

Prison Clash Leaves 3 Dead

ZARANJ - Three people, including a logistic officer, were killed during a clash at the central jail in southwestern Nimroz province, officials said on Saturday.

The incident took place at the prison in Zaranj, the provincial capital, on Friday evening, when a visitor entered the jail with a silent pistol.

The visitor handed over his gun to one of the prisoners who opened fire at jail officials, critically wounding the logistic officer, Ghulam Hazrat, sources told Pajhwok Afghan News on condition of anonymity.

The visitor and the pris-

oner who fired at the guards were killed in retaliation, the sources said, adding that Ghulam Hazrat later succumbed to his injuries in hospital.

Governor Amir Mohammad Akhunzada said police had opened their investigations into what he called a jailbreak attempt involving insurgents.

Meanwhile, provincial police Chief Mohammad Qasim Jangal Bagh identified the slain prisoner as Mohammad Rozi, who had been serving his 15 years sentence on drug smuggling charges. (Pajhwok)



Taliban Publicly Flog 4 Men on Robbery Charge

KABUL - Taliban militants publicly flogged four men on robbery charges in the Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar province, residents said on Saturday.

The whipping took place in Nakorkhel area after Friday prayers, said Irshad, a resident of the area, identifying the four men as Abdul Wahab, Misbahullah, Qayyum and Naqib.

The four had been accused of robbing a shop in the area, said the resident, who explained the shop owner, Spin, had complained to local Taliban about the incident.

The Taliban detained the four men and later whipped them in front of some 500 people, Irshad said. A resident of Momlai area, where the whipping took place, told Pajhwok Afghan News on condition of anonymity that said each accused received 40 lashes.

The Taliban in a statement confirmed they had publicly whipped four



robbers under Shariah law.

It said the four men had been detained with the stolen goods few days ago in Nakorkhel area.

A Taliban court found the four guilty and ordered to be punished after Friday's prayers. Each was flogged 27 lashes, the statement said.

The governor's house in a statement expressed unawareness about the incident. A political expert and human rights activist, Khoshal Khalil, said such incidents occurred due to a fragile government's writ and absence of courts in much of the province. He told Pajhwok Afghan News most residents resolved their problems and disputes through

But he said Taliban's kangaroo courts did not grant the accused the right of defence, they trampled on human rights and punished the innocent in most cases.

He urged the government to expand its writ and establish courts in remote areas in order to counter such kangaroo courts. The whipping comes about a month after the Taliban hanged a security official in the district. (Pajhwok)

Afghan Students Attend 30th Al-Farabi KazNU Celebration

News Analysis
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ALMATY - Al-Farabi Kazakh National University is one of the oldest Universities of Kazakhstan based in Almaty city. This is leading educational and scientific center of Kazakhstan. KazSU town is a student town where not only Kazakh students, but foreign students from various world countries are taught in this University.

Department of language and general educational training of foreign students will turn 30 years this year. During these years, students from 80 countries of the world were taught at the department. Foreign students learn Russian and Kazakh languages, history of Kazakhstan, Russian and Kazakh literature and other subjects, the studying of which gives a possibility to increase level of Russian and Kazakh languages proficiency, as well as to make acquaintance with our country. Foreign students learning languages also have a possibility to

continue to be engaged in scientific work. Annually, scientific student conferences are conducted in the University in April, where the foreign students actively participate. Department of language and general educational training of foreign students conducts cheerful holidays and festivals - New Year, Nauroz, 9th of May and etc. Also Students from Afghanistan are taught at the faculty during last 15 years. Among them there are young teachers of Kabul Polytechnic University. One of them - Zaryab Abdulkhalim. That is what Zaryab tells about education in Al-Farabi KazNU: "From the first lectures at the faculty we understood that the excellent specialists work here. We liked learning Russian and Kazakh languages. University town is actually very interest. Town territory, educational buildings, library, stadium and museums of the University had an effect on us. During education we learned to speak and understand in Russian and Kazakh, got to ... (More on P4)... (15A)

Sabzak Tunnel too Closed for Traffic

QALA-I-NAW - The Sabzak Pass that connects western Herat province with northwestern Badghis has been closed for traffic due to heavy snowfall, an official said on Saturday.

Badghis Public Works Director Eng. Maleha told Pajhwok Afghan News heavy snowfall continued to lash the Sabzak tunnel as of Saturday afternoon.

The blizzard prompted security forces on both sides of the tunnel to stop vehicles from using the route as a precautionary measure to avoid accidents, she said.

She said though a con-



tract with a private firm for clearing snow expired six days ago, yet two bulldozers of the company were busy removing snow on the Sabzak pass.

Maleha hoped the road would be cleared by the end of the day. About 10 days earlier, 110 people trapped in vehicles by heavy snow at the tunnel were rescued by security forces. The continuous ... (More on P4)... (15)

8 of a Family Die in Roof Collapse

JALALABAD - Eight members of a family died when roof of a house collapsed in Jalalabad City, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, the governor's spokesman said on Saturday.

Ahmad Zia Abdulzai told Pajhwok Afghan News that the incident took place on Friday night in Wadisar locality of Sherzad district.

