

Commuters Demand Security of Main Highways



QALAT - Following a visible surge in militants' attacks on passengers on main highways, commuters face great threat while travelling on highways specifically on Kabul-Kandahar road, residents in southern Zabul province said Sunday. The residents demanded the government to establish more security check posts on the vital highway to protect lives of passengers. Abdul Qayyum, a local resident, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban increased their activities, with the start of spring season, such as planting roadside bombs and mines. He demanded the government should provide security on roads and protect highways from ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Family Grieves Loss of Two Sons in Jalalabad Attack

JALALABAD - In the wake of Saturday's suicide attack in Jalalabad city, TOLONews tracked down the parents of two brothers killed in the deadly bombing that claimed the lives of at least 34 people. The two brothers, Gul Omer, 25 years old, and Hazrat Omer, aged 30, come from a small, remote village in Dar-e-Noor. The death of the two brothers has devastated the entire village. Gul Omer worked as a public safety police officer serving in Maidan Wardak province, while Hazrat Omer served as the cleric of a mosque. "We had married our daughters to Hazrat Omer and Gul Omer, now my daughters have been widowed and my grandchildren have been orphaned," said the father-in-law of both victims. Gul Omer was at the New Kabul Bank branch in order to pick up his salary and ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Four People Wounded in Explosion

KHOST CITY - Four people were wounded after an explosion occurred close to a fuel point in Khost city on Sunday morning. Mubariz Zadran, spokesman for the governor house says that the explosion occurred in a Rickshaw passing through the fuel point at around 09:30 AM. He said that the explosion was caused by the gas cylinder of the Rickshaw and that it was not a terrorist attack. A fuel tanker and Rickshaw were seen completely burned at the site of the explosion. (KP)

Doctors in Ghor Threaten En Masse Resignation

FEROZKOH - Doctors in provincial hospital of western Ghor province on Sunday threatened to resign en masse if the government failed to resolve their legitimate wage and holiday issues. Ghor provincial hospital is the only health centre where patients were not only coming from far-flung areas but also from Faryab, Badghis, and Daikundi provinces. Dr. Juma Gul Yaqubi, director of the hospital, told Pajhwok Afghan News



three doctors had already resigned. Of 11 doctors in the major hospital, now the remaining eight also threatened to resign if their demands were not met. "The hospital lacks a 60% of its personnel and there is mounting pressure on employees," said Yaqubi. He added the hospital had the capacity of 100 patients but ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Slow-Paced Work on Faryab Industrial Park Flayed

MAIMANA - Investors and carpet weavers in northern Faryab province on Saturday complained about what they called slow-paced construction work on the industrial park in Andkhoi district, fearing the negligence would damage the carpet industry. The carpet weaving industry recently witnessed a downward trend amid investors warned the government to accelerate construction on the vital project.

Bordering Turkmenistan, the Andkhoi district is the hub for carpets export, which has worldwide popularity in terms of quality. Most of the dwellers are associated with the carpet-weaving industry. Those associated with the business complained the industrial park allocated for carpet weaving has been very slow. Spread across 1,100 acres of land, the facility is located on the Andkhoi-Jawzjan ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

New AM Radio Goes on Air

SHARAN - A new radio channel launched test transmissions on Sunday for the first time on Amplitude Modulation (AM) in southeastern Paktika province. The radio "Talwasa" based in Sharan, the provincial capital, could be heard in neighbouring Paktia, Ghazni, Logar and across the Durand Line on 945 kHz medium waves. Haji Naeem Faisal, the radio's director and owner, said they had invested around \$520,000 on the project. He said Talwasa was an independent radio channel and had no affiliation with any local, international, political or non-political organization. The radio is established with support from the Emerge Media Training Communication, a non-profit local organization. Faisal said the new radio would abide by government's rules and regulations. He said the radio would cover areas where FM transmissions did not reach. The four hours test transmissions could be expanded to 20 hours with increase in financial resources, he said...*(More on P4)...(17)*

