

Kunduzis Take to Streets Against Increasing Insecurity



KUNDUZ - Fed up with increasing insecurity and kidnapping and robbery incidents, hundreds of residents of northern Kunduz province on Wednesday took to the streets.

The protestors included members of the Provincial Council, Public Health officials and residents. They said the whereabouts of son of a doctor who was kidnapped few days ago by unknown gunmen

remained unknown. Dr. Latif Sharifi, one of the protestors, told Pajhwok Afghan News insecurity, including kidnappings and armed robberies, had recently increased in the province.

"We would not stop protesting until the doctor's son is released by his captors."

Mufti Saraj, a religious scholar, expressed similar views and warned of closing the main highway if the government did not take serious action against the kidnappers.

"I have a shop in Kunduz city, insecurity and incidents of robbery have increased, we close our shops before it is dark, otherwise we face problems," Hakimullah, a protestor said.

Meanwhile, residents and provincial council head Amruddin Wali said people could no longer tolerate insecurity, kidnappings and robberies in the war-torn province.

Police chief Brig. Gen Hamidullah Hameed said protest was people's right. About the kidnapped child, he informed they conducted quick raids and detained two individuals in connection with the child kidnapping.

He added they had devised plans to improve the security situation and urged people to cooperate with security forces in maintaining security. (Pajhwok)

Drug Addicted Mother Forces Her Daughters into Prostitution to buy Drugs



HERAT - Some teenage girls in western Herat province say their drugs addicted mothers have been pushing them into prostitution to buy drugs.

On the relevant issue, Article 11 of the Afghan law on trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants says a human smuggler -- "If the perpetrator is the spouse, parent, guardian or custodian of the victim, or a public official, long term imprisonment of not less than ten years".

Under Clause 2 of the same article, a human smuggler found guilty of raping the victim is imprisoned for more than 12 years in the absence of favorable condition for the implementation of the hudood punishment.

Zarmina, 15 (not her real name) and her mother are both addicted to ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

Another Faryab Education Official Held Over Graft

MAIMANA - Another education official has been arrested over corruption and misuse of authority charges in northern Faryab province, an official said Tuesday.

The education chief for Pashtunkot district, Mohammad Akbar, was arrested after complaints and evidence showed he and his arbiters had pocketed half salaries of a large number of teachers.

Farid Sherzi Ghorri, the provincial attorney, told Pajhwok Afghan News Mohammad Akbar was detained over charges of embezzlement and misuse of authority.

He said students were appointed as teachers in Pashtunkot district. Some acting service members of the Afghan army and even Taliban members received teacher salaries. ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Green Zone Suicide Bomber Was a 13-Year-Old Boy



KABUL - According to security sources the boy gained access to the diplomatic zone through a gate in a park that was being used as a short cut by guards in the area.

Tuesday's deadly attack in 14th Street in Wazir Akbar Khan's Green Zone, which killed nine people, was carried out by a 13-year-old ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

First All-Women Restaurant Opened in Balkh

KABUL - A group of women have opened an all-female restaurant for the first time in Mazar-e-Sharif City in Balkh province.

Zahra Parsa, the owner of the restaurant, said she has provided employment opportunity for nine women. Parsa said she has graduated from the Faculty of Literature and that she has worked in a private company. "We see that there are many restaurants for families in Mazar-e-Sharif City, but there is no restaurant where women will feel safe; therefore, I decided to establish this restaurant with the help of my friends," she told TOLONews.

The women who work in the restaurant said they have at least 20 customers every day since they started the business two weeks ago. "Our restaurant has opened newly. ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

13 Drug Traffickers Nabbed in a Week

KABUL - Thirteen individuals, including an Iranian national, have been arrested over smuggling drugs in various provinces, an official said on Wednesday.

Ahmad Khali Moahid, Criminal Justice Task Force (CJTF) spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the suspects were arrested in Kabul, Herat, Baghlan, Nangarhar, and Zabul provinces by police. They were arrested in seven days in connection with 12 cases which had been sent to CJTF for judicial proceedings, he said. According to him, of the cases mentioned, five belonged to the Hamid Karzai International Airport, where the drug traffickers wanted to smuggle heroin to New Delhi. He said 17kgs of heroin, 14 kgs of opium, 1,457 of kgs of hashish, 120 liters of alcoholic drinks, 1,700 dollars cash, 10 mobile phones, and three vehicles were confiscated from the detainees. (Pajhwok)

Kunduz ALP Commander Injured in Balkh Blast

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - The Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander for northern Kunduz province was injured in a blast on Wednesday, an official said.

The ALP chief, Nabi Agha, was among seven others injured in the blast that took place in Khulm district of northern Balkh province early in the morning, the Khulm district police chief said.

Noor Mohammad Khaksar told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion happened on the Khulm-Kunduz highway. He said a magnetic bomb attached to Agha's vehicle went off in the area, killing one person and injuring seven others including Nabi Agha.

He said the commander's condition was said to be stable. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. (Pajhwok)

Khost Governor under Fire over Appointment



KHOST CITY - The governor of southeastern Khost province, Hukam Khan Habibi, has introduced two persons as head of the provincial Department of Sports and Physical Training. The two individuals told Pajhwok Afghan News their appointment letters had been signed by the governor one after another the same day.

Faiz Mohammad Gulab Dost, one of the two who calls himself as acting Director of Sports and Physical Training, said after the previous

Sports Director Aziz Malang was transferred to Kabul, he submitted his appointment letter to the governor's house with reference signature of another previous director, Humayon Khairi.

