

# Iranian among 3 Held on Drug Smuggling Charge

KABUL - An Iranian national was among three persons detained by police for allegedly smuggling 16 kilograms of drugs in western Herat province. Three kilograms of heroin and as much opium were recovered from the Iranian national and more than 10 kilograms of heroin were seized from the two Afghan drug smugglers in three separate incidents during the past one week, a statement from the Criminal Justice Task Force. During the past one month, 32 individuals have been detained on charges of drug tracking in different provinces, it said. (Pajhwok)



## Fourth Afghan Soldier Earns the Title of Ranger from US Ranger School

KABUL - With help from the Security Assistance Office-Afghanistan, 1st Lt. Mohammad Yarghal became the fourth member of the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces to earn the title of Ranger. The 27-year-old Afghan soldier recently returned to Afghanistan following a year of training in the United States. He first attended the four-month American Language Course at the Defense Language Institute in San Antonio. Then, he completed the 17-week Infantry Basic Officer Leadership Course followed by a two-week Ranger Training Assessment Course, two months at Ranger School and three weeks of Basic Airborne Course, all at Fort Benning, Georgia. Yarghal, who is from Khost province, was inspired to join the Afghan National Army at a young age by a general who hailed from his village. In high school, he enacted his plan to serve his country and prepared to ... (More on P4)...(18)

## 'Drug Traders Being Dealt with Sternly in Khost'

KHOST CITY - senior provincial officials on Tuesday said they were sternly dealing with drug producers, traders and smugglers in southeastern Khost province. These views were expressed by the provincial governor, Hukam Khan Habibi, and police chief Brig. Gen. Faizullah Ghairat while torching confiscated narcotics in Khost City, the provincial capital. The governor said the narcotics torched had been confiscated by security officials during separate 54 operations and searches. He said more than 100 individuals had been arrested in connection with the drugs. "The seizure included five



types of drugs, more than 100kg of hashish, more than a kilo of opium, an amount of heroin, 97litres of alcoholic beverages and powder known as glass." The governor asked security organs to take stern action

against drug smugglers and dealers whether small or big and send them behind the bars. "Our security and judicial organs are committed to arresting and punishing drug smugglers in accordance with the law ... (More on P4)...(16)

## Policeman Who Lost His Life in Kabul Attack Laid to Rest

KABUL - Munir, a policeman who lost his life in a suicide attack in Kabul this week, was laid to rest on Tuesday. Scores of friends and relatives attended his funeral ceremony. Munir, 30, had been serving in the ranks of the Public Order Police but died when a suicide bomber detonated an explosive vest on Monday afternoon outside the police offices in Kabul city. According to his relatives and friends, Munir tried hard to prevent the attacker from detonating his vest. Munir has seven brothers - two of which are serving in the Afghan National Army. His brothers said they will continue to serve their country with everything in them. Munir has two ... (More on P4)...(17)

## NDS Arrests 7-Member Group Involved in Kabul Attacks

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) has arrested a 7-member group linked with Haqqani network that allegedly had a hand in recent attacks near Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, said a statement issued by the agency on Tuesday. According to the statement, a number of explosives were also recovered from the suspects' hideout, including 140 kilograms of explosive materials and other related devices.



The statement lists the Norrullah, Farhad, Wali, arrested men's names Bahadur and Khoshhal. as Khalid, Esmatullah, (Tolonews)

## Afghan Forces Capture 21 Militants: Official

FAIZABAD - Security forces during military crackdown captured 21 Taliban fighters in Tishkan district of the northern Badakhshan province, Monday night, a senior security official, Abdullah said Tuesday. "The operation conducted in Tishkan district Monday night during which the troops captured 21 Taliban Abdullah claimed that the government forces have



cleared Tagab district and operations are underway to ensure lasting peace in Tishkan county. (Xinhua)

## NATO Condemns Taliban Attack Killing 20 Afghan Police

KABUL - NATO's Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan on Monday strongly condemned a suicide attack claimed by the Taliban on the Afghan National Civil Order Police Headquarters

in Kabul. In a statement the alliance said "current reports state the attack has left 20 Afghan police officers dead, 25 officers injured, and seven Afghan civilians injured." "Once again, terrorists have targeted a populated area with no regard for innocent lives," said Brig. Gen. Wilson Shoffner, Resolute Support deputy chief of staff for com ... (More on P4)...(19)

## Pakistan Condemns Suicide Bombing in Afghan Capital

PESHAWAR - Pakistan has vehemently denounced a suicide attack on a police compound in Kabul, claiming many innocent lives.

