

# Ghazni Police Chief Warns of Quitting, Hits out at MoI

GHAZNI CITY - Ghazni police chief Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel on Sunday warned of quitting his post if the Ministry of Interior (MoI) did not address security threats in the restive southern province. Amarkhel assailed the ministry for reducing the number of police personnel in some areas and converted the battalion of security forces into a group. He claimed the move had created a security vacuum in Ghazni, where militants could step up attacks. "Andar district and some other areas of the province are on the verge



of falling to the Taliban," the police boss said, adding it was the government's duty to protect the citizens, but the ministry was neglecting its responsibility. Amarkhel reiterated the province was facing grave security threats and if the Taliban overran it, only the government would be held responsible. He said he would consider resigning if proper attention was not paid to the challenges. Mohammadullah Amir, a resident of Ghazni City, said the ministry should not cut the number of security ... (More on P4)...(17)

## Rupee Use Devaluating Afghani in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Shopkeepers and economic experts in eastern Nangarhar province say using Pakistani currency to do business has eroded people's trust in the Afghani. After Dr. Najibullah's government was toppled, the Pakistani currency started circulating in a number of provinces including Nangarhar. Former president Hamid Karzai appointed regional commissions to counter the use of rupee and pave the ground for the Afghani, but this strategy

did not succeed. Abdul Wakeel, a money-changer at the money market in Jalalabad, the provincial capital, told Pajhwok Afghan News that 95 percent people in Nangarhar used the Pakistani currency. "Many people and government officials come to us to convert their salaries in afghanis into rupees. But a few persons come to do the opposite." Ahmad Shah, a resident of Batikot district, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "I just received my salary ... (More on P4)...(18)

## 1st Polio Case of 2016 Detected in Kunar

ASADABAD - A new polio case has surfaced in the Shegal district of eastern Kunar province, the public health director said on Sunday. Dr. Ihsanullah Fazli told Pajhwok Afghan News an 18-month-old baby had caught the poliovirus in the Shultan valley of the district. He said anti-polio campaigns faced hurdles in the eight districts of the province, where some 8,500 children were deprived of being administered polio drops. Fazli said it was the first polio case discovered



in Afghanistan in 2016. Governor Wahidullah Kalimzai said they had held meetings with religious scholars and tribal elders

on voluntary administration of polio drops. He pledged to eradicate the poliovirus from the province soon. (Pajhwok)

## 2 Civilians Killed, 1 Wounded in Kandahar Attack

KANDAHAR CITY - Two civilians were gunned down and a third injured when two motorcyclists opened fire at them in Kandahar City, the capital of southern Kandahar province, officials said on Sunday. The incident took place on Saturday afternoon in the jurisdiction of the 3rd police district, the governor's spokesman, Samim Khpalwak, confirmed to Pajhwok Afghan News. Police have launched an investigation into the attack. A shopkeeper in a nearby area, Mohammad Naeem, said the motorcyclists targeted a person in a car, but killed a 12-year-old boy and injured a passerby. The attackers were able to flee from the scene, he said. No one has so far claimed responsibility for the murder. (Pajhwok)

## 26 IS Fighters Killed in Nangarhar



KABUL - Afghan security forces crackdown against militants loyal to the Islamic State (IS) group and premature bomb blast have claimed the lives of 26 armed insurgents in the eastern Nangarhar province over the past couple of weeks. A statement released by the Nangarhar provincial government said on Sunday that the ongoing crackdown, which covered parts of Achin district over the past

couple of weeks, has claimed the lives of 24 IS militants and injured several others. The militants have been killed in Deh Sarak and Pan-sar areas of Achin district, said the statement. Militants loyal to IS who are active in parts of the mountainous Achin, Mohmand and Kot districts haven't responded to the official statement. On Saturday, two IS fighters ... (More on P4)...(19)

