

Demonstration Staged in Kabul Against Israeli Aggression

KABUL - During a protest in Kabul, hundreds of people on Friday condemned Israeli atrocities against Palestinians and called on Tel Aviv to stop its deadly campaign. Recently, the Israeli military stepped up attacks on Masjid Al-Aqsa, inflicting casualties on civilians. The main aim of the attacks was to destroy sacred Islamic places in Palestine, they alleged. A participant of the protest, Ahmad Jamshed, told Pajhwok Afghan News Muslims of the world must break their silence against attacks against Palestinians. The demonstrators chanted slogans against Israel and in



support of Palestinians. Ziauddin, another participant of the protest organised by the Najam Association, said the Palestinians should be given their rights and Israel must shun ... (More on P4)...(19)

4 Alleged Drug Dealers Detained in Bamyan: Police

BAMYAN CITY - Four people have been detained on charges of dealing in drugs in the central province of Bamyan, officials said on Friday. The detainees, involved in selling heroin and opium, were arrested by security personnel, the counter-narcotics officer at the police headquarters said. Col. Naqibullah told Pajhwok Afghan News: "The four people were arrested from a chips shop and a room in Bamyan City with two kilograms of drugs."



He said the detainees had confessed smuggling the drugs from the Ghondak area of the province into the capital. Cases against them would be sent to the prosecution office as police interrogation has been completed." (Pajhwok)

16 Killed in Attack on Air Force Base in Pakistan

PESHAWAR - Taliban attacked a Pakistani Air Force Base early Friday, killing 16 troops and wounding 25 others, officials said. Pakistan's military said the attack began early Friday morning in Peshawar. Among those dead is a base captain, Asfandyar. In a statement released by the Pakistan army, officials said clashes between Pakistani troops and the attackers also resulted in the death of at least thirteen attackers.



Following the attack, Pakistan's army chief General Rahel Sharif headed to Peshawar. Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has strongly condemned the attack. Pakistani Taliban in statement to the media claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolonews)

Despite Untrained Operators, Beehives Thriving in Ghor

FEROZKOH - The number of beekeeping farmers has more than doubled and quality of the honey produced in western Ghor province has improved, an official and residents say. "About three years ago, there were a fewer number of beekeepers in Ghor, but currently they are in hundreds. Beekeeping is a profitable and job-creating business," said the acting Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock director. Juma Khan Bakhtari told Pajhwok Afghan News on Wednesday that people's interest in beekeeping had increased due to a high yield. They distributed 150 beehives to far. The money changer linked the farmers in Saghar, Tolak, Dawlatyar and Ferozkoh districts three years ago when a box cost 10,000 afghanis, he said. "Now the number of beehives has reached almost 4000." He said Ghor was a mountainous province and that was why the quality of honey was much better than that of imported honey or brought from other provinces. Each beehive produced 15 to 20 kilograms of honey a year and this year's production was 7.2 tonnes in total, he said. He added some people in the provincial capital and Dawlatyar district had purchased beehives from Sang Takht district of neighboring Daikundi province and had started the profession. A shopkeeper in Ferozkoh, Mohammad Khan, said he sold a kilo of Iranian honey for 600af and the same quantity of local variety for 1200 afghanis due to its high quality and taste. "Although the production can't meet the demand, honey from Saghar district is sold as soon as it arrives to the market," he said, adding government officials and friends used to order shopkeepers to save honey for them. "The ... (More on P4)...(20)

Visitors Continue to Flock to Paghman Despite Deadly Attack

KABUL - Despite the deadly suicide attack that jolted Paghman two days ago, the area on Friday witnessed its usual influx of Kabulis who spend weekends in the area. Visitors to Paghman told TOLONews on Friday that the militants who carry out attacks against the country will not succeed in demoralizing the nation and stop the people from going out and enjoying themselves. They say the people will be victorious against those inflicting violence on Afghanistan. But the people from different walks of life including women and children denounced the recent attack in Paghman in the strongest possible terms and expressed satisfaction at the performance of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) who, they say, work day and night to thwart such attacks and secure the nation against threats. "It is hoped that people continue to visit Paghman, however the traitors struggle to complete their mission, people shouldn't fear them," a visitor to Paghman Khan Ahmad told TOLONews. "Today our business was much better compared to recent weeks," said Ezzarai, a watchman at a Paghman parking lot. "Enemy use all tactics to harm us particularly the youths who constitute the future of this nation," ... (More on P4)...(21)