Twenty people were killed and 29 others injured on Monday when the suicide bomber struck the entrance to the Public Order Police compound. In Islamabad, the Foreign Office said: "The government of Pakistan expresses its condolences ... (More on P4)...(20)

## China Condemns Kabul Suicide Bombing

BEIJING - China on Tuesday condemned a deadly suicide attack in Kabul, pledging continued support for the reconciliation process in the country. "We are shocked and condemn the attack," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lu Kang told a regular press briefing. Afghan officials said 20 people were killed and 29 others injured when a suicide bomber attacked a civil order police compound on Monday in Kabul. The Taliban has claimed responsibility. As a friendly neighbor of Afghanistan, China sincerely hopes the country can achieve peace, stability and development as early as possible, Lu said. When asked whether the attack will interfere with the upcoming four-party meeting on the Afghan peace process, Lu said delegates from Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and the U.S. are ready for the third meeting in Islamabad on Feb. 6, and the foreign ministry's special envoy for Afghan affairs ... (More on P4)...(21)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Refreshing waves of certainty wash over you today, confirming whatever you think you already know. But reality is waiting in the wings to bite back, requiring you to contend with a situation that doesn't go as planned. Nevertheless, take a chance and bring something hidden out into the open because you're more likely to get your way when honesty takes precedence over popularity.

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

Your desire for simplicity may prompt you to bury an unpleasant feeling deep out of sight, even if you're fully aware of the consequences today. Unfortunately, keeping a secret is an exercise in futility these days, and not just because people can see through your pretense. You're in the midst of an exciting creative phase now, so don't waste energy trying to sidestep the truth.

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

A gentle but firm jolt of awareness ripples through your mind today as emotions give way to actions. Even if you must engage in heartfelt conversations with others, you won't likely feel restricted by them. To the contrary, working in a partnership or as part of a team now can be the source of newly found freedom as long as you're willing to jump into an intense interaction that clears the air of lingering negativity.

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

Someone at work could be so pushy or rude today that he or she offends your sensitive nature. Your self-protective instincts give you sound reason to retreat to your cave. Unfortunately, it won't be that simple now, for every little motion you make to withdraw is matched by an event that pulls you outside of your shell. This revealing process might not feel comfortable.

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

Life's been emotionally stressful lately because you want to do one thing while being required to do something else. However, the tense dynamics begin to lighten up as you become more at peace with your need to be true to yourself. Paradoxically, it pays to be less demanding now, even if you're feeling impatient. It may be difficult to share with others today.

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

You may worry that you're attracting the wrong kind of people into your life, especially if someone is acting inappropriately today. Fortunately, you possess enough inner fortitude that you can have a fine time anyhow if you choose to go along with the flow. Surprisingly, your current flexibility might take you places that make you feel happier than you ever expected. But if you're resistant to new experiences, everything becomes more of a challenge.

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

You're apt to be very busy now as your day fills up with mental distractions and many things to do. Thankfully, all this activity isn't a problem because it can lift you out of the doldrums and bring much-needed inspiration. Even if you don't have too much on your plate, restlessness might still prevent you from getting the relaxation you desire. Don't court frustration by setting your heart on escaping today.

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

Much to your chagrin, your individual values are dragged out into the open today. Sparks fly and cast light into the shadows within your subconscious mind. Although the shock of having your eyes opened only lasts a moment, you can't go back to sleep once you know what's really going on. Consciously use your newly enlightened perspective to fuel the next cycle of growth.

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

Your moods are so volatile today that you don't like the feeling of instability. However, your emotions are being distorted by your nervous system, which is carrying a high-frequency cosmic charge. Instead of just liking something now, you love it or hate it. Consciously move from your extreme positions toward the center, and try not to make any final decisions until later in the day.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You're more than ready to break free of the responsibilities that weigh upon your shoulders today, but you can't walk away from your commitments. You probably wouldn't cut loose even if you could; it's not your style to escape your duties. However, you may receive a bit of time off for good behavior. Put your imagination to work now; in your mind's eye you are as free as a bird.

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

Your dreams seem so close that you might believe you can actually reach out and touch them. However, your friends may rain on your parade, chastising you for your sunny idealism. Thankfully, snapping out of your reverie doesn't mean you must crash back to Earth, even if your head was in the clouds. Revise your plans, reconsider your goals and start working to make your fantasies real.

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

A change of responsibilities at work could be making extra demands on your time now, requiring you to become more accountable to others. However, you can't hide behind the veneer of a cheerful appearance today because you must respond to a pressing situation. There's no time to sort out your own internal conflicts. Just be present and deal with the circumstances as they unfold moment by moment.

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**Yesterday's Solution**

along, arrow, bellow, black, bride, clock, coif, daily, deduce, deflect, diminish, dude, erasers, finger, flack, fool, fudge, height, hods, hussy, hypocrites, increase, lesson, lilt, online, period, propose, roles, smolt, south stark, start, strumpet, sued, torture, tough, voice.

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