

41 Militants Join Peace Process in Kunar

ASADABAD - As many as 41 militants, including four commanders, joined the peace process in eastern Kunar province on Tuesday, the provincial governor said.

Wahidullah Kalimzai told Pajhwok Afghan News the group had been active in Sawkai, Nari, Chapa Dara, Shaigal, Nurgal and Sirkani districts. The former insurgents dropped their weapons and joined the peace process thanks to continued efforts by local elders and the National



Directorate of Security (NDS) operatives, he added.

Kalimzai said around 419 armed rebels had so far given up violence and turned in around 335 guns in Kunar. "We will try to protect their lives and find jobs for them so that our others disgruntled brothers should also join the peace process," he said.

The four commanders included Khair Mohammad, who had been associated with the Hezbi-Islami Afghanistan (HIA)... (More on P4)...(17)

Afghan Man Jailed in Australia over Failed 'Honor Killing'



SYDNEY - An Afghan man was sentenced to eight years in jail by a court in Australia after he was found guilty of murder plot of a man who had married with his cousin.

The 28-year-old man was identified as Wahid Najibi who was engaged with his cousin who was known only as ZN, according to a report by

ABC News Australia. Najibi plotted to murder his cousin's partner after she fled to Queensland with another member of Melbourne's Afghan community, where they married and had a child. He was convicted by a Victorian Supreme Court jury in April of one charge of incitement to murder in 2012. Najibi was arrested on Valentine's Day 2012 after police discovered regarding the plot murder through an undercover police officer who was posing as a hit man and was hired by him and discussed the plan and provided him with photos of the man, his vehicle and address. Justice Karin Emerton said "This type of criminal conduct in which you attempted to engage ... is sometimes referred to as an honour killing."... (More on P4)...(18)

Tajik Border Guards Confirm Report on Killing of Drug Trafficker

DUSHANBE - Tajik border guards have confirmed the report on the killing of a drug trafficker on the Tajik-Afghan border.

Mohammad Roziqov, a spokesman for the Main Border Guard Directorate of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan, says the trespasser was illegally crossing border in Khatlon province. "He ignored warning shots fired by Tajik border



guards and they were forced to take measures to neutralize the trespasser," Roziqov noted. According to him, they do not have any information

about family ties between the trespasser and Afghan parliament speaker. We will recall that Afghan news agency Pajhwok Afghan News reports Afghan parliament speaker's brother-in-law (wife's brother) has been shot dead by Tajik border guards.

According to Pajhwok Afghan News, the man had been engaged in drug trafficking. Siddiq Siddiqi, a spokesman for the... (More on P4)...(19)

Nangarhar Governor's Convoy Comes Under Attack

JALALABAD - A convoy of vehicles carrying the governor came under attack from insurgents on Wednesday in the Momand Dara district of eastern Nangarhar province, a public representative said.

Zabihullah Zamarai, a member of the provincial council, told Pajhwok Afghan News the attack took place around 10.30am on the Jalalabad-Torkham highway.

The attack followed a clash between the insurgents and police escorting the convoy of Governor Salim Khan Kunduzi. A security official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News one policeman was killed and another was wounded in the attack.

Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, the governor's spokesman, however, denied any attack had



taken place on the governor's motorcade. He said a police vehicle escorting the convoy had crashed in the Momand Dara district, injuring three personnel. (Pajhwok)

American Civilian Died in Bagram Airfield Attack



KABUL - Taliban militants fired a rocket into the Bagram airfield, leaving one American civilian dead, NATO said on Wednesday. The allies' Resolute Support (RS) media office told Pajhwok Afghan News that militants had attacked the airfield with rockets two days ago, that left one American civilian seriously wounded.

The source said that the injured American succumbed to his injuries on Tuesday night. "One Resolute Support civilian died of wounds sustained when a rocket struck Bagram Airfield on June 8, 2015," RS said. Bagram is the largest military base and airfield for foreign troops in Afghanistan. Several attacks have been carried out on the base in the past as well. (Pajhwok)

One Killed in Samangan Flash Floods

KABUL - At least one person was killed in flash floods in northern Samangan province and extensive damage was caused to agriculture lands, local officials said on Wednesday.



