

# Kabul Police Detain a Dozen Suspects

KABUL CITY - At least a dozen suspected criminals have been arrested on charges include murder in central capital Kabul, police said on Thursday. Kabul 101st Aasmai Zone police commander, Abdul Rahman Rahimi, told reporters here that three of the detainees had been using a Ministry of Interior vehicle in staging robberies. The trio had contacts with a driver of the MoI prisoners' department and used his vehicle in robberies, he said, adding the driver had also been detained. Rahimi said police had detained another two persons over



killing a man and stealing his car in Shakardarh district before shifting the car to Paghman district. Another person was detained in Shahr-i-Naw area of Kabul on Wednesday over allegedly killing a girl named, Mariam, said Rahimi, but stopped short of going into details. He said five more persons had been detained along with weapons in different parts of Kabul on charges ranging from burglaries to murders. Rahimi said 12 criminals were detained during the past 72 hours. (Pajhwok)

## Protesters Block Kabul-Kandahar Highway for 5 Hours

KALAT - Hundreds of enraged protesters blocked Kabul-Kandahar highway for traffic on Friday against the alleged murder of a civilian by police in southern Zabul province. Nearly 500 protesters blocked the highway for five hours in the Spina Ghbarga area on the outskirts of Qalat, the provincial capital of Zabul. They would continue their protests till the con... (More on P4)...(21)

## Militant Killed Before Attacking on Spymaster's House

KABUL - An attacker was shot dead by Afghan security personnel before attacking on house of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) chief in the capital Kabul, the intelligence department said on Friday. The militant on Friday afternoon wanted to enter the house of NDS acting chief, Massoud Andarabi in the Shash-darak locality of Kabul, but he was identified and shot dead by NDS personnel, a statement from the department said. (Pajhwok)

## 8th-Century Afghan Statue Seized in New York Raid

KABUL - An eighth-century marble sculpture from Afghanistan has been seized by federal agents from a Manhattan gallery in the United States, a media report said on Thursday. The statue of Hindu deities Shiva and Parvatis was seized from a gangplank, where it was exhibited by the owner of the Milan-based Dalton Somaré art gallery. Acting in conjunction with the Manhattan district attorney's office, federal agents



wrapped the relic in protective mats and loaded it onto a truck, The New York Times reported. Two sculptures were seized on Friday, the newspaper said, adding and

another that was being shipped into New York for sale was captured on Tuesday. According to the report, the items were to be displayed as part of ... (More on P4)...(19)

## Kabul Girls Turn to Zumba to Keep Fit

KABUL - In a bid to keep fit and healthy, Afghan women are turning to Zumba - a high energy dance and aerobics fitness program. Zumba classes are typically about an hour long and are taught by instructors licensed by Zumba Fitness, LLC. Participants say it keeps them slim, healthy and happy. The high energy fitness program was created by a Colombian dancer and choreographer and has over the past few years taken the world by storm. Approximately 15 million people take weekly Zumba classes in over 200,000 locations across 180 countries. "It's been almost two months since ... (More on P4)...(20)

## ALP Commander Calls for Govt's Support to Clear Ghorband of Militants

KABUL - Local Police (ALP) commander, who was seriously wounded in a suicide blast in Parwan recently, has appealed to government to pay more attention to security in Ghorband valley of the province. Khawaja Mohammad Moshtaq said that there are only 300 militants in the valley. He added that security forces with the support of central government



can easily clear Ghorband of militants. Moshtaq, commander of 150 local police members, sustained injuries in a suicide attack on February 22 in Ghorband valley. He was the main target. ... (More on P4)...(22)

## Prices of Fuel, Gold & Food Items up in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of fuel, sugar, flour, ghee and gold increased during the outgoing week in capital Kabul, market sources said on Thursday. Food Traders' Union head Fazal Rahman told Pajhwok Afghan News that the rate of a 49kg Kazakh flour bag jumped from 1,180 afghanis to 1,190 afghanis and of 16 liters of Momin ghee from 960afis to 970afis during the week. He linked the price hike to cut in imports of the commodities. However, 25kg of Pakistani rice cost 1,650afis, the same price as of last week's, he said. Fazl Ahmad, a tea wholesaler in Kabul Market, sold a kilogram of black African for 240afis and the same quantity of green Madina tea for 220afis. But a retailer in Dahan-i-Bagh area, Ahmad Javid, sold a 49-kg bag of Kazakh flour for 1,280afis, a 49-kg sack of sugar for 1,950afis and a 24-kg bag of rice for 1,800afis. He sold a 16-litre tin of Momin ghee for 1,000afis, a kilo of African black tea for 260afis and the same quantity of Madina green tea for 250afis -- higher than wholesale prices. Fuel prices also increased. Abdul Hadi, a filling station worker in Kabul, said the price of one liter of petrol increased from ... (More on P4)...(23)

## ANA Chopper Makes Emergency Landing in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - A helicopter of Afghan security forces made an emergency landing in Nad Ali district of southern Helmand province, an official said on Friday. The copter made hard landing on Thursday night due to technical failures during an operation by Afghan security personnel in a desert, the commander of 215th Maiwand Military Corps, Maj. Gen. Moeen Faqir, told Pajhwok Afghan News. No one was hurt in the incident and the technical team has been trying to



resolve the technical problem of the helicopter, he said. However, A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousuf Ahmadi claimed that Taliban fighters shot down the helicopter in Seh Shanbe Maila area near the Shne Jamay locality of Nad Ali district, killing all onboard personnel. (Pajhwok)

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## Outlook Horoscope

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

Unexpected changes to your plans may actually prove to be enjoyable today, but only if you are flexible-minded and adapt quickly to current events. Nevertheless, concentrate on each present moment rather than worrying about past behavior that can't be changed. Although other people's motives might not be apparent, there's no reason to assume anything is wrong.