3 Detained with Pakistan Made Pistols

HERAT CITY - Police on Sunday claimed arresting three alleged terrorists and recovering 10 Pakistan made pistols from their possession in western Herat province. Provincial police spokesman, Abdul Rauf Ahmadi, told Pajhwok Afghan News the three men were arrested in Kohdastan area of Injeel district. Hailing from Badghis province, the detainees wanted to commit terror acts using the pistols with 270 bullets, he said, adding they had been referred to the judicial organs for further ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

3 Policemen Dead in Road Mishap

NILI - A police ranger in central Daikundi province plunged into a ravine killing three policemen and wounding two others, an official said Sunday. Brig. Gen. Juma Guldi Yardam, Daikundi police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident occurred in the afternoon. The injured, he said were in stable condition. Daikundi, with a mountainous terrain, has mainly bumpy roads which caused harrowing accidents. In a similar road crash, last month, eight civilians were killed and four others wounded. (Pajhwok)

Looming Terror Bid Foiled: NDS

MEHTARLAM - Security officials detained a group of militants in eastern Laghman province, thwarting a looming terror bid, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said on Sunday. In a statement, the NDS said that Afghan National Army (ANA), Afghan National Police (ANP) and the spy service in a joint operation detained the group of terrorists. The armed men are associated with Qari Ghazi group and a notorious commander Fazal Haq and his associates were planning to carry out a big



sabotage act in Mehtarlam, the provincial capital, the statement added. During the operation, the security forces recovered two explosive-laden motorbikes and a large number of arms and ammunition. Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman, confirmed a group of terrorists had been arrested in a joint operation. However, militants have not yet commented on the incident. (Pajhwok)

Jalalabad Presents a Gloomy Picture after Bombing

JALALABAD - Latest suicide bombing and explosion that rocked Jalalabad City, the provincial capital of eastern Nangarhar province, have sent shock waves and fears among the residents. A suicide bomber blew himself up in front of Kabul Bank building, leaving 34 persons dead and 127 others injured in Jalalabad City on Saturday morning, a doctor at the provincial civil hospital had said. Usually Jalalabad is a crowded city at day time as it is the capital of second



highly populated province of the country. But less people were seen on the streets on Sunday following the tragic incident. Smiullah, a shopkeeper, said: "Today, I could not dare to open my shop due to fear and similar blasts." Most of the people on social media condemned the Jalalabad bombing and posted black colour pictures to show their grief. Soon after the explosions, Ahmad Zia Abdulzija, the governor's spokesman, told reporters that security was on a high alert in the province to prevent similar incidents. He said situations ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're in for a treat today, since you finally get to enjoy the sweet rewards of past efforts. But you might feel as if life is challenging you to stand still and appreciate your current position, even if you are itching to begin something new. Just as you think you have your restlessness under control, a wave of anticipation catches you off guard, reminding you that you aren't quite ready to settle down.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

The fact of the matter is it usually takes a lot of provocation for your anger to boil over. Although the Sun's return to your pragmatic sign today encourages you to be calm and peaceful, stress can slowly build until you turn into a raging Bull. Thankfully, you prefer to be a lover than a fighter by focusing on the beautiful aspects of life rather than contributing to any negativity.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's time to take an objective approach by analyzing familiar issues that recycle in your life before they get set aside again without resolution. Of course, it's tempting to bury an unpleasant recollection and the uncomfortable feelings attached to it. However, exploring unknown territory reveals how your emotions are intertwined with rigidly constructed memories.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Schedule plenty of time over the next month to reassess and redefine your life path rather than limiting it to the present circumstances. Instead of only focusing on the tedious work you must do today or needlessly obsessing about office politics, look for ways to cultivate your long-term goals. Imagine where you want to be in ten years, but remain practical in the process.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Having a job that pays your bills might not be enough to keep you emotionally satisfied now that the Sun brightens your 10th House of Profession. You want a career path that also offers you opportunities for growth and advancement. Unfortunately, your long-term goals may require you to make decisions that interfere with your personal life.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your current optimism motivates you to take care of business and clear as many things as possible off your to-do list. Although you have a heightened sense of purpose now, you might have trouble converting your good intentions into the most effective behavior. However, the Sun's shift into your 9th House of Adventure insists that you make your move sooner than later. Luckily, you can accomplish nearly anything you set your heart on today - as long as you know when to say no.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your curiosity could very well get the best of you today as you're driven to explore the vagaries of love. You are not satisfied with shallow answers now and seek the hidden components of interpersonal relationships. But this newfound interest isn't just an idle wandering of your heart; it's about a search to establish a healthier emotional balance.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You want quick answers to the most basic questions before you set yourself up for additional frustration. The radiant Sun camps out in your 7th House of Partnerships over the next month, illuminating a widening gulf between your desire for emotional complexity and someone else's need for low-key simplicity, especially if it impacts a current relationship.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You wish you were embarking on a journey of a lifetime, but you cannot afford to ignore your current responsibilities now. The Sun's month-long visit to your 6th House of Work emphasizes the daily routines that give your life consistency. Don't worry about missing out on the fun; you will have plenty of time to play before you know it. The sooner you acknowledge that the immediate emphasis is not on achieving personal satisfaction, you can find happiness.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

