

170 Drug Smugglers Held in Takhar in 2 Years

TALUQAN - Thousands of kilograms of drugs have been seized and 170 people arrested in connection with the narcotics during the past two years in northeastern Takhar province, police said on Thursday. Police spokesman Maj. Abdul Khalil Aseer told Pajhwok Afghan News Takhar was a poppy-free province but drugs were brought here from other provinces, particularly from northeastern Badakhshan province. "We have seized 5308 kilograms of narcotics and detained 170 suspects and introduced them to the judicial department in the last two years",



Aseer added. He said the drugs seized included morphine, papaverine, heroin, opium, marijuana and chemical used in drugs making and alcohol. He said police were committed to dealing with the menace of drugs. The police spokesman said they had recovered five Kalashnikovs, one rocket, one machinegun, 80 vehicles and 168 mobile sets from the detained smugglers. A resident of Dasht-e-Kala district, Haseeb Karim, told Pajhwok the bulk of drugs was smuggled to Tajikistan through this district and high government officials... (More on P4)...(16)

10 Alleged Kidnappers, Killers Detained in Nimroz



ZARANJ - Police have detained four suspects in connection with kidnappings and six others in murder cases in southwestern Nimroz province, an official said on Thursday. Provincial police head, Brig. Gen. Ghulam Jilani Abu Bakkar, told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces arrested the four suspects who had kidnapped government officials in Zaranj late on Wednesday. He said police personnel also captured six outlaws with a vehicle. The detainees recently killed a driver and changed the color of the vehicle snatched from him. The men arrested in the fourth police district are currently being investigated. (Pajhwok)

20 Rebels Dead, 9 Hurt in Countrywide Operations: MoD

KABUL - Twenty militants have been killed, nine wounded and two arrested in parts of the country in the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) claimed on Friday. The casualties inflicted on security forces in Nangarhar, Paktia, Ghazni, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, Daikundi, Badghis, Herat, Farah, Faryab, Kunduz and Helmand provinces, a statement from the MoD said. Fifty landmines, a bag of ammonium nitrate and some tools of mine making had been recovered during the offensive, the statement said. Taliban



made similar claim, the group said 30 security forces were killed and wounded during clashes with the group fighters in different parts of the country in the past 24 hours. (Pajhwok)

Afghan Army Kills 5 Taliban Bomb-Making Experts: Gov't

KABUL - Five Taliban bomb-making experts were killed Thursday after Afghan army personnel raided a militants' hideout in the country's southern province of Helmand, the Defense Ministry said on Friday. "Five insurgents' Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and landmine making experts, including their commander named Aktar Mohammad, died following an army operation in surrounding areas of Nad Ali district, Helmand province," the ministry said in a statement. A total of 50 IEDs, five sacks of Ammonium Nitrate and IED making material were also found and sized by

army. The security forces also detained one militant named Spin Kalai and destroyed the targeted IED making factory after the operation in the restive province, the statement said. The Taliban militants and other insurgent groups have been using IEDs to target security forces but the lethal weapons also inflict casualties on civilians, according to military officials. The Afghan government has banned use, production, storage and sale of fertilizer Ammonium Nitrate, which has been used by militants in making IEDs since 2010. In addition, ... (More on P4)...(17)

Dried Veggie Sales Ramp up Parwan Women's Income

CHARIKAR - A number of women in central Parwan province have improved their financial position by drying, processing and selling different vegetables. The women collect menthale, celery, mint, garlic leaves, dill and other stream side vegetables without paying a penny. Then they process and dry them for sale. Besides enhancing food taste, the green vegetables offer medical advantages. Some women in Jabalus Saraj and Syedkhel districts have been trained on pro-



cessing and drying such plants. Parwan women say they dry vegetables in a room made of plastic or cartons on 4x4 meters area. The rooms must be properly holed and protected from dust. The rooms are under direct sunlight so that vegetables put could be properly dried. The dried vegetables are then put in glass bottles. Women sell a kilogram ... (More on P4)...(18)

