris, 50. Roam, 53. A river through Paris, 55. Conspiracy, 56. Spindle, 57. Layer, 58. Accomplished, 60. Auspices, 61. Religious offshoot, 64. Little bit.

Yesterday's Solution



apron, bicycle, breeze, cost, coup, current, daughter, drags, entire, finals, forest, forgetful, gash, glisten, guard, helpful, husband, medium, music, page, pane, performance, pips, potion, rear, restaurant, ripple, shack, share, sheep, sheet, stone.