The floods occurred in Dara-e-Sof-e-Payeen, Dara-e-Sof-e-Bala, Khuram Was Sarbagh and Do Aab districts on Tuesday, said officials. According to them it is believed a shepherd was swept down river as his body was recovered in a neighboring province.

"A shepherd was killed in the floods and his body was found in the Kashenda district of northern Balkh province," the officials said.

The officials said that the floods have also damaged a number of houses in the district and also killed livestock.

Rajab Ali Yousifi, head of the National Disaster Management Authority's (NDMA) department of Samangan said that a delegation has been appointed to investigate the damage caused by the floods and assistance needed for the locals.

This comes after four people were

killed in flash floods in northern Jowzjan province on Monday. At least seven villages were damaged in this instant.

According to officials, ten people are still missing.

The floods occurred in Darz Aab district of the province after heavy rains. Most of the families have fled to bordering districts, deputy governor of Jowzjan, Abdul Rahman Mahmoudi said.

He said flood waters were starting to encroach on Sheberghan, the capital of the province and on the Khwaja Du Koh District.

Every year, flash floods occur in the northern parts of the country and cause widespread destruction at this time of year. (Tolonews)

Security Men among 10 Dead in Kapisa Offensive

MAHMOOD RAQI - Six militants, including a prominent commander, were killed and five others were wounded during an operation in central Kapisa province, the Afghan military said on Wednesday.

The Afghan National Army's 201s military corps in a press release said the operation had

been started against militants in Pachghan and Afghnia areas involving personnel from the corps, national police, public order police, Afghan Local Police (ALP) and the National Directorate of Security (NDS). A notorious Taliban commander Qari Malik was among six others killed and

as many others wounded in the operation. The dead bodies of the slain militants were left in the area. Khwaja Agha Sapi, an ALP commander, told Pajhwok Afghan News three ANA soldiers and one ALP man were killed and two others were wounded in the operation. (Pajhwok)

9 Rebels Killed in Faryab, Badakhshan

MAIMANA - At least nine militants, including a commander, have been killed during separate incidents in northwestern Faryab and northeastern Badakhshan provinces, officials said on Wednesday.

The 209th Shahin Military Corps spokesman, Maj. Reza Reza, told Pajhwok Afghan News five militants were killed

and two others wounded during a security forces' ambush in Qaisar district of Faryab on Tuesday. In the same district, he said, a Taliban commander, Mullah Nasrullah, was killed in an airstrike by Afghan National Army (ANA) in the Khwaja Kinti area. Five militants were also injured in the... (More on P4)...(20)

Suicide Blast Jolts Gardez City

GARDEZ - A suicide blast jolted Gardez city the provincial capital of southeastern Paktia province on Wednesday afternoon, having no casualties. Zalmai Oryakhail, police chief, confirmed the blast, saying it took place in Khostlin locality. He said the suicide bomber was identified by security forces and detonated his explosives before reaching target. The suicide bomber, was the only killed in the incident. (Pajhwok)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You might have been caught in intellectual cross-currents recently as mischievous Mercury retrograded in your 3rd House of Communication. Although life seems more hectic than ever, the tide is about to change and the noise will soon transform into exciting opportunities for growth. Don't waste time second-guessing your choices; it's time to launch your ship of ideas into the seas of commerce.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Although it's been more work than play lately, your progress continues to be slower than you prefer. If you have done your homework, things will finally begin to go your way. However, the change will not happen overnight, but you can feel it in the wind, nonetheless. Mercury's direct turn in airy Gemini inspires you to soar above the mundane world.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your nerves are on edge, but finding a healthy outlet for your restlessness may be enough to turn the energy around. You've been longing to travel, but circumstances continue to stand between you and your wanderlust. Ultimately, it's about your incessant need for mental stimulation. You might have reached a saturation point in your current situation, and must find new adventures to catalyze your thinking.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may be dreaming about sneaking off to a monastery for a spiritual retreat when no one is looking. Thankfully, this period of isolation only lasts a few more days and hopefully gives you the chance to gain a new emotional awareness. There's no reason to be fearful of being alone, but also don't be afraid of putting your thoughts, however unformed, out into the open.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

