

5 Shiberghan Municipality Workers Abducted

SHIBERGHAN - Insurgents on Monday abducted five workers of Shiberghan municipality in northern Jawzjan province, police said on Monday.

Col. Abdul Hafiz Khashi, Jawzjan deputy police chief, said investigations had been launched to divulge who was behind the abduction. He said the incident took place today at Pul-i-Khurasan locality in west of Shiberghan city, at a time when the workers



were busy shifting wastes. "We have started search operations to nab the perpetrators and the operations will continue until they are found," he vowed. Eng. Mohammad Hussain Saleh, Shiberghan mayor, told Pajhwok Afghan News the gunmen near Pul-i-Khurasan locality close to Dasht-i-Laili had kidnapped four municipality workers and one driver. Nobody has claimed responsibility for the kidnapping so far. (Pajhwok)

Pakistani Rebels, Daesh Fighter Held in Nangarhar: NDS



KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Monday claimed detaining 2 Pakistani militants and a commander of Daesh in eastern Nangarhar province. A statement from the spy-service said IS Commander Hayatullah alias Mansour and

his two Pakistanis associates Salim and Sikandar had been arrested during a raid conducted by the NDS officials. After initial investigations, the detainees confessed to their involvement in insurgents' activities, the statement said. (Pajhwok)

Nimroz Governor's Son Kills QRF Officer

ZARANJ - The son of the governor of western Nimroz province shot dead an officer of the Quick Response Force (QRF), the residents alleged but the governor vehemently denied the charge.

Ahmad, a resident of Nimroz, told Pajhwok Afghan News on Sunday the governor's convoy was travelling to Char Barak district to monitor work on Kamal Khan dam when the vehicle of the Quick Response Force overtook the governor's son car.



At that moment, Ahmad added, the governor's son came out of the car and shot dead the officer for overtaking. He said some of the officers who had brought the slain body to the hospital were blaming... (More on P4)... (19)

18 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Baghlan Clashes



SAR-E-PUL - At least 18 Taliban insurgents were killed in clashes with security forces in the past three days in northern Baghlan province, local officials said on Monday. In addition, 27 other insurgents were injured. The clashes took place in Dand-e-Ghori area in Pul-e-Khumri the capital of the province and so far more than ten villages have been cleared of insurgents, Provincial Police Chief, Abdul Jabar

Purdely said. "So far a security soldier was killed and three others injured. The clashes still continue," he said. Meanwhile, officials at the Baghlan hospital have said that nine people who were injured in the clashes, including six children and two women, are among those transferred to hospital for treatment. The Taliban have not yet commented on the incident. (Tolnews)

16 Pakistanis Detained for Illegally Living in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Security forces have detained 16 Pakistanis who were living illegally in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal, spokesman for the police headquarters of Nangarhar province told Khaama Press that they have taken strict security measurements for the celebration of the Independence Day in Nangarhar. He said on the top of the military operations in remote areas, security forces have been deployed around the city and a very tight check up of vehicles and people is going on in Jalalabad city. Mashriqiwal added

that security forces detained 24 Pakistanis from different parts of the city but later released eight of them who presented documents legalizing their stay in Nangarhar. He said that the remaining 16 people would be handed over to the border security forces in Torkham border from where they will be returned to their country. Afghanistan is preparing to celebrate its independence on Wednesday with Jalalabad being the center for it because King Amanullah Khan who acquired the independence from British has been laid to rest there. (KP)

RCN Wants Suspension of Pakistan "Backed Talks"

KABUL - Condemning Pakistan's policy toward Afghanistan, the Reform and Change Network (RCN) on Monday demanded the government to forthwith suspend peace talks with Taliban.