Imposter Posing as NSC Delegate Detained in Balkh

KABUL - Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have arrested an imposter posing as a National Security Council (NSC) representative in northern Balkh province. Sardar Zmarai Daud, holding fake identify documents, introduced himself as an NDS delegate for northern provinces, a statement from the council said on Thursday. However, the statement did not give the date for



the arrest of the man who is currently being investigated by National Directorate of Security (NDS) -- the Afghan spy service -- personnel. (Pajhwok)

Pakistani Coastal Guards Detain 34 Afghan Nationals

KABUL CITY - At least 24 Afghan citizens, who wanted to illegally enter into Iran, have been arrested by Pakistani security forces in Balochistan province, Pakistani media said on Thursday. A statement from Paki-

stan Navy said the coastal guards captured 34 Afghans in different parts of the province during an operation late on Wednesday. The detainees, between 15 and 50 years of ages, are currently being investigated. (Pajhwok)

Magnetic Bomb Explosion Leaves 3 Wounded in Kabul City

KABUL - At least 3 people were wounded in a magnetic bomb explosion in West of Kabul city earlier this evening, security officials said. The officials further added that the incident took place in the 3rd police district of the city after a magnetic bomb planted in a police vehicle went off in Golayi Dawa Khana area of the city. No group including the Taliban insurgents has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident. This comes as two rockets



landed in the vicinity of key diplomatic area in Shashdarak area of the city late on Wednesday night. The officials confirmed Thursday that the rocket attack did not incur any casualties to the local residents or security forces. ... (More on P4)...(19)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You know what you want, and you're willing to work for it. You may be inclined to power through issues as quickly as possible, no matter how many corners are cut in the process. However, the tenacious Capricorn Moon gifts you with the perseverance and sure footing of the Mountain Goat. Keep climbing step by step and you're likely to reach the top.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Something within you stirs visions of an ideal future, and your aspirations may seem so real and close that they sparkle. As nice as it is to imagine the life you want the most, what it takes to get there requires a lot more than a dream. Thankfully, your natural practical streak can help get your head out from the clouds and back down to earth. Later in the day, your clarity will return.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Imagine your perfect job -- the one that inspires you to reach your full potential, and provides more than enough compensation for how quickly money seems to pass through your hands. Grounding this dream in reality may feel like trying to pin a wave to the sand, but with some help from your rational ruling planet, Mercury, you are capable of realistically evaluating what resources you have at your disposal now.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

It's not always easy to find the words you're looking for when you need them. You sensitive Crabs are often uncomfortable engaging in conflict; sometimes you would rather run away and imagine that everyone else is behaving just as they should. But no one can run forever, and after the Sun sets you may be ready to return to reality and face the music.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're a smart cookie, but even the smartest folks need help staying on track now and then. Try not to ignore your health today; instead, reexamine your daily routine to see where you could make improvements to bolster your well-being. You might believe that if you just had more time or money.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

As you reassess your goals and reshuffle your priorities, you may find yourself longing for like-minded company that can relate to your aspirations. What would it be like to have a special sidekick who fits into your life just like a puzzle piece? It will be easy to see your fantasy companion in crystal clear detail today, but don't let this lack of objectivity distract you from what's happening in the here and now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're a natural-born dreamer and today you might find yourself recalling your childhood and the good old days with fondness. Nebulous Neptune may lure you into the drowse of Memory Lane as you go through the motions, but keep putting one foot in front of the other until you return to the present. By tonight, you'll feel solid ground underneath your feet again as discerning Mercury helps you redefine your goals.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

It may seem like business as usual as you move through your prosaic day with no more fanfare than absolutely necessary. But sometimes you secretly wish that someone would come along who could see through your walls and understand that mind of yours in a way which transcends words.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Details aren't really your thing, but sometimes it's necessary to hunker down and get the facts right. Your budget demands your attention while the responsible Capricorn Moon sets the tone in your 2nd House of Money. Obviously, it would be so much sweeter to stumble upon buried treasure or inherit a large sum of money from a distant relative. Whimsical Neptune may have you daydreaming of a simpler childhood existence.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

