

6 Paktia Education Officers Held on Corruption Charges

GARDIZ - Six education officers of southeastern Paktia province have been detained on corruption charges but their two accomplices managed to flee, an official said on Wednesday.

An official of the department, wishing to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News the detainees included the directors of planning and protection, a supervisor, two engineers and the education director of Wozi Zadran district.

"Two other officials involved in corruption have been fled and we have no clue to them," the official said.

Naqib Ahmad Attal, the governor's spokesman, confirmed the arrest of six education of-



ficers. A provincial council member Taj Mohammad Mangal said that only 500,000 Afghanis had been spent from the two million Afghanis allocated by the UNICEF for construction of schools' bathrooms and other repair work.

He said the rest of the money went to the pocket of the detained education officers.

Mangal said only six officers involved in corruption were detained. The officers involved in serious corruptions should also be nabbed, he added. (Pajhwok)

Unknown Gunmen Torch 12 Mosques in Baghlan in One Week

SAR-E-PUL - A number of unknown gunmen have torched at least 12 mosques in the past week in northern Baghlan, local officials said on Wednesday.

Abdul Rasheed Bashir, the acting police chief of Baghlan, has however blamed the incidents on the Taliban - an accusation not yet confirmed by the militant group.

"Over the past one week, the Taliban set 12 mosques on fire which were later extinguished by the locals," Bashir said.

Most of these mosques were torched in Dand-e-Ghori area in Pul-e-Khumri, the provincial capital, officials said.

The motive behind the acts of vandalism is however unclear. But TOLONews' reporter who visited the area said no one, in-



cluding local police commanders, are prepared to discuss the perceived motive behind the string of incidents. The locals said however that they were too afraid to speak out against those behind the fires. Abdul Rasheed Nadim, head of Baghlan's Hajj and Religious Affairs Department, confirmed in an interview with TOLONews that a number of copies of the Holy Quran ... (More on P4)...(20)

Taliban Military Chief for Baghlan Detained: NDS

KABUL/PUL-I-KHUMRI - The Taliban's military chief for northern Baghlan province was captured in the capital Kabul on Wednesday, a statement from the National Directorate of Security said. The statement said that Mohammad Yasin along with one of his accomplices was arrested during a special operation by the spy network in the first police district of Kabul. Yasin was directed from Peshawar city of Pakistan to assign shadow district and police chiefs in Baghlan province, it said, he had



plan to go back to Pakistan when Afghan intelligence forces identified and captured him. Abdul Qadim Niazi, Baghlan deputy acting governor, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Yaseen's de-

attention was effective for security situation of the province. "We praise the performance of NDS. It is important to capture the Taliban militants who come from Pakistan," Niazi added. (Pajhwok)

Brother Kills Sister in Parwan

CHAREKAR - A young man opened fire on his sisters leaving one dead and two others wounded in an apparent honor killing case in northern Parwan province of Afghanistan. According to the local security officials, the incident took place in Bagram district in Mahiger area. The district police chief Mohammad Masoom Farzaye confirmed that the man opened fire on his... (More on P4)...(21)

Sar-I-Pul Clashes Leave 20 Dead, 11 Wounded

SAR-I-PUL - At least 18 insurgents and two security forces personnel were killed as a result of operations to regain control of Kohistanat district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said on Wednesday.

According to officials, seven insurgents and four security forces personnel were also killed in the offensive.

Lt. Gen. Keramuddin Ya-

war, deputy interior minister, told journalists that security forces started operations on Tuesday from two sides of Sayad district and Adrang locality. Abdul Jabbar Haqbin, Sar-i-Pul governor, said that uprising members took part in the fight against militants to push back them from Kohistanat district.

The security forces still did not have any break-



through in the operations. Kohistanat district fell to insurgents nine days back. (Pajhwok)

Zabul's Director of Hajj and Religious Affairs Accused of Corruption

QALAT - Mullah Nawab, the director of Hajj and Religious Affairs of southern Zabul province has been accused of corruption. Haji Mangal, head of a department in the directorate of Hajj and Religious Affairs of Zabul, and Mullah Abdul Hakim, head of the province's Ulema Council, claim that the director is abusing his power.