Six children, two women died while a man and another woman wounded when roof of Malang's house caved-in following incessant rains in the area. (Pajhwok)

Iranian Citizen Held with Drugs

HERAT CITY - Police in western Herat province detained an Iranian truck driver on drugs smuggling charges, an official said on Saturday. Police Spokesman Abdul Rauf Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News the individual was arrested by security officials in the Islam Qala locality of Kahsan district. Ibrahim, who confessed to smuggle the contraband, wanted to transfer four kilograms of heroin to Iran, Ahmadi added. Earlier, police had detained another Iranian individual from Islam Qala who tried to smuggle 20 kilograms of drugs to Iran. (Pajhwok)

Police Seize 3,200 tonnes of Explosives

LASHKARGAH - Security officials claimed recovering over three tonnes of explosives and landmines from a car in the Dishu district of southern Helmand province on Saturday.

Brig. Gen. Hameedullah Siddiqui, the 604th border police commander, said the explosives were seized late on Friday in the Mulk Ghra locality.

The seized stuff included 1,710 kilograms of explosive, 910 electric fuses, 180 remote controls, 400 metres wire and eight guide books for mine making purposes.



The explosives, he said were being transferred from Pakistan to Afghanistan for carrying out sabotage activities. Siddiqui said rebels and security forces were locked in brief clash before border officials captured the explosive from the car. The driver and his accomplices fled back to Pakistan, he added. (Pajhwok)

Woman Stabbed to Death; Elder Gunned Down

HERAT CITY/ PUL-I-KHUMRI - A gents elsewhere in northern Baghlan policeman stabbed to death his fiancee province, officials said on Saturday.

in western Herat province and a local Herat police spokesman Abdul Rauf elder was shot dead by suspected insur- Ahmadi identified ... (More on P4)... (16)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

An urgent issue continues to overshadow your day, and you may feel as if you can't put off addressing it any longer. But be careful about taking the quick and easy way out; whatever you do, don't stop short of making your point. The Moon's current visit to your 7th House of Companions tempts you to hold your tongue for the sake of someone else's feelings.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

It seems as if the hand of fate is in control of your interpersonal interactions today. Something odd is happening and you can't put your finger on it. The more you try to remember the specific issues that set your feelings into motion, the less certain things become now. Although there could be unknown factors influencing your day, don't give up.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A lighthearted conversation could get sticky today, especially if everyone tries to cling to their positions without being open to negotiation. Even a discussion that appears to be heading somewhere productive might quickly bog down as soon as you assume your perspective is the best one. However, your resistance begins to fade when you accept that individuals can have differing valid points of view.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You can appear even-tempered today, even if your moods are more extreme. A minor power struggle at home could generate an emotional tidal wave, yet you might not let on how much the stress is affecting you. Releasing your attachment to your dreams enables you to remain honest without having to hide your feelings. Projecting objectivity is a sensible strategy that helps to alleviate the tension and open the channels of communication.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

It's all too easy to just acquiesce and go along with someone else's agenda today even if you're aware of the imperfections in their plans.

You're more accommodating now and are willing to make allowances for the shortcomings of others. However, don't just say yes to everyone who asks you for a favor.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You believe that a straightforward approach to your chores is the most productive route today, but your intensity might be irksome to those around you. You're quick to turn a complex set of tasks into a simple concrete plan, leaving others in awe of your practical wizardry.

Nevertheless, you're still likely to cause trouble now by stepping on someone's toes as you proceed.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You might sound more wishy-washy than you actually feel today. Someone may even think you're so ambivalent that you can't make a simple choice on your own. However, the gracious Libra Moon gives you the wisdom to go along with others for the sake of establishing a stronger bond. You plan on expressing your opinions once you're comfortable with the dynamics of the situation, which may take a while longer.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

A window of opportunity appears to be shutting today, yet you are not quite ready to make a leap of faith. Although you are usually capable of asserting your will when necessary, you're reticent to express what you need now. Fortunately, a friend may provide a spark of encouragement that enables you to move past your own resistance and reach for the stars.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)

Alternating waves of uncertainty and confidence finally give way to calmer waters today. Luckily, your feelings are bolstered by your friends and family. Instead of struggling to justify your choices, all you need to do is show up and others seem to approve. The positive feedback may seem puzzling at first, but there's no room for self-doubt; the time to act is now.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

You are cool-headed today, possessing the strategic objectivity of a master chess player. Your skills are highly marketable, which is useful when pursuing your ambitions. In fact, you have an excellent chance of reaching your goals now. Although your emotionally detached logic may be appropriate at work, you can come across as cold and unfeeling to family members or friends in a domestic setting.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

It's as if you are lifted high above the chimney tops and humdrum worries of the mundane world as your imagination soars to new heights. But you may be hesitant to relinquish your earthy subjectivity because you're afraid you might not be able to return to ground level when duty calls. Nevertheless, worrying about being practical isn't in your best interest today; your responsibilities will still be there tomorrow.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Relationship dynamics continue to shift, making it nearly impossible to figure out where you will land. On one hand, your dreams are more colorful and vibrant, putting you directly in touch with the supernatural realms. On the other hand, your visions also seem more real and reachable than ever. Don't panic; your common sense will keep your feet on the ground now even when your thoughts drift off into space.

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