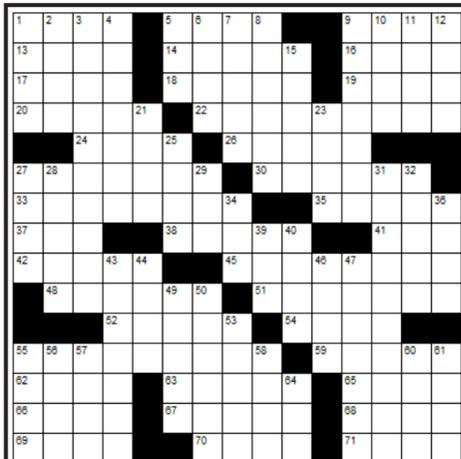
Ironically, you could take your current desire for pleasure so seriously that you overbook your calendar and stress yourself out. Luckily, you don't need to try so hard to impress anyone because you're heading into a joyful few weeks while the Sun is shining in your 5th House of Fun and Games. However, it's counterproductive to think and plan so much that it squashes your creative spontaneity.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Maintaining your freedom of movement is essential for your creativity to soar, but you also don't want to destabilize your current security. However, you might not be ready to give up your emotional attachments, even if your drive for independence is irrepensible. Keep in mind you are the only one who can solve your own internal conflicts when push comes to shove.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Establishing reliable channels of communication helps you keep your thoughts from leading you astray. Although no one is likely accusing you of slacking off now, you still need to pick up your work pace because the planets are giving you the green light to move forward with your plans. Paradoxically, you also must be more efficient with your time in order to take on another project.



Across

- Highest point, 5. Cocoyam, 9. Focusing glass, 13. Component of mammalian urine, 14. Provides food, 16. Dogfish, 17. Adult male sheep, 18. Type of connective tissue, 19. Large town, 20. Agitated, 22. Private compartments, 24. Genuine, 26. Russian currency, 27. Stretchable, 30. Highly seasoned fatty sausage, 33. Disdain, 35. Sleights, 37. Scarlet, 38. Pig sounds, 41. Spy agency, 42. Unlawful rate of interest, 45. Charity TV show, 48. Grins, 51. Golden, 52. Taxonomic group, 54. Bearing, 55. Realistic, 59. Malicious, 62. Hubs, 63. Remedies, 65. Breezed through, 66. Acquire deservedly, 67. Amount of hair, 68. Mob, 69. Remnant, 70. Being, 71. If not

Down

- Emanation, 2. Fourth sign of the zodiac, 3. Note, 4. Least difficult, 5. F, 6. Beloved, 7. Style of interior furnishings, 8. Loathsome, 9. Milky, 10. Send forth, 11. Anagram of «Tine», 12. Articulates, 15. Brazilian dance, 21. Tardy, 23. L L L L, 25. Large luxurious car, 27. Beige, 28. Loamy deposit, 29. Consumer Price Index, 31. Robotic, 32. Dimwit, 34. Explosive, 36. Rational, 39. New Zealand parrot, 40. Skid row, 43. Manipulating, 44., The original matter (cosmology), 46. Twin sister of Ares, 47. Adolescent, 49. Make into law, 50. Surgical stitch, 53. Fathers, 55. Implored, 56. Lion sound, 57. Unit of land, 58. To tax or access, 60. Lairs, 61. Border, 64. South southeast

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