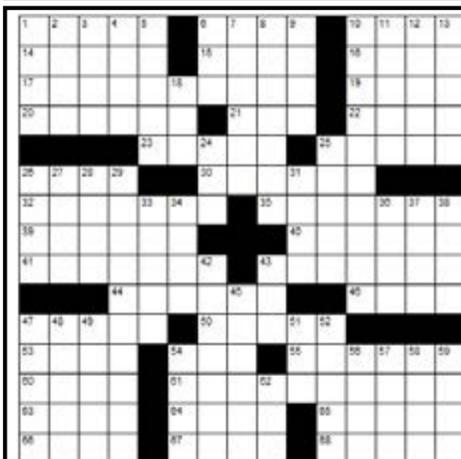
You almost always have a plan for what you wish to accomplish next. However, you may find yourself wanting to escape the constant weight of self-inflicted responsibility today and go for a long walk in the park where your mind can wander and relax for a while. This temporary retreat might not be a bad idea, since methodical Mercury joins the goal-oriented Moon in your sign, prompting you to vocalize your goals and intentions.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're typically not shy about saying what you think, but today your thoughts turn within as you envision a world where a lack of resources is never an issue. There are a million dreams floating around in your head, and all it takes is money to get the ball rolling. Fanciful Neptune floods your mind with possibilities as you reflect on your current fiscal situation.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your vision of yourself has been polished until it's sparkling like a brilliant diamond today. Thankfully, your friends are feeding you confidence-boosting compliments left and right. Although the sweetness of camaraderie can be like an anesthetic for a sore heart, the reality of the current social climate could be weighing heavily on you. You might feel like you're only safe within the small group of friends you trust.



Across
1. Stockpile, 6. Awakened, 10. Being, 14. Submarine, 15. Desiccated, 16. Puppy sounds, 17. Talking foolishly, 19. Auspices, 20. Detects, 21. G, 22. Arizona river, 23. Send, as payment, 25. Laneway, 26. Stitches, 30. Conundrum, 32. Killer wave, 35. Plumed, 39. Dangerous, 40. Underwrite, 41. Notwithstanding, 43. Aerial, 44. Imagined, 46. Clairvoyant, 47. Look at with fixed eyes, 50. Layers, 53. Emanation, 54. Woman, 55. Jubilant, 60. Boast, 61. Mandatory, 63. River of Spain, 64. Hemorrhaged, 65. A deep ravine, 66. A soft sheepskin leather, 67. Bristle, 68. Trail.

Down
1. Young bears, 2. Competent, 3. Metal money, 4. Derbies or berets, 5. Aromatic solvent, 6. Armed conflict, 7. Beginning, 8. Characterized by motion, 9. Border, 10. Spectacles, 11. A seal, 12. Column of wood, 13. An analytic literary composition, 18. East southeast, 24. Japanese apricot, 25. Catkin, 26. An upright in a wall, 27. Feudal worker, 28. Wimp, 29. Showy bloom, 31. Smile, 33. All excited, 34. Distribute, 36. Melody, 37. Sea eagle, 38. Beloved, 42. Palatable, 43. Consumed food, 45. Type of food grain, 47. Cavalry weapon, 48. Engine supercharger, 49. A kind of macaw, 51. Regulation (abbrev.), 52. Drosses, 54. Lots, 56. At the peak of, 57. Lawn mower brand, 58. Therefore, 59. One who colors cloth.

Yesterday's Solution
after, animal, border, center, cities, cloud, combination, core, crazy, danger, difficult, figure, friendship, giant, grandiose, liar, made, mice, money, museum, potion, record, right, romance, school, special, thaw, tier, tress, waltz, weevil, weigh, world, yell.