## Taliban Mourns Killing of Senior Leader Wali Haqqani

KABUL - The Taliban militants group in Afghanistan confirmed the killing of the group's senior leader Mawlawi Mohammad Wali Haqqani in eastern Nangarhar province. According to an online statement by Taliban, Mawlawi Haqqani was killed in an ambush in Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday. The statement further added that he was killed along with ten other militants during a fierce clash that lasted for several hours. Mawlawi Haqqani had visited Kot district to supervise a military operation in this district amid growing instability and kidnappings. It is yet not clear who ambushed the convoy of Mawlawi Haqqani but Kot district was once a stronghold of the loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). The Taliban militants and ISIS insurgents have entered into deadly clashes on numerous occasions last year. Meanwhile, the Taliban militants have also split into different factions following the death of the group's supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar which was confirmed last year. The split among the Tali ... (More on P4)...(24)

## 3 Civilians Dead in Baghlan Shootings; 3 Suspects Held

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Three civilians were killed in two separate incidents of violence in northern Baghlan province, an official said on Sunday. Police chief, Maj. Mohammad Ewaz Nazari, told Pajhwok Afghan News illegal gunmen opened fire on a vehicle, killing two passengers. The car came under attack on its way to Baghlan-i-Markazi district from Pul-i-Khumri in Tarakhel area. As the driver refused to stop, the gunmen opened fire at the car and killed two passengers. Nazari said three suspects had been arrested in connection with the shooting, which happened ... (More on P4)...(20)

## TAPI Gas Pipeline to be Completed by 2019



PESHAWAR - The Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline will be completed by 2019, Pakistan's Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said Sunday. "Work on TAPI project was ongoing at a rapid pace.

The pipeline, a project of 20 to 25 billion dollars, will be completed by 2019," the Associated Press of Pakistan quoted the minister as saying. Addressing the Multan Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Saturday, Abbasi said the ... (More on P4)...(21)

## Turkey Intercepts 51 Migrants Headed for Greece at Sea

ANKARA - Turkey's coastguard intercepted dozens of migrants at sea on Saturday as they continued to attempt perilous sea crossings to Greece despite Turkey's efforts to stem the

flow under a deal with the European Union. Reuters reported that a group of 51 people from ten different countries including Cuba, South Africa, Afghanistan, Myanmar

and Iran were taken to a repatriation center after being ushered to safety, the Turkish coastguard said. "I am coming from Cuba for here. I am originally ... (More on P4)...(22)

## 2007 Baghlan Factory Blast: Victims' Families Still Await Justice

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Families who lost their beloved ones to a 2007 bombing that killed 80 people including some lawmakers in northern Baghlan

province complain the government has never asked about their problems in seven years that passed after the incident. The 80 dead included

six members of the Wolesi Jirga's economic commission, including the panel's head Syed Mustafa Kazami, and 60 ... (More on P4)...(23)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



Use your excess energy wisely today while you can. Unfortunately, you could be interrupted by many different activities and end up frittering away your time before you know it. Instead, establish clear priorities so you can take care of the most important tasks first. Long conversations with friends might be fun, but they are just mere distractions when you can't afford to fall behind with your chores.

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



Uncertainty about the future pushes you to make a concrete decision today. You might think you have a solution in place only to discover that you're not as sure as you thought. You may struggle trying to make up your mind once the inconstant Moon slips into changeable Gemini this afternoon. Rather than trying to confirm your choice now, concentrate your efforts on acquiring more information.

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



There could be someone lurking about who is ready to judge every mistake you make now. However, you may become so chatty once the Moon is back in your sign that you need to watch what you say. Choosing the wrong words might negatively impact your credibility. If you must make your view known today, make certain to brush up on your facts so you don't invite unnecessary criticism.

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



You might settle into the rhythm of the morning, only to feel on edge later when your dissatisfaction makes it difficult to sit still. Instead of allowing your frustration to build to an intolerable level, apply your extra energy to assist a friend who may be in need of personal attention today. You can deepen your sense of purpose now by supporting someone who seems lost or confused.

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



You have more on your plate than just having fun now because people are depending on you to lead the pack. Involving others on your project is wise today because a joint effort gets the job done more quickly than you could alone. The key is to listen to everyone's input, for leadership is as much about understanding and appreciating your teammates as it is about telling them what to do.

