

Taliban's Shadow District Governor Arrested with 7 Companions

JALALABAD - A shadow district governor of the Taliban group was arrested during an operation by the Afghan intelligence operatives in eastern Nangarahr province of Afghanistan.

The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said Abdul Wali who is also famous as Mansoor was appointed as the shadow district of Rodat district by the Taliban group.

A statement by NDS said Wali was arrested during a special military from the vicinity of Sarkali village in Rodat district. NDS in its statement



further added that the remaining companions of Wali has been identified as Nazifull son of Haji Qasim, Bilal son of Abdul Wali, Qari Abdullah son of Abdul Wali, Bilal son of Mir Ahmad, Inamullah son of Raees Khan, Haroon son of ghulam, and Sulaiman son of Roz Khan.

The intelligence operatives also confiscated a rocket launcher, 1 PK machine gun, 5 Ak-47 rifles, and 1 pistol from the detained militants.

According to NDS, the militants were ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Taliban Whip Badghis Man after Elopement

QALA-INAW - The Taliban have given 70 lashes to a man after he ran away with a woman in Ab Kamari district of north-western Badghis province, an official said on Saturday.

Col. Ziauddin, the district police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the man, a resident of Qarchaq village, had eloped with a woman from the same village to Daizangi village two days ago.

He said the girl was unmarried and the man was engaged and the Taliban arrested them and whipped the man a day earlier at about 5pm in front of a crowd.

He said the Taliban were now keeping a watch on the couple in Daizangi area under their control.

Mohammad Shah, a resident of the village, told Pajhwok Afghan News he witnessed the whipping.

He said the couple remained in Taliban's surveillance in order to hand them over to their relatives.

The Taliban have so far said nothing in this regard. *(Pajhwok)*

Youth Empowerment: Refugee Handicrafts Go on Display

PESHAWAR - A variety of handicraft products made by Afghan refugees were showcased at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) on Friday.

UNHCR and AikHunarAik Nagar (AHAN) organised the day-long exhibition as part of youth empowerment interventions under the Refugee Affected and Hosting Areas (RAHA) programme.

The UN refugee agency through AikHunarAik Nagar (AHAN) launched a Skill Enhancement and Livelihood Initiative (SELI) to support skills development and income



generation of the most vulnerable people. People in Peshawar, Nowshera, Charsadda and Mardan districts benefitted from the initiative. Selected beneficiaries received training in block printing, frame-based weaving, jewellery making, filling

stitch, leather and crochet embroidery. UNHCR representative Indrika Ratwate, famous Fashion Designer Rizwan Beyg and diplomats from different countries attended the event. Ratwate called investment in Pakistani ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Taliban's Zakat Collector Arrested in Pul-E-Khumri

KABUL - The Afghan security forces on Saturday arrested a Taliban group member who was involved in collecting Zakat from the local residents in northern Baghlan province. According to the security officials, the suspect was arrested during an operation in Pul-e-Khumri city, the provincial capital of northern Baghlan province.

The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the report so far. The Afghan security forces have stepped up crackdown on the militants of the group across the country to suppress the insurgency activities of the group which has been rampant since

the group announced its summer offensive earlier this month. Baghlan is among the relatively volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating in a number of its districts and often carry out insurgency activities. The Taliban group started creating safe havens in Dand-e-Ghori district earlier this year, forcing the Afghan security forces to launch a major operation to curb the activities of the group. The operations continued for several weeks before the Afghan forces managed to retake the full control of the area earlier last month. *(KP)*

15 Taliban Eliminated in Nad Ali District of Helmand



LASHKARGH - At least 15 Taliban were killed and 10 others wounded in a security operation in the Nad Ali district of southern Helmand province on Saturday, an official said.

Maj. Gen. Mohammad Moeen Faqir, commander

of 215th Maiwand Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News army troops and police took part in the early morning raid.

Governor Hayatullah Hayat confirmed the raid and said such operations would be conducted in the future as well to ensure stability in the area.

District chief Mohammad Idress Alizai said foreign forces provided air support to the Afghan security personnel during the offensive. *(Pajhwok)*

4 Taliban Militants Including Group Commander Killed

GHAZNI - Four Taliban militants including a group commander have been killed as clash erupted in Ander district of the eastern Ghazni province on Saturday, an army spokesman in the province Mohammad Hanif Rezae said. "Taliban rebels stormed some checkpoints of national army in Gilan and Andar districts early Saturday and the troops returned fire killing four insurgents including a group commander Mullah Mohibullah and injuring three others," Rezae told Xinhua.

