

Inefficient Ministers be Disqualified: MPs

KABUL - A number of Wolesi Jirga members demanded disqualification of ministers who failed to spend 50 percent of budgetary allocations during the ongoing fiscal year.

Arif Rahmani, lower house member from Ghazni province, expressed concern over under spending of development funds. "The ministers who spent only 60 percent of their budget should be summoned for clarification."

He linked low budget spending



to negligence and incompetency of ministers and administrative corruption.

"We beg foreigners, but when we receive money, they are not spent, it is our responsibility to send ineffective ministers home," he said.

Abdul Qadir Zazai, a lawmaker from capital Kabul said it was regretful that they had granted the trust vote to ministers who could not spend even 50 to 60 percent of their budgets. "We are waiting for the ... (More on P6)...(8)"

Children in Reform Center Call for Cases to be Processed

KABUL - A number of teenagers and children detained at the Children's Reform Training Center (CRTR) on Monday criticized Afghanistan's legal and judicial institutions for not processing their cases, and called on the relevant bodies to resolve the issue.

Afghanistan Human Rights Organization has condemned the inaction by the Afghan legal and judicial institutions for not processing the cases of these children, saying that a number of detainees in the center are over the age of eighteen.

More than 131 children and teenagers are kept at the center on various charges.

"There are some people who arrived at the reform training center a month ago, but there are cases that are processed very quickly, but there are some people who do not have families or relatives to ... (More on P6)...(9)"

8 Rebels Dead as Security Forces Launch Fresh Offensive in Baghlan

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Eight militants were killed during military offensive which was launched early on Monday in northern Baghlan province, an official said.

Maj. Gen. Shaur Gul, operational in charge, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban who were defeated in Dand-i-Chori locality and Baghlan-i-Markazi district tried to block the Kabul-Pul-i-Khumri road in Larkhawabi locality of Dushi district.

He said security forces launched the offensive from Larkhawabi locality to dismantle the Taliban plane of blocking the road and possible capture of ... (More on P6)...(10)

1 Dead, 4 Hurt in Laghman Traffic Mishap

MEHTARLAM - Five members of a family were killed and wounded in an accident on Kabul-Jalalabad High way in eastern Laghman province on Monday, an official said.

Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the accident took place in Aziz Khan Kach locality when a corolla vehicle crashed with a culvert wall at around 9:00 am.

The driver was killed, three children and a woman were wounded. All of the casualties were one family member who originally hailed from Baghlan province, he said.

According to Zwak the injured were initially shifted to the local hospital and later delivered to the Jalalabad for better treatment.

Separately, a notorious commander of Taliban ... (More on P6)...(13)

62 Insurgents Join Peace Drive in Sar-I-Pul

SAR-I-PUL - Sixty-two Taliban militants who shunned violence a week ago on Monday formally laid down their weapons and joined the peace process in northern Sar-i-Pul province, the governor said.

Mohammad Zahir Wahdat told a ceremony welcoming the former fighters that

the reconciling rebels surrendered to security forces in Shiram Haa area. He said the reconciling men also took part in clearing operations against their former comrade with security forces.

He said notorious commanders were among ... (More on P6)...(11)



Unknown Attackers Gun Down Tribal Elder in Uruzgan

TARINKOT - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead a tribal elder in central Uruzgan province, an official said Monday. A local security official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in Chori district on Sunday night.

The attackers managed to escape from the area after the incident, the source said. Amir Mohammad, the provincial council member identified the slain tribal elder as Mohammad Omar known as Haji Lalak. Omar had no links with the government but he was organizing tribal Jirgas and councils for resolving people's problems, he said. No group has claimed responsibility for the killing of tribal elder. (Pajhwok)

Nepal Allows its Citizens to Work in Afghanistan

KABUL - The Nepali government has lifted a four-month ban on sending Nepalese workers to Afghanistan which was imposed after the country's security guards were killed in a Taliban attack, a media report said on Monday.

Nepal imposed the ban on June 23 after the Taliban attack on June 20, killing as many as 13 Nepalese and two Indian nationals who were working as security guards at the Canadian Embassy in Kabul. Six Nepalese had been injured in the attack.

