

Govt. Accused of Withholding Information

KABUL - A Media advocacy group on Tuesday accused the government of concealing the truth and not disseminating information to the people of Afghanistan. The failure to provide information by officials has caused the nation to lose trust in the government and as a result citizens are relying on unconfirmed reports and propaganda on social media platforms, said officials from Nai - a media supporting organization. They warned that if government continues to hold back information, it will be declared a violation of the Constitution. "Based on the law, the government must give



information to people, otherwise the law is violated," Nai executive chief MujeebKhelwatgar said. "When people are aware of information, it means democracy, but if not so, then a gap is created between people and government." A number of MPs, meanwhile, concurred and said people are being kept in the dark about the situation in the country. They agreed that most people are relying on information coming through social media - a lot of which they say is untrue. "Tens of facebook pages have been created that fuel ethnic issues," a senator said on Tuesday. In ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

Iran Nuclear Deal to Boost Mideast Economy: IMF



DUBAI - Iran's landmark nuclear deal will lift economic growth in the war-plagued Middle East next year as the rolling back of sanctions brings a rebound in oil exports, the IMF said Tuesday. But the outlook for this year has worsened over the past six months, partly because of the conflicts raging in Yemen and Libya, the International Monetary Fund said in its semi-annual World Economic Outlook. But growth in the Middle East and North Africa will "pick up substantially in 2016, supported by accelerated activity in the Islamic Republic of Iran," it said. "The lifting of sanctions... should allow for a recovery in oil production and exports," it added, while predicting "a gradual improvement in the outlook for countries severely affected by conflicts, such as Iraq, Libya and Yemen". Regional growth is seen slowing to 2.3 percent this year from 2.6 percent in 2014, before rebounding to 3.8 percent in 2016. Oil exporters, which include ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

NDS Detain Would-be Suicide Bomber

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency has detained a would-be suicide bomber in Kabul who planned to target police.



A statement released by NDS on Tuesday identifies the arrested terrorist as Mahmood S/O Nawroz Khan who has received terrorist training from FaizulMadaris Madrasa (Seminary) in Shamshatu area of Peshawar city. The statement further states that Mahmood who had received the assignment from Haqqani Terrorist Network had a bag full of explosives and intended to target the eight

police district in Kabul city. A footage released by NDS shows the arrested young boy telling his story about how got ready for the suicide attack. "My name is Mahmood S/O Nawroz Khan, MawlawiNiamtullah took me to Pakistan, there was a Madrasa in Shamshatu of Pakistan by the name of

Madrasa-e-FaizulMadaris, after a year and a half MawlawiNiamatullah returned to Afghanistan and handed me over to MawlawiFaizullah, MawlawiFaizullah was an instructor of the Madrasa and member of Haqqani Network, he convinced me for carrying suicide attack, ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

Baloch Confirms His House Was Targeted

KABUL - Former Helmand governor and former deputy head of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) Naeem Baloch has confirmed that his house was the target of Monday night's attack in Darulaman Road in Kabul.

In a telephonic interview with TOLOnews, Baloch said the house is currently under construction and unoccupied. He said there had just been a guard on duty at the time but he escaped uninjured.

"I confirm that it is my house and that it is under construction. No one lived in it. There was just a security guard," he said, adding that he has asked the security forces to launch a full investigation into the incident. Police officials confirmed that three insurgents stormed the house before detonating a car bomb. They then holed up in the house and clashed with security forces through the night.

The attack was launched soon after 8pm on Monday night and ended at 6.30am on Tuesday when security force members killed the insurgents. Baloch's statement however comes after conflicting reports emerged - with eyewitnesses immediately identifying the property as his. However, police officials rejected the claims on Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday morning the head of the Kabul crime investigation department, FraidoonObaidi said: "We have started investigations about the house and it does not belong to Naeem Baloch or any other government official." Ministry of ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

RAPL Players from Kunduz Stuck in Kabul

KABUL - A number of Mawjhai Amu football team members, who live in Kunduz but took part in the Roshan Afghan Premiere League (RAPL) tournament in Kabul recently, have been unable to return home due to the security situation.

