

# Herat Police Recused Three Abducted Men



KABUL - Police rescued three abducted men from kidnapers in Herat, the interior ministry said in a statement on Wednesday. According to the statement, the men were rescued during two

separate operations. In the first incident, police conducted an operation in Karokh district of Herat to rescue an abducted individual. At the end of the operation, police arrested

the abductor along with an AK-47 rifle. At the same time, police rescued two abducted men in Zawal district of Herat this morning. The abductors used to hide the men inside a well, the statement said.

Kidnapping for ransom has become more frequent in Afghanistan in recent years. Locals of all income levels are most often the targets. Herat is a province that kidnapping for ransom is big trouble for its residents. (ATN)

## Taliban's Deputy Red Unit Commander among 37 Killed in Paktika, Pakiya Operations



KABUL - The Afghan security forces killed 37 Taliban militants including the deputy commander of the Red Unit of Taliban in Paktika and Pakiya provinces. The 203rd Thunder Corps said in a statement that the security forces conducted the operations in Zurmat district of Pakiya and Mata Khan district of Paktika provinces. The statement further added

that the security forces also arrested 3 Taliban militants during the same operations. Furthermore, the 203rd Thunder Corps said the security forces confiscated 3 Chinese-made AK-47s, a PKM machine gun, 9 ammunition magazines, a radio set, 5 motorcycles and some other military kits. The 203rd Thunder Corps also added ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

## Taliban Kill District Official, Elder in Paktia

GARDEZ - Taliban militants killed the Population Registration Department (PRD) head for Ahmadabad district of south-eastern Paktia province and separately murdered a tribal elder, police said Wednesday. Police spokesman Sardar Wali Tabasum told Pajhwok Afghan

News the PRD director for Ahmadabad district Mohammad Aziz was shot dead by Taliban militants late Tuesday night. No one has been so far arrested in connection with the incident, but police had launched their investigation in this regard, Tabasum said. ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

## 3 Policemen Killed in Kandahar Blast

KANDAHAR CITY - At least three policemen have been killed and two others wounded as a result of landmine explosion in Arghistan district of southern Kandahar province. A credible security source, told Pajhwok Afghan News that three police personnel were killed and two others wounded in roadside bomb on Tuesday. According to another reports, two policewomen were injured as a result of unidentified gunmen attack in limits of 1st police district of Kandahar City at around 8am today morning. The source said that Farzana and Robina were heading to duty in Arghanda district that came under attack. The assailants managed to flee the area. Militants have not yet commented in this regard. (Pajhwok)

## 14 Civilians, Pro-Govt Forces Killed in Herat Attack

KABUL - Taliban militants killed at least 14 members of a pro-government militia in Afghanistan on Wednesday, said officials, as Taliban and U.S. officials near a deal aimed at ending the 18-year war. Government officials said 14 members of the militia were killed and several civilians were wounded during clashes in the western province of Herat. Abdul Ahad Walizada, a spokesman for Herat police, said the 14 were killed after a large number of Taliban fighters stormed security checkpoints in the Chahardara area. "At least nine others are wounded in the clashes and the Taliban militants were pushed back after Afghan forces reinforced the area," said Walizada. Taliban officials were not immediately available for a comment. U.S. and Taliban officials are said to be



nearing an agreement, after months of negotiations, under which the United States would start to withdraw troops from Afghanistan in exchange for Taliban pledges not to allow the country to be used by international militants plotting attacks abroad. The Taliban on Wednesday said they

are set to reach a "final agreement" with the United States to end 18 years of war in Afghanistan that began when they were ousted from power following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. It is not clear if the agreement will include a ceasefire between the Taliban

and forces of the U.S.-backed government, or if the Taliban will promise to open power-sharing talks with the government. The Taliban have refused to talk to the government, which they see as a U.S. puppet. Despite the talks between the Taliban and the United States, a senior Afghan interior ministry official said government forces along with thousands of pro-government militia members were battling the militants across at least 10 of the country's 34 provinces. "The Taliban consider pro-government militia forces a big threat because they have strong intelligence networks, often both sides know each other's families," said a second senior security official in Kabul, requesting anonymity. This week, Taliban fighters killed nine pro-government ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aug 29, 2019 - You may be a bit depressed today if you and your partner are going through a difficult time. Maybe there's something unspoken that brings tension and awkwardness into your life together. Try to find the root of the problem. It will only get worse if you don't talk about it. Don't get too emotional when you bring it up. Just ask if your partner is bothered by something.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Aug 29, 2019 - A short trip might be necessary today, Taurus. This could be disheartening, as it takes you away from your current love interest, but perhaps it's just as well. A phone call on this emotionally charged day might advance your relationship more than a forced evening together. Acknowledge that you're looking forward to seeing your friend again and then get on with the job!

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Aug 29, 2019 - The strange behavior of a romantic interest may have you confused, Gemini. Is your partner avoiding you? Do phone calls go unanswered? Forget it. Sometimes people see too much intimacy as a threat to their independence and choose to ignore it. The best way to deal with this is to not press any sensitive issues. Just go out for dinner and act like a friend.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Aug 29, 2019 - Have you invited some friends over for a celebration tonight, Cancer? If so, your guests are going to keep you hopping! That's all right. The day is filled with love and joy. Entertaining them is your way of expressing your appreciation. If you're romantically involved, you and your partner can celebrate privately after all your visitors are gone. Relax, let go, and enjoy your party!

