

Taliban Collect Power Bills from 40,000 Faryab Families

MAIMANA - Local officials in northern Faryab province claim Taliban militants not only collect electricity bills from around 40,000 households in rural areas but are also trying to threaten consumers in areas under the government control.

Ghulam Sakhi Wakilzada, head of Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS) for four districts of Faryab, told Pajhwok Afghan News that around 22,000 families were living in Andkhoi district and the Taliban collected power bills from 9,500 families there.

He said the Taliban had previously also threatened DABS to let them collect the power bills in areas under the government control.

"Afghanistan consumes most of electricity which is imported and DABS has also no ability to bear extra costs, therefore the power utility through mediation of tribal elders has asked the Taliban not to collect power bills in urban areas", he said.

He said the Taliban then agreed to collect power bills only in areas which were under their control.

Wakilzada said the Taliban still collected power bills from residents of Qaramqol district, from 90 percent residents of Qarghan district and 17 villages in Andkhoi district, with the total amounts reaching three million afghanis a month. "Taliban their own print power bills for every period and collect them from the electricity consumers under their control", he said.

However, Zalmay Azizi, head of Civil Society Network in Andkhoi district, said that the Taliban collected power bills based on DABS printed tariff papers. Meanwhile, Eng. Sayed Abdul Hamid, DABS head for Faryab, told Pajhwok that Taliban collected power bills from 28,000 out of around 60,000 power consumers in Dawlatbad, Sherin...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Correction

It has come to the attention of the Daily Outlook Afghanistan that the news "Trump to Announce New Strategy and Probably More Troops for Afghanistan" has been updated wrongly by a news agency and published by the DOA. We sincerely apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

20 Journalists Killed as 2018 Proves Another Deadly Year

KABUL - The Afghanistan Journalists Center (AFJC) has recorded a total of 92 cases of violence against media persons including 20 murders during the just concluded solar year (21 March 2018- 20 March 2019), calling it another deadliest year for Afghan media.

Most of the fatal cases were targeted killings and assassinations, raising deep concerns about the safety and protection of journalists who are increasingly vulnerable to reprisals from insurgents and other armed groups.

The cases of violence documented by the AFJC include murders, injuries, physical and verbal harassment, short-term detentions, torture and various threats against journalists. Most cases of violence are attributed to the Taliban and



Daesh (Islamic State) groups. Government officials and security forces were also among the perpetrators of media violations. Speaking at a ceremony making the National Journalist's Day

(18 March), AFJC Executive Director Ahmad Quraishi said that 20 cases of killings occurred during the year, mostly target attacks and explosions. He said another...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Kandahar Exports Pomegranates Worth \$8.8m this Season



KANDAHAR CITY - Above 40,000 tonnes of pomegranates worth \$8.8 million have been exported from southern Kandahar province to Pakistan and India, officials said on Wednesday.

Kandahar Chamber of Commerce and Industry deputy head Eng. Abdu Baqi Bina in an exclusive interview told Pajhwok Afghan News though there was drought last year, yet pomegranate production and export increased several times compared to the previous years.

He said gardens in Kandahar produced in total 150,000 tonnes of pomegranates and of them 41,000 tonnes worth \$8.8 million were exported to Pakistan and India.

He said the remaining pomegranates were sent to other provinces and abroad without registration. The bulk of the produce was exported Pakistan and the least to India and the United Arab Emirate (UAE).

Bina said recently Afghanistan opened air corridors with a number of countries which he said was a great step towards boosting the country's economy, but the export process through these corridors should be expedited...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Over 92,600 Afghans Return from Pakistan, Iran



KABUL - More than 92,600 Afghan refugees have returned home from Pakistan and Iran since January, International Organisation for Migration (IOM) reported on Tuesday.

The UN migration body said in a statement 88,516 Afghans returned to their homeland from Iran as the value of the local currency and job opportunities declined.

Another 4,182 Afghans came back home from Pakistan. "The update is based on 64,186 interviews from 390 out of 399 districts in all 34 provinces of Afghanistan," the statement add.

Over 849,000 Afghan refugees had returned or been deported to Afghanistan in 2018 from neighbouring countries, according to figures from the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation. *(Pajhwok)*

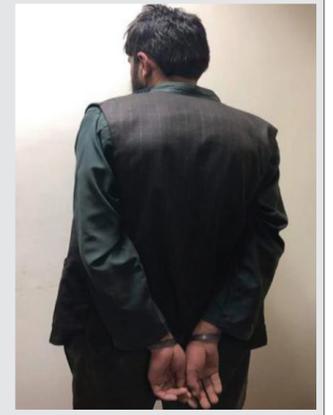
Taliban Commander Who Killed 10 Police Detained in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - A notorious Taliban commander, accused of killing 10 policemen, has been detained in central Logar province, an official said Wednesday.

Shahpur Ahmadzai, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that police detained Qari Waqar, a Taliban group leader, during an operation in Pul-i-Alam, Logar's capital, on Tuesday night.