Dozens of members of the RCN drove around Kabul city in 12 vehicles, alleging that Pakistan's interferences in Afghanistan's affairs was a



source of instability. The activists chanted: "Paki-

stan is a murderer and Pakistan is thirsty for our blood," and "Our people die of hunger and America is silent." They also criticized government's policies towards Pakistan and urged greater unity for all Afghans. Sayed Maisam Ehsani, a member of the network, said their one-day campaign was aimed at... (More on P4)... (20)

4 Border Policemen Killed in Herat Attack

HERAT CITY: 4 border policemen have been killed in militants attack in western Herat province, officials said on Monday. Gulbadin Alkozai, senior security official in western zone, told Pajhwok Afghan News 4 border policemen had been killed and 2 other wounded in overnight attack by militants in the Chah Takhta locality. Haji Asadullah Noorzai, the district administrative chief of Gul-

ran, said the Chah Takhta locality was situated near Turkmenistan border. He said only 1 check-post is established in the area where dozens of Taliban had presence. Separately, police have arrested 6 people who were planning terror attacks in the province. Police Chief Maj. Gen. Abdul Hameed Ruzi told reporters the detained men had been arrested in the limits of eight municipality district. (Pajhwok)

1 Dead, 8 Missing in Nangarhar Flash Floods

JALALABAD - At least one person was killed and eight others were left missing after flash floods in eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday night, local officials said on Monday. The floods occurred in Ghani Khel, Nazyan, Dur Baba and Momand Dara districts of the province after flash floods hit the area in which more than 240 houses were destroyed, the head of the provincial Red Cross department, Nangyalai, said. "At least 170 houses were destroyed in Ghani Khel district and a market was also destroyed," he said... (More on P4)... (21)

10 People Killed in Herat Gas Explosion

HERAT - At least ten people, including three children and four women, were killed in a gas explosion in western Herat province on Monday, local officials said. The incident took place in Herat city after a gas cylinder exploded in the early hours of Monday morning, said Provincial Police Chief, Abdul Majid Rozi. "The victims were taken to hospital [but died of their injuries]. All the victims were members of one family," he said. Meanwhile, relatives of the family claim that "the family was killed... (More on P4)... (22)

5 Policemen Found Mysteriously Dead in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - At least 5 policemen have been found mysteriously dead in their check-post in southern Helmand province, an official said on Monday. Security official who wished to go unnamed said policemen were killed mysteriously in their check-post in the Sur Godar locality of Lashkargah, the provincial capital. Sources said that re-

bels were fully armed. Police Spokesman Shah Mahmood Ashna said investigations into the incident has been launched. Taliban claimed responsibility for the killing of police officials with the group's spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahamdi said 7 policemen, including their commander, had been killed in an attack on a check-post. (Pajhwok)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You don't know whether you should be feeling happy or sad today. You thrive when things are popping, but the stress level may be a bit much even for you hot-to-trot Aries. However, you don't want to let up on the gas now as you drive for power and success. Although people seem to thwart your efforts, you could inadvertently be the one blocking your own progress.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It may be impossible to settle complex interpersonal dynamics at work today. You might think you're being objective in your assessment of the current situation, but your compulsive desires could be mixed up with other people's feelings. Your attempts to sort out everyone's conflicting needs only make matters more complicated now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Although your agenda might clash with someone else's, you're able to react fast enough to turn a potential conflict into a non-event. Although others might try to rein you in, you could outsmart them with your inclusive attitude. You seem to take their resistance in stride without succumbing to their negativity. Much to everyone's surprise, your skillful diplomacy could raise the bar and deftly transform an enemy into a friend.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your peers are pressuring you to actively contribute to their projects today, even if you already have your work cut out for you. However, rather than buckling under the demands of the moment, you might ignore the wishes of others now. You're not willing to retreat from your position, even if someone offers you a graceful exit strategy.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your willingness to see things from a different perspective brings a twist in the direction a relationship takes. You might have engaged in a conversation for the sheer enjoyment of the moment, your playful feelings deepen as you're pushed to explore the dark corners of your own psyche. Don't brush this special opportunity off as something trivial, for sharing your heart will be more difficult.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your cool approach to an emotional conversation is unsustainable. The more you try to withhold an unpleasant feeling, the stronger it grows and the longer it will persist. Coming right out and saying what you might normally keep to yourself is your most reliable strategy, because communication flows once you get your issues off your chest. Your willingness to engage in an intense dialogue can push a relationship to a new level of intimacy.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You are bewildered by your constantly changing needs and fluctuating desires while several planets stress the evocative Moon in your sign today. It's nearly impossible to make plans and stick with them because your feelings transform from moment to moment as circumstances shift. Thankfully, you can easily keep your head above water if you strive for the widest possible perspective.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You may believe you're heading down a path to an inevitable destination, but your decisive action can put a positive spin on your future. You might feel closed down, but you could be focusing on the wrong things. Instead of getting caught up in the stress of the moment, think about the actions you can take today that will have a profound impact on tomorrow.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your future is beckoning, but you're also painfully aware of a lingering issue that could stand in your way of success. Just when you think everything is copasetic, an upwelling of powerful emotions demands your undivided attention. Don't think for a moment that you can stuff them back into the basement of your unconscious mind. Opportunity often arrives shrouded in uncertainty.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