Govinda Mani Bhurtel, spokesperson at the Ministry of Labour

and Employment, told Xinhua on Sunday that the decision was made at last week's cabinet meeting.

According to Bhurtel, the ban was lifted under certain conditions as per which Nepalese workers will be allowed to work only inside the green zone where the UN bodies and other diplomatic agencies have presence. "The employer should arrange shelter for Nepalese workers around the workplace and if they have to travel outside, there should be the provision of security escort and bullet proof vehicles," said Bhurtel. (Pajhwok)

Local Reporter Shot Dead in Zabul

QALAT - An Afghan journalist was shot dead on Sunday in Qalat city, capital of Zabul, provincial police chief said.

"Yaqub Sharafat was martyred after a gunman fired several rounds of pistol on his vehicle parked along a road in Resala locality of Qalat city. The firing occurred

shortly after the victim got in his vehicle after shopping at the evening," General Mirwais Noorzai told Xinhua.

The deceased was serving as a journalist in the provincial branch of the government-run Afghanistan National Radio and Television Network or RTA, the police official said.

The attacker fled the scene after the firing and the authorities have launched an investigation into the incident.

No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attack.

More than 50 journalists have been killed in Afghanistan over the past one and half decade, 10

of them in the first half of this year, according to local agencies supporting media in the country.

In one attack, seven media workers of a private TV channel were killed and over two dozens people wounded in a suicide bombing in Afghan capital of Kabul in January. (Xinhua)

Taliban in a 'Power Struggle' Amid ISI Meddling: Analysts

KABUL - Political commentators and some ex-Taliban commanders have said that Pakistan's continued support of Mullah Haibatullah Akhundzada has had a significant impact on the unity of the Taliban, adding that interference into the affairs of the Taliban by Pakistan's intelligence agency - Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) - has led to the emergence of more dissident factions within the group.

Referring to recent reports that Pakistan had launched a crackdown against three top Taliban leaders, the commentators said that the detention of the three commanders in Quetta city earlier ... (More on P6)...(12)

Americans Ignore to Target Terrorists Beyond Afghan Borders: Karzai

KABUL - The former Afghan President Hamid Karzai has said the Americans are ignoring to target the terrorists beyond the Afghan borders, accusing the United States for playing double game in Afghanistan.

In interview with the Russia Today, Karzai said the Americans are ignoring the



pleas by the Afghans to target extremism beyond the Afghan borders, emphasizing that the US should admit it failed its mission to bring peace and security to Afghanistan.

Karzai further added that the United States must seek help from the big neighbors of ... (More on P6)...(14)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Although you seek stability today, you may discover that you're standing on shifting sands. You might believe what you hear until you realize something is amiss. It seems as if reality is slipping out of your grasp and you'll try anything to uncover the truth. Even if you're enjoying the perspective of having your head in the clouds, it's still a smart strategy to balance your dreams with a healthy dose of pragmatism.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Relationships are not simply about getting your needs met now. Your words have a profound impact on others and their stories, in turn, touch your heart. However, you must be careful about making incorrect assumptions based upon your interpretation of what someone tells you today. The Moon's current visit to your no-nonsense sign is a blessing that enables you to untangle your achievable goals.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Maintaining consistency in your behavior isn't easy today as you vacillate between your need for privacy and your desire for attention. The Moon's visit to your 12th House of Secrets reveals the value of sacred solitude so you can recharge your batteries. Nevertheless, you are also inspired to creatively express what's in your heart and you naturally want others to acknowledge your passion.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You are in tune with your network of associates today and are blessed to receive their ongoing support. Fortunately, your appreciation for your colleagues' talents makes you a respected teammate. However, your lack of boundaries could drain your energy if you disregard your limits. Believing in others who don't live up to their promises can cost you precious resources.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You're on the receiving end of irrefutable information today, requiring you to assimilate what you learn into your current beliefs. Although you try to discern the most important facts, a foggy Sun-Neptune connection can trick you into overlooking significant details or ignoring sound advice.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



