

Access to Information Law Main Problem of Journalism in Afghanistan: NAI

KABUL - The Afghanistan Media SUPPORT Organization, NAI says that not implementing the access to information law is one of the major problems of journalism in Afghanistan. NAI noted that Afghan residents need SECURITY information for their impunity but as the National Unity Government (NUG) formed restriction have been established against journalism. "The main problem is the lack of information and one of the main factors of violence against journalist is also the lack of information," Mujib Khelwatgar, CEO of NAI said. For the first time in Afghan history, citizens and journalists get access to information through state institutions,



after president Ghani has signed the new Access to Information Law on December 2014. The law approved in 6 chapters and 32 articles that deliver Afghans unprecedented transparency in the state institutions. "People need information because impunity of people needs SECURITY information," Khelwatgar added. The law lives up to international standards and ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Taliban Plan Foiled to Release Prisoners in Heart

HERAT - Security forces have foiled the Taliban plan to release prisoners from captivity in Shindand District of western Herat province. Abdul Ahmad Fazal, governor of Shindand District said that Taliban begun their attack by firing rockets at the police HQ following which they started to exchange fire with security forces. He said two policemen sustained injuries in the clash on Saturday night but one insurgent was killed and two others wounded. Fazal further said that



Taliban planned to release prisoners but security forces foiled their plan. Taliban had not commented on the report by the time it was filed. The militant group increased its attacks on government compounds following the announcement of its 'Spring Offensive' in April. The group earlier this month attacked Ghazni jail and released 355 inmates. More than 140 of them were arrested on terrorism charges. (KP)

Pak-Afghan Relations to Remain Stable

PESHAWAR - PML-N Senator from K-P Iqbal Zafar Jhagra said elements were busy hatching conspiracies to subvert relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan. However, all such attempts will fail, he asserted. While addressing a gathering in Charsadda on Sunday, he said, "The foresight of PM Nawaz Sharif helped cool down tensions with India." The senator said despite Pakistan's clean intentions, "India violated the ceasefire on the Line of Control repeatedly," which adversely



affected relations, he said. "Both countries have nuclear power," and such actions will cause "devastating results," Jhagra added. While calling the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor a game changer, the senator said, "The PM has taken all political parties into

Social Good Summit Focuses on Sustainable Development Goals

KABUL - Afghanistan's Social Good Summit started Monday in Kabul to raise awareness of the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The event, which is being organized by UNDP Afghanistan, the Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University (ACKU) and Saba TV, will be attended by more than 100 students, civil society activists, development practitioners and government counterparts. It will showcase creative development projects and feature a panel discussion with development experts on how the SDGs relate to Afghanistan. Adopted by all 193 UN Member States at the UN General Assembly on September 25th, the SDGs are 17 ambitious goals to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice and tackle climate change for everyone by 2030. Featured projects include wind turbines that light 150 households in rural Kabul; free legal aid for women, children and the poor in four provinces; loans for entrepreneurs in Kandahar; and software that enables parents to use the internet to check their children's ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Indian-Funded ANASTU on Brink of Closure

KANDAHAR CITY - Government's negligence and other problems have pushed the Afghan National Agricultural Sciences and Technology University (ANASTU) in southern Kandahar province to the verge of closure. Former president Hamid Karzai and Indian foreign minister Salman Khurshid inaugurated the university in February 2014 in the sprawling Tarnak farm. At that time it was said students at the university would do doctorate and master's level studies and both local and foreign teachers would be appointed. But despite the passage of about two years, the university has been without leadership, library and laboratory, with the Ministry of Higher Education paying no head. So far 21 students have been enrolled in the university. Nisar Ahmad, a student of the university, told Pajhwok Afghan News former Kandahar governor Dr. Turyalai Wesa was appointed as chancellor of the university at the beginning, but he had been busy dealing with provincial ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