Petrol Prices up as Afghani Further Dips Against Dollar

KABUL - The afghani further depreciated against the US dollar during the outgoing week that saw fuel and gold prices increasing, market sources said on Thursday. Ahmad Shah, a money exchanger at Shahzada Market, told Pajhwok Afghan News one US dollar was sold for 64.30 afis this week against last week's 63.70 afis. This week, 1,000 Pakistani rupees accounted for 618afis and last week 614afis equaled 1,000 Pakistani rupees. Evaluation of the afghani to the increase in security incidents. Central bank chief Khalilullah Sadique had earlier told reporters that they would intervene in the market by injecting more dollars if rates of necessary items continued soaring. He said the bank had enough dollars in the reserves which would be injected to the market if the afghani was to lose its value further. With the downfall of the afghani, the prices of petroleum products have increased. Obaidullah, a petrol station worker in Qala-i-Fathullah locality, said the rate of one litre of petrol surged from 41 afis to 43 afis, while the price of same quantity of diesel declined from 43 afis to 42 afis. However, the prices of gas remained stable. A gas seller in Kolola Pushta area, Mohammad Sharif, sold one kilogram of liquefied gas for 50 afghanis same as last week's price. There was a slight jump in prices of gold as well. Mohammad Fawad, ... (More on P4)...(23)

A Dozen Suspected Militants Detained in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - 4 alleged drug dealers detained in Bamyan, say police. A 12-member group of bomb experts and two Islamic State fighters have been detained during an operation in the eastern province of Nangarhar, officials said on Friday. The suspected militants were arrested in a series of raids by National Directorate of Security (NDS) agents over the past three days, the governor's spokesman, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, told a press conference. Five of the



bombers were responsible for blasts in Samarkhel, Jalalabad Surkhrod. The five others involved in attaching magnetic bombs to vehicles, the spokesman said. "The NDS also captured two fighters of Daesh involved in some disruptive incidents," he said, naming one of the detainees as Atal. The second recently beheaded an Afghan soldier. (Pajhwok)

Badakhshan University Gets Agriculture Faculty Building

FAIZABAD - A building for the Agriculture Faculty of Badakhshan University was inaugurated providing, officials said on Thursday. The building, having 36 rooms, a conference hall and other facilities, was constructed by the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) at a cost of more than \$950,000. Funded by Germany, the project would facilitate students of agriculture in the northern Badakhshan province, University Chancellor Khusrav Nazari said. During the inauguration ceremony, Nazari said students of the faculty previously attended classes in containers. But with the construction of the building, 150 students of the faculty will get a proper study environment. A total of 4,500 students, 40 percent of them females, are currently enrolled in eight faculties of the newly-established university. The chancellor urged reopening of the medical faculty, which was closed ... (More on P4)...(22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

A change in the cosmic weather has you anticipating your future as industrious Saturn takes up residence in your 9th House of Distant Horizons. Although you may have been satisfied in the past with vague generalities when it comes to your goals in life, you are trying to make sense of what lies ahead and feel driven to establish a long-term plan now.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

Your relationships have been the direct source of valuable lessons over the past couple of years. As strict Saturn gets comfortable in your 8th House of Transformation now, you must incorporate the knowledge you've acquired into your behavior so you can continue to evolve as an individual and a partner. Although the metamorphosis is gradual.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your closest associations become the grist for your mill as Saturn the Taskmaster methodically moves through your 7th House of Partnerships. People may seem more demanding these days, but it's only a reflection of your own need to raise the bar in all that you do. Interactions with others provide the stepping stones necessary for creating healthier relationships in your life.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Sometimes, knowing what to do in life doesn't mean that you're always able to do it. As pragmatic Saturn puts down roots in your 6th House of Self-Improvement now, you must take all the information you've learned and put it into practice. Although there is still hard work ahead, the potential rewards are great if you start small and develop momentum gradually.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Channeling your impressive creativity into activities that bring tangible results can change your entire life for the better. Serious Saturn's shift into your 5th House of Self-Expression demands that you tell the world that you mean business now when it comes to love and laughter. Although your interactions with children may inhibit your personal choices.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