It feels as if many personal demands have been placed on your doorstep in recent times, requiring you to participate in more social activities than you prefer. Thankfully, your way of relating to others is on the precipice of change. Although you may still be involved with a group of like-minded people, you're more inclined to engage with them in a voluntary capacity.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're not usually one to waste words, yet you may be entangled in endless conversations at work these days without much to show for your efforts. The bad news is your frustration level continues to escalate. The good news is you are at a turning point and progress could be just around the corner now that your key planet Mercury is turning direct in your 10th House of Career. There's no reason to express your dissatisfaction.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Thoughts of an exotic journey have been floating around in your brain but you know better than most that there's more than one way to take a trip. Learning expands your mind in the same way that travel does, and you don't even have to leave the comforts of home. You may have felt like circumstances prevented you from following your curiosity, but now you're ready to begin a new chapter in your life.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You enjoy thinking about things that are out of bounds for most people. You're naturally comfortable delving into the mysteries of sex, death and the meaning of life, but recently your thoughts have left you feeling confused. Now, as Mercury moves direct, you will have an opportunity to share some of your metaphysical ideas with someone who understands your darker side.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Intimate conversations may have been turned inside out recently, creating unnecessary misunderstandings. But rather than quickly moving on to new business, it is an opportune time to slow down and revisit these serious issues. Discussions that were previously impossible now unfold without the heavy baggage that had initially accompanied them. Remember, it's not enough to tell your side of the story today.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Focusing on the details of life is enough to unstuck your memory today. Since Mercury has been busy doing its retrograde thing in your 6th House of Habits, any changes to your daily routine should take all the facts into account before you create more trouble. Dig into the issues when complications arise because the real action occurs wherever you place your attention.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

If you recently backpedaled in a romantic venture, it's now time to stage your comeback. Grab your favorite pen and write a letter to the person who is the object of your affection. No doubt, emailing or texting isn't as effective but will do the trick. No matter what medium you use today, open your heart and lay your feelings on the line.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

A recent visit to a familiar childhood haunt may have stirred up a flood of memories. Or, perhaps, a conversation with a dear friend or relative started you thinking about the good old days. Regardless of the catalyst, you might be going through a phase when nostalgia takes you on a magical mystery tour. Although you have much to gain from remembering your past, don't dwell in it.

Across

1. Competent, 5. Motionless, 10. Arid, 14. Den, 15. Leg bone, 16. Burden, 17. Falsehood, 19. Midmonth date, 20. Citrus drink, 21. Excrete, 22. Wear away, 23. Schemes, 25. Aquatic mammal, 27. Calypso offshoot, 28. Principles, 31. Works as a street musician, 34. A low evergreen shrub, 35. Hasten, 36. The products of human creativity, 37. Passageway, 38. Printer's unit, 39. 52 in Roman numerals, 40. Breaks, 41. Blockheads, 42. Searches, 44. 1 of the tribes of Israel, 45. Zest, 46. Motion of hands, 50. Sprite, 52. Lift, 54. Not bottom, 55. Lascivious look, 56. Silver-grey wingless insect, 58. Constellation bear, 59. Cowboy movie, 60. Hodgepodge, 61. The two together, 62. Sound of contempt, 63. Curve.

Down

1. Assumed name, 2. Hash out, 3. Inhabits, 4. Historic period, 5. A symbol of disgrace, 6. High, low and neap, 7. Nile bird, 8. Coasts, 9. Nonclerical, 10. Evening event, 11. Neurochemical, 12. Regretted, 13. Being, 18. Scallions, 22. Carve in stone, 24. Sounds of disapproval, 26. French for "Head", 28. Vermin, 29. Clock sound, 30. Oceans, 31. Emollient, 32. Murres, 33. Most frugal, 34. Historiographer, 37. Parental sister, 38. Kick, 40. Not idle, 41. Optical maser, 43. Yay!, 44. Abandon, 46. Donor, 47. Practical, 48. Kino gum, 49. Ancient Hebrew vestment, 50. Bungle, 51. Relating to aircraft, 53. Countertenor, 56. Mayday, 57. Watch chain.

Yesterday's Solution



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