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



You can deconstruct the most complex situations better than almost anyone. But you still need to be vigilant today because you could miss a critical piece of information right in front of your nose if you rush your process. However, your perspective may be a bit skewed by your personal desire for adventure now, so make sure the problem truly requires your attention before you get too wrapped up in something that's not ultimately all that important.

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



Setting long-term goals is an essential key to your success now, but it's not yet time to make any major decisions. Do the research first, discuss your plans with your friends and reevaluate all the possible options. Additional education at this crossroads in your life will be invaluable since it can help you advance further as long as you don't lose track of your original objectives. There is no elevator to success.

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



If you are confused by the behavior of a loved one today, speak up and share whatever is bothering you. Acting in denial by sidestepping a problem causes more trouble down the road than it's worth. Expressing your thoughts without pointing blame improves the relationship dynamics. You are being offered an opportunity to fill in the missing information that helps you appreciate.

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



You are able to skillfully interact with almost anyone today, so set up the necessary meetings to talk about your pet ideas. You can effortlessly impress people with your copious knowledge and endless enthusiasm. Just remember that the devil is in the details. All the charm in the world won't be enough to close a deal unless you have the solid facts to back up your ambitious plans. As Ben Franklin wrote, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

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



Ironically, your willingness to change horses midstream may be more valuable now than possessing a solid game plan. Playing the role of a bossy parent or know-it-all friend would be a drastic mistake. It could turn out to be a tough day if you try to maintain tight control over everything and everyone. However, you will find new strategies that can be very effective for you both professionally and personally.

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



Your intuition is incredibly sharp now, inspiring you to pull metaphysical rabbits out of imaginary hats. Somehow, you can miraculously come up with the right answers as if by sheer magic. Luckily, your spiritual channels open even wider when you simply enjoy the flow of energy and live in the present moment. Utilizing your sense of humor enables you to put on quite an impressive performance.

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



You may feel a bit disoriented today, especially if family matters make it nearly impossible to concentrate on your own life. Don't make any serious decisions or major commitments unless you are feeling serenely confident about your current direction. Although it's tempting to agree to anything just to make someone else happy, reacting immediately isn't a wise move now.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

Across: 1. Unwakaable state, 5. Church alcove, 9. Agreement, 13. Beers, 14. Exotic jelly flavor, 16. Winglike, 17. Connection, 18. Santa's helpers, 19. Part in a play, 20. Relating to form, 22. In a thoughtful manner, 24. Shortly, 26. Cubic meter, 27. Omnivorous nocturnal mammal, 30. Insect wounds, 33. From the far east, 35. Hard fats, 37. In the past, 38. Emissary, 41. Caviar, 42. Awaken, 45. Inactivity, 48. Sleeping sickness carrier, 51. Green gem, 52. Cons, 54. Chair, 55. Bashfulness, 59. Fathered, 62. Hubs, 63. Sulk, 65. Heap, 66. Lawn mower brand, 67. Severe pain, 68. Fraud, 69. Portent, 70. Type of sword, 71. Feudal worker.  
Down: 1. Serene, 2. Hodgepodge, 3. Intentionally untrue, 4. Sideways, 5. Eon, 6. A mixture of cellulose fibers, 7. Rescues, 8. Happenings, 9. Nouveau-riche, 10. Found in some lotions, 11. Phone, 12. 3, 15. Something of value, 21. Diving bird, 23. Colored part of an eye, 25. Memo, 27. Lion sound, 28. Lingo, 29. Indian bread, 31. Medical science of the elderly, 32. A simple seat, 34. 56 in Roman numerals, 36. Transmit, 39. In song, the loneliest number, 40. Sweet potatoes, 43. Conference, 44. Carve in stone, 46. C C C C, 47. Gallivant, 49. Brazilian dance, 50. Come forth, 53. Meddle, 55. Countertenor, 56. Thunder, 57. Unit of land, 58. Anagram of "Note", 60. Distinctive flair, 61. Greek territorial unit, 64. Coloring agent.

Yesterday's Solution: adoration, advice, album, align, badger, brine, cade, center, color, crest, cull, fable, fancy, hatch, labor, latrine, ledge, live, moderation, music, onerous, quill, rumor, strand, syndicate, task, teal, teas, today, twice, vault, version, vintage, weave.

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