**Militants Kidnap 7 Passengers on Farah-Herat Highway**

KABUL. Seven passengers were kidnapped by militants on the Farah-Herat highway in western Farah province on Saturday, an official said.

**Faryab Woman Commits Suicide, Husband Detained**

MAIMANA. A 27-year-old woman has committed suicide by hanging herself in the capital Kabul city, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said in a statement.

**Taliban Commander Among 4 Killed by Own Explosives**

ASADABAD. A notorious Taliban commander has been killed along with three associates in a landmine explosion in the district of Asadabad.

**Security Forces Retake ‘Strategic Area’ from Taliban**

TIRAMONT. A strategic area in the capital of central Unghar province was retaken from the Taliban, claimed police on Saturday.

**NDS Arrests Group of Kidnappers in Kabul**

KARUL. During an operation, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) arrested a group of kidnappers in Kabul city.

**In Nuristan, Cases of Violence Against Women Addressed by Jirgas**

JALALABAD. The Women’s Affairs Department in eastern Nuristan province said many incidents of violence against women are being resolved by tribal elders instead of the authorities.

**Women’s Affairs Director Zahida Faizan said 18 of the cases registered this year were resolved through mediation by elders.**

In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, she said currently five cases of violence were being dealt with by the tribal elders and some other cases have been sent to the court for investigation.

Faizan added 57 incidents of violence against women were registered last year in the province. Of them, 27 were resolved through mediation.

Among the cases, one is of Ali (an assumed name) that has been **Alham (aronym for Ali)**.