It's safe to go ahead with your plans today because even your most creative ideas are likely grounded in reality. However, your friends may confuse you with their opinions because they take your good ideas and blow them out of proportion. If you listen to others now, you might become so befuddled that you lose track of your own priorities. Trying to force an answer to an unclear question will only make matters worse.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Coworkers may hijack your day with their fantastic schemes when the Libra Sun misaligns with irrational Neptune in your 6th House of Employment. Inspiring connections are wonderful as long as you realize that the stories you're hearing might be nothing more than pipe dreams. Nevertheless, you aren't likely to be deceived because your reality filter is strong enough now to compensate for any mixed messages you receive.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your logically sound disclosure could be entirely misconstrued today as illusory Neptune distracts others from your true message. You might jump through hoops in order to be understood, but your efforts may be for naught. However, the upside of your current dilemma is that it helps you organize information.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your vision of a better tomorrow exacerbates your natural tendency to overlook the details. Your spirit soars when dreamy Neptune connects with the radiant Sun in your 11th House of Aspirations. However, you could lose sight of practical considerations in a fog of fantasies that leads to a costly decision, possibly even making you look foolish. Luckily, the sensible Taurus Moon enables you to cut through the veils of illusion so you can see the simple facts.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You want to believe that you're the master of your own destiny and you're willing to delay gratification in order to accomplish your goals. But you worry about deviating from the facts when a whimsical Sun-Neptune configuration warps your sense of proportion. It's true that making important decisions is tricky today because reality is bent out of shape by your colorful dreams.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Your horizons grow wider today and your professional aspirations inspire you to greater heights. Starry-eyed Neptune's awkward alignment with the Sun in your 9th House of Higher Truth could have you chasing unicorns, falling for someone's sob story or spreading yourself too thin. Let go of those illusions that impede your progress rather than holding onto an unreachable dream until you're exhausted.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Psychic connections and imaginary conversations can seem so real today that you mistake them for the truth. Although you could get lost in your own mind, you are blessed with the skill to separate fantasy from reality. Don't try to overcompensate by putting on a false air of authority or making impractical promises. Although you're tempted to brush reason aside now, doubters won't respect your ideas unless you back them up with solid data.

Across

1. School athletic centers, 5. Sauce, 10. Sly trick, 14. Many millennia, 15. Eagle's nest, 16. By mouth, 17. Tropical tuber, 18. Restart, 20. Relating to heat, 22. Pertaining to vivid recall, 23. Beer barrel, 24. Concerning (archaic), 25. Coarse cotton gauze, 32. Corridors, 33. Relative magnitudes, 34. Legislation, 37. "Oh my!", 38. Garrisons, 39. Spindle, 40. 2,000 pounds, 41. Edge tool, 42. False front, 43. Mercantilism, 45. Platform, 49. Since, 50. Creative persons, 53. Defect, 57. Penalty, 59. Operatic solo, 60. Send forth, 61. A red fluorescent dye, 62. Hue, 63. Resorts, 64. Sugary, 65. Being.

Down

1. A certain trade agreement, 2. "Sure", 3. Not less, 4. Breathing devices for swimming, 5. Carport, 6. Bobbin, 7. Genus of macaws, 8. Frailty, 9. Abominable Snowman, 10. Interlaced, 11. Angry, 12. Language of ancient Rome, 13. Choose by voting, 19. Potato state, 21. Untidiness, 25. Gossip, 26. Angel's headwear, 27. Dash, 28. Spasmodic laryngitis, 29. Very slow in tempo, 30. Aquatic mammal, 31. "___ the season to be jolly", 34. 62 in Roman numerals, 35. As well, 36. To fancy (archaic), 38. Vulpes velox, 39. Convert to machine-only control, 41. Ganders, 42. A measuring instrument, 44. Ability, 45. Vaults, 46. Clobber, 47. Courtyards, 48. Presents, 51. Fastens, 52. Put away, 53. French cheese, 54. Colored part of an eye, 55. Transgressions, 56. Despise, 58. Utilize.

Yesterday's Solution

accuses, angel, chorus, class, compromise, content, crisis, defend, devoid, dismal, dream, exalt, final, government, hoes, induce, joyful, league, leave, libel, lover, mash, place, prize, rhythm, roof, rose, score, seen, slop, smooch, soon, spouse, tender, track.

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