Ahmadzai said the detainee had been involved in murdering 10 policemen and was captured with a pistol and two magazines. Waqar is currently under investigation at the police headquarters. In a statement, the Ministry of Interior also confirmed the arrest of Qari Waqar and accused him of his involvement in other terrorist

activities as well. The Taliban have not yet commented in this regard. *(Pajhwok)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You might find it difficult to connect with others today, Aries. Your brain may seem like it's in some other dimension. Appreciate the power of circular movement in your life. Seek things that are fast paced and a bit bizarre. Go to a roller derby. A simple thing like a coin rolling down the sidewalk may allow you to connect with another way of thinking about your life.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Things may be coming to a dramatic climax for you, Taurus. It may seem like everything is working against you. Take note that this is an excellent time to find balance and gain a much greater perspective on the issues in your life. If you're trying to figure out where your heart and brain are hiding, you should look on the

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is a terrific day for you, Cancer. You finally seem to have a grasp on your thought processes and inner emotions. You will feel extra sensitive and loving, and people will be drawn to you because of it. You're able to look at your feelings in a rational, levelheaded manner instead being at the mercy of your wildly fluctuating emotions.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Increased communication with a close friend or lover, more on a subtle than verbal level, could bring you closer and enrich your relationship. Quiet time spend together today could generate a new sense of closeness. Images and ideas that come from deep within you can contribute to your creative self-expression. Write down any insights so

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

There may be some rough spots today that could be difficult to iron out, Leo. No matter what you do, you land just a bit short of the mark. Perhaps your indecisiveness is making it too difficult for you to be effective. Your easygoing way of naturally going with the flow is making it easier for other people to manipulate you into doing what

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Nurture your artistic, romantic side today, Virgo. Your feet may be a little cold, but that's what you get for splashing around in the rain. Don't worry about it. Your heart and mind are finally on the same page and it's much easier to say exactly how you feel. Take off the wet socks and put on a dry pair. Take to the streets and meet up with a fun troupe of merriment tonight.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Today may be one of those days when you feel all dressed up with nowhere to go. Don't worry about the details, Libra. Follow your heart to a fantasyland and join the outlandish and bizarre. The answer you seek is around the corner. You may sense that it's close but yet far. This is completely understandable. Take control of your destiny and

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

This is a fantastic day, Scorpio. Elements of your life seem to be falling into place. You're in a period when you're beginning new cycles of love and mental activity. These beginning points are highlighted. You should think about how you want to be remembered in the future. Your heart and mind are working harmoniously, so take advantage of this to lay down some

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

This is one of those days in which you can't figure out what to order for dinner. You're the official owner of the cloudy head today, Sagittarius. You're waiting at the deli counter trying to figure out what you want and when it's your turn to order, you've already forgotten. Your emotions may be so tied up in your brain that you can't think straight. Try to mellow out and watch a movie.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

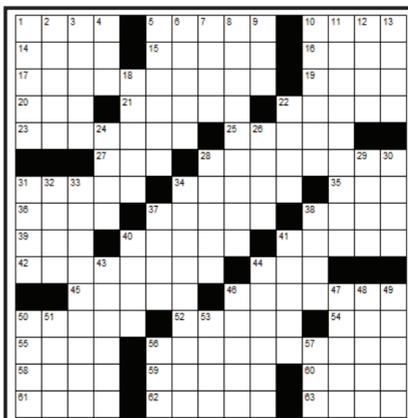
Mar 28, 2019 - Go to an art museum, Capricorn. Your mind and heart are working in conjunction with each other, and you're apt to be especially receptive to elements of our world that fuse these two together. Make an evening out of the event, and be sure to take a good friend or romantic partner. Have a good meal, and don't forget dessert. Appreciate the world for all its natural wonder.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

An intellectual problem may prove confusing, Aquarius, and reading and research reveal contradictory information. You might also hear some gossip that doesn't seem quite right. This isn't the day to believe everything you read or hear or to try to make sense of anything that has you befuddled. You will be in a better space later. Put it aside for a few days and then tackle it.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Mar 28, 2019 - Your moods are always fluctuating. Today looks like you're on an up note, Pisces, so enjoy the caring, sensitive mood of the day. You should find that you can clearly express your emotions on a more intellectual level. At the same time, you're also able to put more feeling and sensitivity in your otherwise dry intellect. Realize that we are all one.



Across

- As a result, 5. Satisfies, 10. Cod or halibut, 14. Length of yarn, 15. Long stories, 16. Ancient Peruvian, 17. Squadron, 19. Russian emperor, 20. Faster than light, 21. Busybody, 22. Ere, 23. Swarming, 25. Tycoon, 27. Half of a pair, 28. Shoulder boards, 31. Confuse, 34. Adhesive, 35. Prefix meaning "Modern", 36. Reclined, 37. City in France
- Leave in a hurry, 39. American Sign Language, 40. Clique, 41. Periods of seven days, 42. A flower of the lily family, 44. Tavern, 45. Devilfish, 46. Sasquatch, 50. Office worker
- Not tight, 54. Mineral rock, 55. Sharpen, 56. Fellow citizen, 58. Does something, 59. Show-off, 60. Chooses, 61. Throw, 62. Foreword, 63. "Whoopee!,"

Down

- Larceny, 2. Urgency, 3. Parental brother, 4. Calypso offshoot, 5. Calm, 6. Mimicking, 7. Lean
- Toxemia of pregnancy, 9. South southeast, 10. Off-and-on, 11. Impertinence, 12. Stigma
- Rabbit, 18. Slowly losing life, 22. Chills and fever, 24. Natural satellite, 26. Horse feed
- Our planet, 29. Heavy, durable furniture wood, 30. Drunkards, 31. Ho-hum, 32. Not difficult, 33. Thin wires, 34. Trouser, 37. Kick, 38. Slave
- To move quickly, 41. Bet
- Gentle stroke, 44. Casual eatery, 46. Silly mistake, 47. Dynamism, 48. Give a speech
- Anxious, 50. Gossip, 51. Mentally irregular (slang), 53. Dethrone, 56. Consumer Price Index
- Ouch!,

Yesterday's Solution

about, accept, bless
boos, bread, collection
destruction, dismiss
empty, endure, fence
grace, hall, machine, meet
money, neglect, nest
niche, noise, ozzle,
punch, rinse, silly
sleet, sufficient, table

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