The players, who secured fourth place in the RAPL tournament, said they are extremely worried about their families - something they had to deal with while playing their semi-final match last week. Players, who are staying in a safe house in Kabul, expressed deep concern over the situation with some saying they have lost family members in the ongoing battle in Kunduz city.

QismatAhmadi, one Amu player, said: "My cousin's son [14] was shot dead after coming out of his house to buy bread."

Most players said their families are also now scattered after having fled to neighboring provinces. Some have however stayed behind to protect their properties and are in hiding in their homes, they said.

"Most members of my family were able to escape from Kunduz to Takhar but could not take any possessions. They are staying in a rented house. My father and one of my brothers had to stay behind in Kunduz to protect our belongings from being looted," said BaryalaiMohammadzada, another Amu player from Kunduz.

The government earlier reported it had mostly cleared the city of insurgents but reports emerged on Tuesday that the Taliban has not been completely eliminated and that clashes are ongoing. (Tolnews)

New ISIS Video Purportedly Shows Beheading of a Man in Nangarhar



KABUL - The loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group have released a new propaganda video claimed to be filmed in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. The video purportedly shows the beheading of a man in an area apparently under the control of the loyalists of the terror group. The man, accused of espionage, is shown in an orange jumpsuit and executed by an ISIS loyalist in black uniform and mask. The latest propaganda video is released amid ongoing military operations by the Afghan security forces in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. Local officials in Nangarhar said at least seven militants were killed and eight others wounded in the latest anti-Daesh operation in Achin District. The officials further added that the loyalists of the terror group suffered the latest casualties in Abdulkhil area where ISIS militants are actively operating. This comes as the United Nations ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Commando Says Unit Played Crucial Role in Kunduz

KUNDUZ CITY - Abdul Munib, a member of the Afghan National Army Commando Unit, says commando troops have played a crucial role in retaking control of Kunduz city and other parts of the province over the past few days. However, Munib, 26, told TOLOnews that they, commandos along with other security force branches, are

still fighting insurgents in parts of the province. Tamim Hamid, TOLOnews reporter who is in Kunduz, says the commando unit was among the first to enter the embattled city after it fell to the Taliban last week. Hamid reports that Munib led the first team of commandos into the city. Munib, whose brother is also in the security forces

- as a ground troop soldier - says he will respond "tit-for-tat" against those who attacked Kunduz. "For the blood that was shed in Kunduz, we will take revenge - from the enemies of Afghanistan's people. I want to assure the people that we will return their lost security," he said. He said that he has fought ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Your life path may grow even more convoluted if you are struggling to establish your place in a significant relationship. It seems like whatever you choose to do goes against the grain now. You're not purposefully trying to be difficult or rebellious; you simply want to be true to your heart. Don't let anyone talk you out of following your instincts.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You might feel as if you're engaged in a classic battle between light and dark today as a casual acquaintance or professional associate tries to smear your reputation. It's not easy to bring up certain topics for discussion, but you can't afford to let them slide now, in case someone gets the wrong impression. Awareness rather than denial clears the most direct path toward a peaceful resolution.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your creative streak can generate plenty of mischief today as you search for ways to push people's buttons. Ironically, you don't want to engage in a serious discussion about your work; you're simply trying to provoke reactions. However, you could be living in a bubble of denial when it comes to the controversy surrounding your artistic expression now, and might even be rattled by the intense response you receive.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You prefer to hide out and let the world pass you by now that suspicious Pluto is squaring the Sun in your 4th House of Roots. However, you also might need to deal with any nagging fears of failure. Retreating to the safety of your home can help you gain a better perspective on the weeks ahead. Instead of falling victim to self-doubt and worry.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



In the big scheme of things, today's dramas are not as significant as you may think. The Moon's return to your sign always stirs up suppressed feelings, making everything seem more intense -- and this time is no exception. However, a serious confrontation could develop from a rather trivial disagreement. Instead of allowing the energy to escalate into a conflict.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You may be short on time, energy or money today as dark Pluto squares the brilliant Sun in your 2nd House of Resources. You might overcompensate by bolting ahead early in the day if you think you recently mismanaged a project. You're not sure why anyone would stand in your way, yet your eagerness could trigger resistance from others. Stick to your position and don't push the panic button yet.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