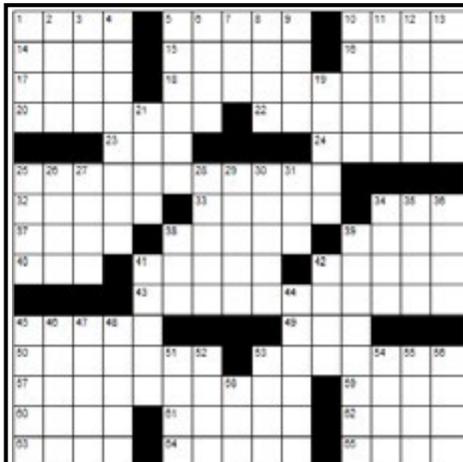
Putting your finger on the center of the storm is one of your strategic ways of regaining control of a dynamic situation. Nevertheless, you can feel that something big is heading your direction and you might overreact by trying to fix everyone else's issues now while making light of your own. Unfortunately, this misguided strategy won't make your sailing any smoother.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You can feel the easy breezes of the airy Libra Moon, yet you can't avoid more serious issues currently on your plate. You may be dreaming about wonderful possibilities that stretch out before you, but it might take more time to get there than you wish. Nevertheless, living in the future doesn't solve anything today, so gently bring yourself back to reality.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You might not be in the mood to share your toys with others today, leading to a struggle over the control of important resources. On a very basic level, a disagreement over a joint checking account can instigate an unpleasant encounter. However, the conflict may be more complex as you renegotiate a business partnership or debate about the ownership of an idea.



Across

- WW1 plane, 5. Heart artery, 10. Whip, 14. Humdinger, 15. Channel selector, 16. Within, 17. By mouth, 18. Conversion, 20. Latticework, 22. Estate, 23. Neither ___, 24. Quarries, 25. At any future time, 32. An edict of the Russian tsar, 33. Artist's workstand, 34. Implore, 37. Short sleeps, 38. Savory jelly, 39. Hoodwink, 40. Coloring agent, 41. Nimble, 42. Edge on a cutting tool, 43. Extrapolates, 45. Tablet, 49. Cup, 50. Voluntary self-punishment, 53. Adolescent, 57. Ousted, 59. Weightlifters pump this, 60. Canvas dwelling, 61. Reversed, 62. Egghead, 63. Collections, 64. Encounters, 65. Homosexuals

Down

- Notch, 2. Happy cat sound, 3. Wings, 4. Bluntness, 5. Clothing, 6. Not yours, 7. Ribonucleic acid, 8. Care for, 9. Backside, 10. About a US quart, 11. Licorice-like flavor, 12. Obdurate, 13. Sharpens, 19. Drive forward, 21. Great affection, 25. A reserve of money, 26. Alright, 27. Sexual assault, 28. Varnish ingredient, 29. Official tree of Canada, 30. Willow, 31. Record (abbrev.), 34. Pullulate, 35. Type of sword, 36. Mousses, 38. Eon, 39. Condescending, 41. Go-between, 42. Color of the sky, 44. Restitution, 45. Blots, 46. Embankment, 47. Concerning (archaic), 48. Small open pies, 51. Buddy, 52. Sea eagle, 53. Blockhead, 54. Region, 55. Bloody, 56. Terminates, 58. Lyric poem.

Yesterday's Solution



about, actor, ahead, bade, beauty, belief, blame, bookie, cancel, change, clutter, delete, dole, dramatic, finale, focus, force, great, later, majority, minute, other, parasites, patch, poise, porch, pram, pursue, relay, short, streak, title, today, trail, weeps.