Mullah Abdul Hakim said that he has evidences on hand showing that the director has registered the names of some shop keepers and drivers as the



Ulemas (religious clerics) and pocketing their salaries. Mullah Hakim said that the issue has been reported to the provincial

administration and central government but has not received a response back. Haji Mangal and Mullah Abdul Hakim were representing a group of workers and Ulemas (religious clerics) during a gathering to voice their concerns over the issue. They threatened to quit their jobs and take to the streets if the issue is not resolved. However, Mullah Nawab turned all allegations as baseless and conspiracy against him. Mullah Nawab said that all of his activities are legitimate. (KP)

6 Rebels Dead in Badakhshan, Jawzjan

FAIZABAD/SHIBERGHAN - At least six Taliban were killed in northeastern Badakhshan and northwestern Jawzjan provinces, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said Wednesday.

An official of the spy network wishing anonymity told Pajhwok Afghan News that several militants attacked Afghan security posts in Tagab district in Badakhshan... (More on P4)...(22)

Helmand Mines Dept., School Get New Buildings

LASHKARGAH - New buildings for mines and petroleum department and a school have been completed and handed over to officials' concerned for formal use in southern Helmand province, an official says on Wednesday.

During inauguration ceremony, Governor Mirza Khan Rahimi said that construction of the building would help improve the efficiency of mines and petroleum department. The facility, he said

had 14 rooms constructed at a cost of 11 million Afghanis.

Habibullah Haqparast, director mines and petroleum, said his department had no specific building which caused delay in work. The building has been built on half an acre land, containing two guest houses and car park.

Meanwhile, Abdul Matin Jaffar, director education, said that in Nad Ali district a building for a school had... (More on P4)...(23)

3 Police Killed in Taliban Attack in Herat

HERAT - Three policemen were killed in a Taliban attack in western Herat province on Tuesday night, local officials said Wednesday.

In addition two other policemen were injured and another is missing. The incident took place in Chesht district of the province after a number of Taliban insurgents attacked a police check post and clashed with police, Ghulaam Rasoul Khan Police Chief of Chesht said. The Taliban insurgents fled the area after the attack, Rasoul Khan said. (Tolnews)

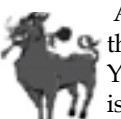
Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You're ready to settle down and put your nose to the grindstone as taskmaster Saturn pushes your key planet Mars into action. Nevertheless, it's challenging to limit unnecessary distractions as one temptation appears after another. But rather than wasting time pursuing transient pleasure, be responsible and focus on the specific projects in front of you now.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



A familiar wave of practicality washes away the heightened intensity of the past few days. You may breathe a sigh of relief that the Moon is chilling out in your even-tempered sign. There is still plenty of work to do, leaving you little time to grow complacent. Luckily, your actions are on target, enabling you to deliver on your promises and, even exceed everyone's expectations.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You are pulled in many directions as you attempt to sort out the most productive way to move through such a busy day. Although you're eager to pursue experiences that pique your interest, you don't have time to follow every compelling lead. You may be excessively talkative today, only to be criticized for your lack of focus. Take responsibility for your actions, make tough choices and limit your explanations.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your associates may not see past your hard-working exterior today, but your feelings are running strong, nonetheless. Take several deep breaths and contemplate what form of expression works best for you, rather than just running on automatic pilot. It's all too easy to get swept up into doing what's expected, even if you must hide what's most important to you.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



A melodrama begins to fade today as your common sense grows stronger by the hour. You aren't interested in being sidetracked by someone's emotionally intense story, especially one that seems to go nowhere useful. Instead, work toward improving your life by being as productive as you can. Once you fulfill your responsibilities, choose rejuvenating rest over frivolous activities.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Efficiently managing your internal world now is a necessary part of putting your external affairs in order. Your current attitude sets the stage for your future success. Taking care of business will only get harder to handle as the days fly by if you let yourself become overwhelmed today. Although an I-can-do-it frame of mind is necessary, positive thinking isn't enough now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