16 Killed, 44 Injured in Paktika Playground Blast

SHARANA - Sixteen people were killed and another 44 wounded in Sunday's bomb explosion that ripped through a huge crowd watching a volleyball match in southeastern Paktika province, residents and officials said on Monday. Eyewitnesses said the blast took place when final match of the volleyball tournament was underway in Segana area of Khairkot district on Sunday afternoon. Volleyball player, Abdullah, who was wounded in the blast, told Pajhwok Afghan News from his hospital bed in Sharana, the provincial capital, that they were playing their final match

watched by a large number of people. "It were last minutes of the game when a man stopped a motorcycle beside the spectators and left," he said, adding that few minutes later, the bomb-rigged bike exploded, causing casualties to dozens of people. Abdullah said children were among the spectators and some of them had also suffered casualties in the blast. A tribal elder, Allahdad who was visiting injured people in the civil hospital, said he himself helped transfer bodies of 16 people from the scene. He said 44 other people were injured and most of them were shifted by helicopters

to hospitals in Kabul. An official at the civil hospital, wishing anonymity, said they had received only five injured people and their condition was stable. Shehzad, who was slightly injured in the blast, said it was a remotely-controlled blast caused by explosives planted on a motorcycle. The bomb exploded after more people joined the spectators, he said. He put the death toll at 16, a majority of them children. A security official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said one intelligence official was killed and another three wounded in the blast. However, a former ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Paktika Playground Attack Widely Condemned

KABUL - The Afghan government and its western allies on Monday strongly condemned a bomb attack that killed and wounded dozens of people watching a volleyball match in southeastern Paktika province a day earlier. Sixteen people were killed and another 44, all civilians, were wounded in Sunday's bomb explosion that ripped through a huge crowd, residents and officials said. Eyewitnesses said the blast took place when final match of the volleyball tournament was underway in Segana

area of Khairkot district on Sunday afternoon. Volleyball player, Abdullah, who was wounded in the blast, told Pajhwok Afghan News from his hospital bed in Sharana, the provincial capital, that they were playing their final match watched by a large number of people when the blast occurred. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah strongly denounced the blast and expressed solidarity with families of the victims in this hour of grief. A statement from the CEO office said Abdullah was

shocked on hearing the sad news. Abdullah's first deputy Eng. Mohammad Khan also condemned the blast and said the enemy of peace and stability had carried out the inhuman act in order to please their foreign felicitators. NATO and the United States also strongly condemned Sunday's attack that killed and wounded several people, including children. NATO's Resolute Support Director of Public Affairs Col. Brian Tribus in a statement said: "We are appalled by the insurgents' ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Analysts See Pakistan behind Growing Unrest

KABUL - Political experts believe the security situation in eastern and Northern provinces has deteriorated because Pakistan wants to take revenge on the Afghans for the recent terrorist attack on a Pakistan Airforce base near Peshawar. The security situation has lately worsened in eastern provinces, particularly in Nangarhar, and in northern Kunduz province, where the insurgents on Monday captured

more than half of the provincial capital, Kunduz City. Besides the Taliban, the self-styled Islamic State fighters have recently intensified their activities in various districts of Nangarhar. Political commentator Mohammad Yunus Fakor told Pajhwok Afghan News Pakistan wanted to take revenge on Afghanistan for the Peshawar attack. The attack claimed by the Pakistani Taliban left 26 people, in-

cluding civilians and military personnel, dead earlier this month. The attack involved 13 terrorists. The Pakistani government and military later claimed the attack was planned and controlled from Afghanistan, prompting President Ashraf Ghani office to strongly reject the claim. The Pakistani government then decided to only share evidence with the Afghan government about the at ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Controlling your emotions continues to be an uphill battle today as the Moon moves through your sign and forms disquieting aspects with several planets including warrior Mars. Unfortunately, talking about your feelings may stir up even more tension at first because there's no way to pretend that something is okay when it's not.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Someone's provocative words can quickly escalate a simple discussion into a full-blown argument. You are a tough adversary, especially if you're defending a personal belief. Nevertheless, you probably won't convince your opponent that you're right and a conflict will only widen the gulf between you. Take the high road and absolutely avoid confrontation by refusing.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your perceptions may be slightly warped today making it wise to consciously delay an important discussion. Attempting to sidestep a painful topic makes you nervous until a relatively careless comment pushes your buttons and all bets are off. A temper tantrum empowers you to blow off some steam today, but it won't make anyone feel better in the long run. Instead of inadvertently provoking others for all the wrong reasons.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You're a force to be reckoned with today, especially if someone tries to play the authority card to gain control over you. At other times you might actually choose to remain quiet and acquiesce to people's demands, but now you're ready to tenaciously fight to maintain your boundaries. It's healthy to let everyone know where you stand as long as you don't take your resistance too far.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You sincerely appreciate the love and support from your friends and family. However, you don't like it when someone meddles in your business, especially if you are adamant about your current goals. Your patience is burning on a short fuse today and your reaction to outside interference may be too swift. Be firm in your demeanor.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You prefer to have all the details in place, but something can go slightly awry today. Unfortunately, you may be caught off-guard if a friend or coworker leads you down the garden path. Rather than overreacting, practice the art of compassion, instead. In fact, a simple misunderstanding might have set the whole thing into motion. Once you know the source of the error, you can quickly correct it and get your day back on track.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