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Aug 29, 2019 - Other responsibilities might keep you away from your loved one today, Leo. If you have plans for tonight - or even if you don't - you might find this rather depressing. Where is the one you love? Is your partner out carousing and having a good old time while you're working like crazy? Don't torture yourself with thoughts like this.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Aug 29, 2019 - The absence of direct expressions of love might make your life seem rather empty today, Virgo. If you're single, there may be nobody around to have fun with. If you're involved, chances are your current love interest is unable to get together. Don't waste time fretting over this. Make some other plans.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Aug 29, 2019 - You may decide to duck out of extra responsibilities today, Libra, perhaps to have a private celebration at home with your love partner! The fun might be delayed if your beloved is unexpectedly called away for a while. Just remember that quality is better than quantity!

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Aug 29, 2019 - You may feel neglected and unloved today, Scorpio. If you're single, you may feel worse. Cheer up. If you're running around with such a depressed and dramatic expression on your face, nobody will feel like asking you out. Try to make yourself happy by doing things you like to do. If you smile, you'll be a magnet for someone who has love to give.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Aug 29, 2019 - Are you worried that your romantic partner doesn't love you as much as you love him or her, Sagittarius? Love has many facets. Not everybody can verbally express love or feel comfortable with public displays of affection. If someone loves you, there are ways you can tell. It might be the way they look at you, how they touch you, or little favors. If you're uncertain, why not ask?

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Aug 29, 2019 - If you're single, Capricorn, you might feel a little down today. All your friends who are in relationships may have plans while you go home alone. Relax. Many people in relationships aren't necessarily happy. They have their own problems and sometimes feel lonely and frustrated. There are certain advantages to being single. Make the best of it today and enjoy

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aug 29, 2019 - Today you may substitute chocolate for a lack of love because you feel tempted to treat yourself to something good. This is fine, but confine yourself to a small amount. Overindulgence in sweets could have you regretting it when you get a stomachache, not to mention step on the scale! Remember, moderation is the key.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Aug 29, 2019 - If you're not married or engaged, Pisces, you may feel that your current love interest is avoiding you. However, this is just your imagination. Relationships always go through ups and downs, so don't worry. If you have serious doubts whether there's something wrong, ask your partner.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-63 indicating starting positions for clues.

#### Across

- 1. Boast, 5. Stave, 10. Relating to aircraft, 14. Roman moon goddess, 15. Relating to tone, 16. Prod, 17. In a dutiful compliant manner, 19. Make melodious sounds, 20. Barbie's beau 21. Angler's basket, 22. Impudent, 23. Demesnes, 25. Loft, 27. Twosome 28. Levels in rank, 31. Prostitutes (archaic), 34. Manner of speaking, 35. Liveliness, 36. Auspices, 37. French farewell, 38. Facts, 39. Indian bread, 40. Nincompoops, 41. A condition marked by tremors, 42. Vibratos, 44. Coniferous tree, 45. An unwholesome atmosphere, 46. Get hold of, 50. Rise, 52. Underway, 54. Grippe, 55. A collaborative website, 56. Loud 58. So be it, 59. Blockade, 60. Backside, 61. Large mass of ice, 62. Toward the outside, 63. A,

#### Down

- 1. Fellow, 2. Yokels, 3. About, 4. Wander aimlessly, 5. Record player, 6. Notes, 7. Stake 8. False beliefs, 9. Travel through the air, 10. Assault, 11. Pontifical, 12. Flows, 13. Unrestrained revelry 18. Convulsion, 22. Flower stalk, 24. Contributors, 26. You (archaic), 28. Makes changes to, 29. Catches, 30. Neuter, 31. Not straight, 32. Food thickener, 33. Vintner, 34. Relating to local speech, 37. Hole-making tools, 38. Spear 40. Tailless amphibian, 41. Kind of bean 43. Excavating for minerals, 44. Paid for something, 46. Line dance, 47. All excited 48. Elegance, 49. Melodies, 50. Q-Tip, 51. An indefinite period, 53. 3 in a yard, 56. South southeast, 57. British rule in India,

#### Yesterday's Solution

Grid for yesterday's solution with words: SPELAK, ABLY, DIAFP, NOVAE, BLUE, TISLE, AGING, BONA, SHOE, GOLDI, LOCKS, SEAT, GET, ARMENT, BEHOLD, PAYER, OGGIVE, TAKEOVERS, LONGE, SONAR, IDEA, ASTROLOGY, DEAN, WRITS, BUENDE, CREEP, OUT, VILLI, SNOWBLOWER, AGOG, HORN, AROSE, LATH, ONCE, SENSE, ERST, DEAR, TOTED

Word search grid with words: PEECEACTRESSQ, UNRZGACOUSTIC, ORUECILPMOCCA, RATHERTAAFHPD, GGAWHINEGCOAI, DENBUXOMNEIR, RUMRUMIHVDLFT, EGFYOKSTTIEDY, NPIMIBEUPSDR, CYALLALRMREER, HBLANOITOMEHO, PESBLOWNREVA, RELIEVELPMASK