It may feel as if you're walking through a time warp now that past experiences mander their way back into the present moment. Your home and family life are cast in the spotlight as traditional Saturn travels through your 4th House of Roots. Although parental relationships -- with yours or your children -- can take on greater significance, this is your time to accept responsibility for your role in the bigger picture.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It's crucial to say what you mean and to mean what you say while no-nonsense Saturn is journeying through your 3rd House of Communication. Even if you have been conscientious about your responsibilities over the past few years, you must begin making changes in your day-to-day activities that will eventually restructure your entire life. Instead of being discouraged by how far you must go to reach.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

You may feel waves of relief and exhilaration wash over you as somber Saturn finally leaves your intense sign after an almost three-year visit. Although celebration might be a bit premature, the seeds of your future are officially planted now. Even if you're on a spiritual quest, keeping a close eye on your finances empowers you to function effectively in the mundane world.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)

Your power of concentration is growing stronger day by day. Although your serious demeanor enables you to accomplish more than ever, it can be troublesome if you focus solely on limitations rather than potential. Saturn's return to your optimistic sign brings newfound maturity to how you manage your life, no matter how young or old you are chronologically. Karmic Saturn delivers what you earn so stop putting off the inevitable.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

You Mountain Goats are the champions of successfully making and executing long-term plans. You have the keen ability to calculate what you must do today in order to reach a specific goal tomorrow. However, your efforts are best put toward finishing up old projects now, rather than starting new ones. Hard-nosed Saturn's visit to your 12th House of Endings is an unambiguous message to clear the decks.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

Working cooperatively as a valuable member of a team sounds like a good idea to you friendly Aquarians, but your non-conformist tendencies can make you feel like an outsider. However, it's crucial to integrate your needs with those of the group as responsible Saturn sets up shop in your 11th House of Networking. Resistance is futile; coming to terms with your social obligations.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Your past work habits will either lead to great successes or unfortunate setbacks in the near future as stern Saturn calls the shots in your 10th House of Public Affairs. If you have demonstrated your commitment to excellence, your efforts will be rewarded with well-deserved accolades, new responsibilities or a boost in your income. But if you've been dragging your feet, you must make up for lost time.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-59.

Across: 1. Quietens, 6. Contributes, 10. Academician, 14. Bay window, 15. Bobbin, 16. Tibetan monk, 17. Sensible, 19. Always, 20. A martial art, 21. Help, 22. Pleads, 23. Horde, 25. Egyptian peninsula, 26. Flat-bottomed boat, 30. Abilities, 32. Maybe, 35. Affected emotionally, 39. Domestic breed of rabbit, 40. Wound, 41. Hairdresser, 43. Sparrow hawk, 44. What's left behind, 46. Being, 47. Stage, 50. Vestibule, 53. Indian music, 54. Eastern newt, 55. Inform, 60. Egg-shaped, 61. Abhorrent, 63. A hemispherical roof, 64. Bit of gossip, 65. Heavenly hunter, 66. Stigma, 67. Container weight, 68. Thorny flowers. Down: 1. Stopper, 2. Region, 3. Teller of untruths, 4. Plateau, 5. Small slits, 6. Genus of macaws, 7. Go ashore, 8. Delineate, 9. Toboggan, 10. Vote, 11. Large black bird, 12. Alpha's opposite, 13. The language of Persia, 18. Not used, 24. Donkey, 25. Aspersions, 26. Resorts, 100/1. 27th of a dollar, 28. Unrestrained revelry, 29. Middleman, 31. Balcony section, 33. Mount, 34. Long ago, 36. Not his, 37. Nights before, 38. Expunge, 42. A crisp lustrous fabric, 43. It unlocks doors, 45. Move unsteadily, 47. Goads, 48. Mayhem, 49. Small terrestrial lizard, 51. N N N N, 52. Turbine part, 54. Modify, 56. Tropical tuber, 57. Nile bird, 58. A flat mass of ice, 59. Cravings, 62. An uncle.

Yesterday's Solution crossword puzzle grid.

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