"My appointment letter was not signed for 16 days until Malang returned from Kabul and Malang also produced his own appointment letter and submitted that to the governor's house for signature. Malang's letter also maintained. ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You might not like it when someone tells you the truth today, but keeping an open mind is still your best strategy. Having more facts at your disposal enables you to make smarter decisions. Nevertheless, courage is required in order to be an active listener, especially if what you learn contradicts your current perspective.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus Words have the power to heal what ails you today, but they also may also be quite disruptive. Ironically, the same words create extremely different outcomes, depending on the context. Your simple message can positively alter someone's life if you speak the truth with conviction. However, stirring the pot for shock value alone undermines the best of intentions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini Your boss might be sticking his nose into your business today, causing you great concern. Although you believe you have nothing to hide, you may be in for a rude awakening when a tidbit of information unexpectedly comes out into the open. Unfortunately, you can't go back and bury what has been seen by all. Nevertheless, your full cooperation ultimately creates the smoothest path into the future.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Your dreams are alive and well today; although they reflect your hopes for the future, they can also contain unrealistic goals. Unfortunately, you may contribute to setting yourself up for failure unless you practice self-restraint before getting in over your head. Be particularly wary of any sudden shifts in your thinking.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Although you can see your future in a very positive light, it's not wise to take anything for granted today. In fact, postponing any major initiatives works in your favor as long as you don't promise anything you can't deliver. Instead of dispersing your energy with several false starts, fight the impulse to act by going inward.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo You realize there is more going on than meets the eye, but you're eager to make a decision based upon what you currently know anyhow. However, you're able to consciously override your urge to act first and think about it later. You hold the key to your successful future in your hands. By practicing self-discipline, you can improve your game prior to stepping out onto the playing field.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You want to talk with someone about a sensitive issue today, but you can't just trust anyone with your story -- especially if you're trying to sort out a delicate relationship dilemma. Although you know that an objective opinion is just what you need, you're afraid of placing yourself in a vulnerable position by revealing information you prefer to keep private.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio You may be questioning your ability to live up to people's expectations. Meanwhile, others believe you're doing a fantastic job because they think your level of confidence is high. Ironically, your self-doubt increases when you learn of someone's inflated praise for your work. Fortunately, you can break this vicious cycle once and for all by simply choosing to perform to your own standards.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You might feel as if you recently learned a tough lesson about setting your goals too high. But instead of letting discouragement stand in the way of success, review your progress and reestablish your priorities based upon what you now know. No matter what you currently believe, you don't have to settle for less. Lowering your expectations is a short-term strategy that allows you to accomplish your objective, which, in turn, builds your confidence.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Putting your finger on the source of an energetic blockage can be challenging. Perhaps you feel that something is obstructing your road to success. Maybe you are aware of a repetitive cycle that manifests setbacks or obstacles in your path when you get close to achieving your dream. There's no reason to despair, for these tests are actually signs that you're on the right track.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

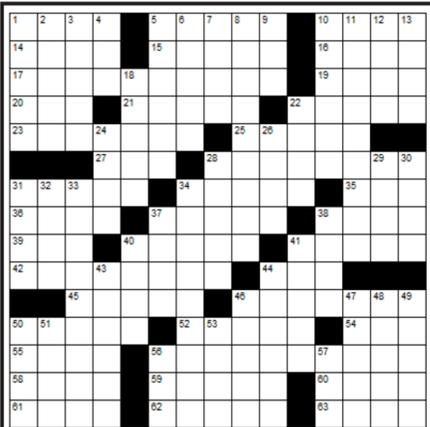


Aquarius Your determination to reach your career goals is strong. You're even willing to withdraw socially for a while in order to devote more time to achieving fulfillment from your profession. Nevertheless, old emotional wounds could bring up buried resentment that comes to the surface when you must choose between work and play.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You could be uncertain about where you're heading now but oddly enough, your lack of direction won't necessarily slow you down. You have a general idea of your destination, yet you don't have a clue as to how to get there. Resist impulsive urges to be creative; your departure is not as urgent as it seems. In the meantime, do everything you can to stabilize your current position.



Across

1. Being, 5. Gloss, 10. Snare, 14. A ceremonial staff, 15. Dried coconut meat, 16. Fit 17. Flattery, 19. Ploy, 20. American Sign Language, 21. Construct, 22. Giver, 23. Revolutionary, 25. Of a pelvic bone, 27. Sphere, 28. Sea holly, 31. Fair, 34. Decree, 35. Fury, 36. Colors, 37. Gaudy, 38. Run away, 39. Genus of macaws, 40. Embankment, 41. Wood nymph, 42. Polliwogs, 44. Ghost's cry, 45. Cries of pain, 46. Luggage, 50. Stadium walkways, 52. A male duck, 54. Tall hill, 55. Egg-shaped, 56. Blushing, 58. Fizzy drink, 59. Laser printer powder, 60. Maguey, 61. Pitcher, 62. In a fitting way, 63. Rip, ,

Down

1. Hinder, 2. Chip dip, 3. Bum with hot water, 4. Poetic dusk, 5. Dung beetle, 6. Inn, 7. Sweeping story, 8. Make things more sexual, 9. Indian bread, 10. Pharynx, 11. In a lewd way, 12. As well, 13. Equal 18. Condemn, 22. Effort, 24. Charged particles, 26. Delicate, 28. Wood-cutting tools, 29. Urine component, 30. Sow, 31. Gossip, 32. Emanation, 33. Commercially , produced, 34. Listen in, 37. Congeal, 38. Tailless stout-bodied amphibian 40. Not high, 41. Judges, 43. Cottonwood, 44. Bakeshop, 46. Din, 47. Poplar tree, 48. Columbus's birthplace, 49. Go in, 50. Thorny flower, 51. Affirm, 53. Litter's littlest, 56. Estimated time of arrival, 57. Feline

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