A disagreement in a personal or business relationship today raises questions that have no easy answers. Instead of trying to force a resolution, listen to everyone's concerns one more time. Ironically, if you can understand each other's point of view, your differing perspectives might actually provide inspiration. Keep in mind that you're riding an emotional see-saw now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You want to slip into the shadows to escape from your responsibilities as a creative square from evolutionary Pluto activates the Sun in your 12th House of Fantasy. You realize that challenging times are on the horizon, so you're inclined to conserve your energy now. Nevertheless, you seem to gain steam as you start to anticipate the future.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Put your best foot forward at professional and social events to make the most of today's profound cosmic energy. Remain open to an unexpected twist of fate, even if it rocks your world at first. Rather than trying to influence a situation that's beyond your control, change your response to it. Unfortunately, you're not in charge of everything, but you are fully responsible for your behavior.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You might think it's not fair that you make an extra effort to keep an open mind while someone else maintains such a rigid perspective. The bad news is this energetic imbalance leaves little room for compromise. Still, you're willing to talk about your feelings now if the other party is amenable to engaging in an honest dialogue. The first step is to discuss the larger issue of negotiation to ensure everyone agrees.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Although you can see the flashing red lights approaching, you still might not heed the warning. You're so impatient that you're ready to step on the gas today before you even know where you're going. But your long-term thinking runs into more immediate concerns if your day brings an unwarranted surprise. Even if you want to do nothing but focus on the future.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You have an abundance of excellent ideas you would like to put into action, and as the day progresses you are able to zero in on the best ones. Your powers of concentration are running deep, enabling you to dredge up forgotten memories. At first, you might be startled by what you discover from your persistent digging. However, you can emerge from this emotional experience with a stronger self-esteem if you keep an open mind.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62.

Across: 1. Type of vacuum flask, 6. Clenched hand, 10. Matured, 14. Pueblo brick, 15. Easy gait, 16. Marcel Marceau was one, 17. Birds of peace, 18. Absent Without Leave, 19. Bond, 20. Improve, 22. Against, 23. Fitting, 24. Charges, 26. Shoot, 30. Bums around, 32. Tranquility, 33. Lip hair, 37. Relating to urine, 38. Woo, 39. Sailing ship, 40. Two-seaters, 42. Wingless bloodsucking insect, 43. Rescues, 44. Onetime, 45. French for "Queen", 47. Bro or sis, 48. Audition tape, 49. African holly, 56. Basic unit of money in China, 57. District, 58. Claw, 59. Largest continent, 60. Require, 61. African antelope, 62. A small wooded hollow, 63. Sounds of disapproval, 64. Thorny flowers.

Down: 1. Early 20th-century art movement, 2. Anagram of «Dome», 3. Interlaced, 4. Cain's brother, 5. Ash, 6. Emergency signal, 7. Hawkeye State, 8. Smudge, 9. Program airing, 10. A diplomat of the highest rank, 11. Goliath, 12. Gives forth, 13. Sandwich shop, 21. Not in, 25. Frequently, in poetry, 26. Prod, 27. South American country, 28. Shower, 29. Irregular, 30. Lummoxes, 31. Not yours, 33. Pout, 34. Buddy, 35. A flexible pipe, 36. Pitcher, 38. Pledge, 41. Prohibit, 42. Crayfish, 44. Hale, 45. Utilize again, 46. Electronic letters, 47. Herring-like fishes, 48. Twosome, 50. Angers, 51. Eccentric person, 52. Angel's headwear, 53. «Oh my!», 54. Accomplished, 55. Terminates.

Yesterday's Solution: aloo, bead, burden, cant, career, children, cream, dagger, drama, effortless, exist, fancy, fork, function, future, gest, giant, hair, hunter, leaf, mutton, nearly, necklace, nice, nuts, piece, riot, salvo, sesame, shares, sheriff, short, soften, stable, tenant,

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