People may be overly critical about your work today as retrograde Venus joins gossipy Mercury in your 11th House of Teamwork. Instead of letting others rattle your cage, improve your game by applying the valuable feedback you receive. There's no time to get discouraged by anyone else's judgments. Thankfully, counting on your common sense helps you to avoid taking any comments too personally.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You want everyone to accept your authority without question now while the planetary emphasis is on your 10th House of Public Status. However, stern Saturn's square has you wondering whether or not you're actually on the politically correct side of an issue. Nevertheless, it's not enough to be right; you also want people to appreciate you for your brilliant competence.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



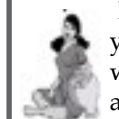
You're reticent to reveal your innermost feelings today but, thankfully, people might not even notice. It's not that you are carrying around dark secrets; you're just trying to prevent professional relationships from growing more complicated. Consider the potential impact of your words prior to sharing too much information. Practicing a bit of self-restraint now is less stressful than dealing with the negative consequences afterward.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You are tempted to run out on your commitments and chase more pleasurable pursuits. Although you might not be able to act on the spur of the moment to join in the fun, you can still schedule time for socializing into your day. Ironically, it's easier to enjoy yourself now if you can delicately balance your demanding responsibilities with playful activities.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Playing nicely with others propels you along your professional path. However, don't get so wrapped up in your own ambitions that you aren't sensitive to the objectives of the group. However, there's no reason to completely set aside your needs in deference to the preferences of your coworkers. Finding common ground enables you to do your own thing while following the rules of the game.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Focusing on your work can be a real challenge today when you have so many thoughts running around in your brain like the proverbial hamster in a wheel. You are wise to channel your internal chatter into creative outlets, instead of wasting your energy trying to silence it. Don't worry if your coworkers think you're too serious; you have bigger concerns now that leave you little time for social niceties.



Across

- Secluded valley, 5. Consumed, 10. Expectoration, 14. Be worthy of, 15. Shame, 16. Killer whale, 17. Detestation, 19. Newbie (slang), 20. Foot digit, 21. Humble, 22. Deservedly receives, 23. Typographical error, 25. Muse of love poetry, 27. Directed, 28. Wieners, 31. Hoses, 34. Humorous, 35. Utilize, 36. God of love, 37. Spoofs, 38. Heredity unit, 39. An Old Testament king, 40. Planet, 41. Ascended, 42. Home alone after school, 44. Mayday, 45. Slumber, 46. Catch, 50. An official in India, 52. Fancy, 54. Crimson, 55. Historical periods, 56. Nutritious, 58. Auspices, 59. Express audibly, 60. Pot, 61. Small horse, 62. Hangman's knot, 63. Untidynes.

Down

- Grille, 2. Work hard, 3. Aromatic solvent, 4. Prefix meaning "Modern", 5. A small earphone, 6. Perpendicular to the keel, 7. Bronzes, 8. Reverted to the state, 9. Born as, 10. A musical composition, 11. Defers, 12. Computer symbol, 13. Checks, 18. Charges per unit, 22. Not difficult, 24. Beers, 26. Tracks, 28. Foolish, 29. Feudal worker, 30. Observed, 31. Blue-green, 32. Constellation bear, 33. A petty officer, 34. Newspaper picture, 37. Awakened, 38. Essence, 40. At what time, 41. Hemp cords, 43. Stylish, 44. Lampoon, 46. Remedies, 47. Pee, 48. Leases, 49. Borders, 50. Very intense, 51. Therefore, 53. Car, 56. Religious sister, 57. An unskilled actor.

Yesterday's Solution



afraid, annoyance, attend, cheat, chick, chieftain, chokes, count, crown, custom, direct, drain, fickle, hidden, marrow, near, neigh, notice, opposition, origin, patch, policy, punish, restaurant, result, snort stark, tart, tear, thank, tint, tiny, trunk, wart, wedding.