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

Making up your mind seems nearly impossible today because there are two distinct paths to choose from. On one hand, you want to stay home and start a creative project like redecorating a room or working on your latest masterpiece. On the other hand, there are errands to be done that could entail a bit of running around. The sooner you shift into gear, the earlier you will finish.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You might not make as much progress at work as you expect today, even with a clear sense of purpose. It seems like you're speaking a foreign language; you believe you're expressing yourself succinctly, yet people still don't understand your ideas. Fortunately, your behavior conveys your message more effectively than rambling on with words that are not authentically connected to your heart.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

There is no valid reason to dissipate your positive outlook today, worrying about what anyone else thinks of your plans for self-indulgence. Keep in mind that anything you do that is in complete alignment with your core beliefs -- even if it doesn't move you closer to your goals -- is still better than maintaining the status quo. Being true to yourself is more important than living up to the expectations of others.

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

You are enthusiastic about showing people your best side today, especially with the reflective Moon lighting up your expressive sign. But somehow your well-meaning intentions seem to get lost in one too many clichés and colorful stories. Instead of talking about your plan for the day, just jump in and do it. Your words may not impress anyone but your behavior will. An honest heart sends a clear message.

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

You may be quite confused today if someone's behavior doesn't seem to support what is being said. Nevertheless, the difference between people's statements and their actions begins to make sense when you realize that something important has been purposefully left out of the conversation. Instead of struggling to find the missing piece of the puzzle now, wait patiently for the rest of the story to reveal itself when the time is right.

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

Although your colleagues might invite you to join in their extracurricular activities, you're still aware of the awkward tension that is building in your professional relationships. Luckily, you possess the right words to reduce the interpersonal stress now, but your sweet pleasantries don't really resolve the underlying issues. Let your charm work its magic; applying a lighter touch today paves the way for the real work down the road.

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

Clever magicians draw your attention to one hand, while the other one is doing something you're not supposed to see. Similarly, you may appear to be walking your talk out in the open now, but with several dreamy planets hanging out in Pisces, you're able to hide the real action from full view. Don't waste too much energy wondering when you should spill your secrets since people won't likely.

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

You may have mixed feelings about a friend's well-meaning gesture. On one hand, you see him or her as generously offering you a ticket to an adventure that's within easy reach. But on the other hand, you're not convinced that the trip is exactly the one you're looking for now. Fortunately, there's no reason to make any long-term decisions yet. Whatever you choose to do today, don't take things too seriously because it could all change tomorrow.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You have specific goals running through your head, but they seem so far away from your current day-to-day affairs. This apparent distance could elicit feelings of ambivalence about what you should be doing to realize your potential. You might even entertain the idea of giving up now and changing your direction drastically. Although you may feel an urgent need to make some quick decisions today.

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

A friend or associate may brighten your day by making you an offer you can't refuse. Although there might be valid reasons to decline a social invitation, saying yes is still a good idea for your emotional well-being. Enjoying yourself now while you can is sensible because the pace will only grow more hectic in the days ahead. As Socrates wrote, "Beware the barrenness of a busy life."

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

Surprisingly, a case of extreme boredom can set in today, turning a relaxing day into a study in frustration. Your current restlessness prompts you to mix things up and change your plans at the very last minute to save you from feeling trapped. Nevertheless, it still is prudent to stick to your regular routine than to break rank and do something totally off the wall. Happily, your great escape will be more emotionally satisfying.

**Across**

1. Cicatrices, 6. Among, 10. Makes lace, 14. Chocolate source, 15. Greek letter, 16. Axed, 17. Ignorant, 19. Murrers, 20. Highway divider, 21. Historic period, 22. It comes from cows, 23. Ringworm cassia, 25. Poplar tree, 26. Permits, 30. Speaks, 32. Applause, 35. Voter, 39. 1/60th of a minute, 40. Relating to the sea, 41. A dais, 43. Gist, 44. A naval rank, 46. Seven days, 47. Stockpile, 50. Units of medicine, 53. Protagonist, 54. Obtain, 55. Move unsteadily, 60. Brother of Jacob, 61. Beautiful, 63. Records, 64. Place, 65. Domesticated, 66. Church alcove, 67. Skin disease, 68. Shorthand.

**Down**

1. Pond gunk, 2. Walking stick, 3. Corrosive, 4. Hindu princess, 5. Couches, 6. What we breathe, 7. Instant, 8. Go over again, 9. 20th-century art movement, 10. Instrument of torture, 11. Eagle's nest, 12. Weave diagonal lines into, 13. Serpent, 18. Half of a pair, 24. Religious sister, 25. Districts, 26. Fail to win, 27. Nights before, 28. Diplomacy, 29. Warehouse, 31. Shade trees, 33. Absurd, 34. Probabilities, 36. Prong, 37. A single time, 38. Stink, 42. Pertaining to vivid recall, 43. N N N N, 45. Obtained, 47. Pincer, 48. Fable writer, 49. Steep rugged rocks, 51. Estimated time of arrival, 52. Religious splinter groups, 54. Big party, 56. French for "State", 57. An indefinite period, 58. Not odd, 59. Start over, 62. Regret.

**Yesterday's Solution**

armor, balloons, bath, bend, boyfriend, bright, confess, cream, damage, drift, earth, enemy, felony, found, futuristic, lever, light, lost, mercy, occur, petty, removes, rune, seek, seer, sheep, skirt, slay, stand, stark, stole, story, sweat tech, tense, thank.

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