It's a wonder that people can be so insistent with pushing their personal agendas that they don't even realize they're being offensive. On the other hand, you're overly concerned that someone else may think you're the one that's being too aggressive. Surprisingly, those closest to you might be much more cooperative if you spend more time and energy describing exactly what you need now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You may feel as if you're back into the swing of things now that the Moon is working her way through your 6th House of Routine. Nevertheless, her conjunction with incorrigible Uranus today is anything but a stabilizing influence. Although you might be yearning to try something completely new, it's reassuring to know you can still be successful by falling back on an old habit.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



A current wave of confidence refuels your freewheeling approach to life, yet you may be jumping the gun and feeling the optimism a few days too soon. It's not that anything is wrong with your present circumstances; it's just that you still have more work to complete before you can harvest the fruits of your labor. Positive thinking is surely a vital part of your current strategy; just don't ignore reality in the process.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You're tempted to pick up and move somewhere else, even if you must re-evaluate the potential difficulties you might face. Whether or not relocation is even a tiny bit feasible now, unrelenting responsibilities increase your desire to escape. Nevertheless, it's not a great time to make drastic changes that destabilize your domestic life. Instead, resolve minor problems as they occur; think cosmically, act locally.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Your thoughts are spinning around in circles today, and you simply can't predict how busy you will be for the next few weeks. But even if you are anticipating what's next with all systems on standby, you still can't instantaneously jump forward to where you want to be. You must move into your future step by step, one day at a time, and right now that means clearing any lingering obstacles in your path.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Your self-esteem grows stronger day by day, but you may be so confident now that you take on more than you can manage. It's easier to see the possibilities in each moment than to stick with the boring facts. However, it's not useful to you or anyone else if you forecast blue skies when it's smarter to carry an umbrella. Karma comes around quickly today, so minimize any setbacks by making certain your goals are realistic.



Across

- Flutter, 5. Sextuplet, 10. Flexible mineral, 14. Hubs, 15. Genus of heath, 16. Two-toed sloth, 17. Utilized, 18. A financial asset, 20. Beleaguer, 22. Soap for hair, 23. Greatest possible, 24. Units of computer data, 25. Having the quality of a director, 32. Disconcert, 33. East African country, 34. A spider spins this, 37. Rewards for waiting, 38. Adhesive, 39. Transfer possession, 40. S, 41. Pariah, 42. Phony, 43. Typifying, 45. Gesture of indifference, 49. Fury, 50. Carefulness, 53. Latticework, 57. Mediator, 59. Roman moon goddess, 60. Rind, 61. Muse of love poetry, 62. Large North American deer, 63. Being, 64. More peculiar, 65. Figure (out).

Down

- Bungle, 2. Fail to win, 3. Frosts, 4. Neatness, 5. Tallness, 6. Sea eagle, 14. 7 in Roman numerals, 8. Cards with 1 symbol, 9. Short run, 10. Ancient dead body, 11. Bumbling, 12. Small boat, 13. Cars, 19. Small drum, 21. Carve in stone, 25. A romantic meeting, 26. Nile bird, 27. Whacks, 28. Relative of a giraffe, 29. Adjust again, 30. Foreword, 31. Yes to a sailor, 34. A collaborative website, 35. Not odd, 36. Large mass of ice, 38. Liveliness, 39. Antelope, 41. On the up and up, 42. Blaze, 44. Reflector, 45. Anagram of «Space», 46. Rabbits, 47. Yokels, 48. Practical, 51. Chocolate cookie, 52. An aromatic ointment, 53. Carry, 54. Humdinger, 55. Writing fluids, 56. Back talk, 58. Little bit.

Yesterday's Solution



anger, balloon, basic, because, brash, cereal, charge, construction, ears, every, favor, general, germ, glory, group, jeer, joint, metal, packet, pretend, remove, sandwich, scheme, shame, skull, system, thrown, tiger, total, trawl, vacate,