The official however asserted that no security personnel had been hurt in the firefight. Taliban militants who are active in parts of Ghazni province and have been fighting the government forces, are yet to make comment. *(Xinhua)*

1 Dead, 4 Wounded as Kapisa Villagers Clash

MAHMOODRAQI - One person was killed and four others were wounded as a result a clash between residents of two villages in the Kohistan-2 district of central Kapisa province, an official said on Saturday.

Police officer Brig. Gen. Abdul Karim Fayege told Pajhwok Afghan News six people were detained after the firefight which erupted following due to an old enmity.

A Civil Hospital Doctor Agha Shirin said one of the four wounded people died and the others were in critical condition. Mohammad Agha, a resident of the area, said heavy and light weapons were used by both sides during the clash that lasted several hours. He requested the government to disarm all area people. *(Pajhwok)*

Afghan Refugee Children to be Vaccinated Against Polio

PESHAWAR - About 127,266 children, including Afghan refugees, will be vaccinated against polio during an upcoming campaign, an official has said. As many as 422 teams have been constituted to inoculate the children against the crippling disease during the second phase of inactivated polio vaccination (IPV) campaign. Muhammad Akbar Khan, Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) coordinator, said the IPV campaign was being con-



ducted in two phases in 97 union councils of Peshawar - the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Covering 43 union councils of Peshawar, including Afghan refugee camps, the campaign

eight-day campaign would get under way on May 2-9, he told journalists here on Friday.

The IPV campaign is being conducted along with routine oral polio vaccine ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

11 Militants Give up Fighting in Jawzjan

SHIRBERGHAN - A total of 11 Taliban militants gave up fighting and handed over their weapons to authorities in the northern Jawzjan province with Shiberghan as its capital, 390 km north of Kabul on Saturday, provincial police chief Rahmatullah Turkistani said.

"All these 11 people were active against government in Mardian district over the past couple of years and with joining them to their

community the security would be stabilized in Mardian and adjoining areas," Turkistani said in his welcoming remarks to welcome the former militants.

The official also called upon other militants to follow the step and help stabilize peace and security in the country.

All the 11 former insurgents also handed over their weapons to police, the official added.

Taliban militants haven't commented. *(Xinhua)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

It's critical to act responsibly rather than ignoring your commitments, even if there are other things ranking higher on your wish list. There aren't enough hours in the day to do everything that sounds enticing and fulfill all your obligations, too. Although you're eager to enjoy life this weekend, it's less painful to acknowledge the limitations of your schedule sooner than later.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might not want to play all your marbles today and hope that others won't notice if you hold a few in reserve. Nevertheless, it's wiser to overcome your fear and show your hand, or you could miss out on a big opportunity. Instead of leaning on sheer determination to save you now, it's more useful to graciously adapt to the changing circumstances.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

If you're running around in circles without accomplishing much today, you may need to stop and reevaluate your overall strategy. You might be reluctant to take a spoonful of reality as your medicine, especially if you think you already learned your lesson. Although you're probably not ready to change your ways forever, at least you're less inclined to run off and play until you finish your chores.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Complicated family matters require your attention today, even if you prefer to be doing something else. Unfortunately, attempts to avoid a serious situation could make the problem worse. Don't be afraid to share your position with all those involved. You might be the one that needs to play the role of bad cop by taking a firm stand on what you know to be true.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Staying inspired is challenging when your attention is pulled in mundane directions by unavoidable responsibilities. Disappointment could hijack your day, dampening the fires of your creativity. It's nearly impossible to keep your spirits up if you're also constrained by a lack of time, money or energy. Don't cave in to your own insecurities; instead.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

A few big ideas about what you want to do may be enough to motivate you, but first you must handle a confusing situation in your immediate environment. Don't waste time fretting about the circumstances that currently restrict your choices. Just accept the fact that taking care of your commitments is a higher priority than running off in pursuit of your passions. There will be plenty of opportunities to chase your dreams.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It's time to pay an emotional debt, especially if there are unresolved feelings lingering between you and a loved one. But don't wait until it's too late; you can work wonders and make up for lost time today if you put your mind to it. On the other hand, if your relationships are currently harmonious, you could reap the fruits of your recent hard work.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

It seems unfair that someone else can take the day off while your responsibilities continue to pile up high enough to topple like a house of cards. Although you might be at a critical turning point now, nothing is to be gained by comparing your situation to anyone else's. You're being tested and are given an opportunity to demonstrate your competence under pressure today.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You have a general sense of your destination now, yet without a map you lack a plan to get there. The most obvious path seems to be blocked, but the good news is that the barriers are not permanent. It's just that your best ideas seem to run into another obstacle every time you take a step forward. Forget about making any progress while you consolidate your recent gains.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

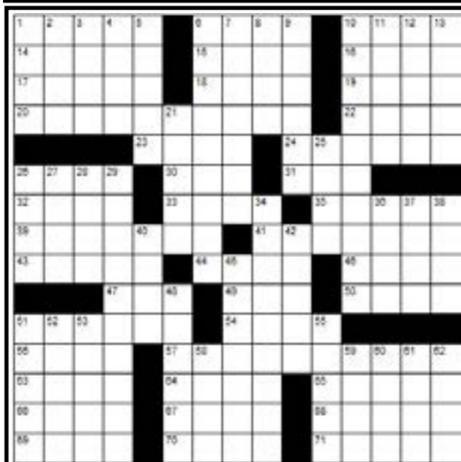
People admire your stellar work ethic and envy your endurance that often enables you to reach your goals. However, your patience is being tried today as Venus is blocked by your key planet Saturn, delaying your efforts to achieve satisfaction. Naturally, you prefer to progress carefully toward your desired destination without stopping or slowing down. Nevertheless, the sooner you set aside an old agenda.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

It feels as if your friends are being overly critical of you today, and you probably think their judgments are unwarranted. In truth, others may be expecting too much from you, and you might rightly see them as an obstacle to your happiness. However, people are only protecting themselves from getting swept up in your next crazy idea, even if it is business as usual for you.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your closest friends and relatives might not understand how much you're struggling to live up to the promises you recently made. However, the pressure can be great enough to tempt you to walk away from your predicament -- but even that won't solve your problems for long. Thankfully, finding the ultimate solution may not even be necessary now. Simply do the best you can while letting everyone know your new schedule.



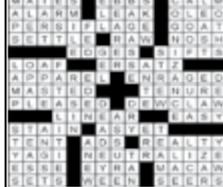
Across

- Correct, 6. Resorts, 10. WW1 plane, 14. Dart, 15. Stop, 16. Harvard rival, 17. Clamor, 18. Margarine, 19. Window ledge, 20. Intruder, 22. Gait faster than a walk, 23. Falafel bread, 24. Excrements, 26. Found on a finger, 30. Snagged, 31. Sweet potato, 32. Annul, 33. Tinted, 35. Small drum, 39. Refuse to do business with, 41. Speech, 43. Beauty parlor, 44. Identical, 46. Ancient Peruvian, 47. Cup, 49. Very Important Person, 50. Cover with plaster, 51. Levy, 54. 1 1 1 1, 56. Encircle, 57. Mallee, 63. 62 in Roman numerals, 64. Annoying insect, 65. Hangman's knot, 66. Greek liqueur, 67. Assistant, 68. Salad oil holder, 69. Not closed, 70. Comes from trees, 71. Groups of animals.

Down

- Hindu princess, 2. Weightlifters pump this, 3. Fortitude, 4. A flexible pipe, 5. Dweeb, 6. Gunfights, 7. Feel, 8. Away from the wind, 9. A level in a building, 10. Organized, 11. Couples, 12. Bestow, 13. Triangular formation, 21. Illuminate, 25. Nurse shark, 26. Central points, 27. Dwarf buffalo, 28. Bucolic, 29. Movement, 34. Subjugated, 36. Common hop, 37. Hubs, 38. A Freudian stage, 40. Burden, 42. Fend off, 45. Popular salad ingredient, 48. Bangle, 51. Snow house, 52. Confusion, 53. Award, 55. Phase, 58. Pearly-shelled mussel, 59. Minute opening, 60. See the sights, 61. Utilized, 62. Collections.

Yesterday's Solution



abduct, banter, bravo, child, croak, decide, fist, found, fruit, gone, gutter, island, islet leather, maps, meddle, mess, momento, nags, nonsense, organ, payola, petroleum, ragamuffin, repair, sauce, sight, signature, smash, snout, study, tally, trivet.

