

Over 100 Dead, Scores Hurt in India Train Derailment

KABUL - At least 96 people were killed and over 100 injured when 14 coaches of the Indore-Patna Express derailed near Pukhrayan in Kanpur Dehat district on Sunday, a media report said.

According to timesofindia, the tragic accident took place at around 3am near Pukhrayan, about 100 kms from Kanpur, when the passengers were fast asleep.

Rescue operations are under way since early morning and the death toll is expected to rise, railways officials said. Though the



cause of the derailment is not known as of now, sources said the nature and timing shows that the accident was caused by a rail fracture. However, the exact reason would be known only after an inquiry.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each for the kin of deceased and Rs 50,000 for seriously injured in the accident. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also offered his condolences to the bereaved. (Pajhwok)

Hostage Rescued as Kidnappers Demanded PKR 5m Ransom in Kandahar



KABUL - The Afghan security forces rescued a hostage in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan as the hostages demanded a ransom of 5 million Pakistan Rupees against his release. The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said a group of 4 suspects were arrested in connection to the kidnapping of the man in Kandahar.

MoI further added that the suspects have been identified as Latif, Mohammad, Najibullah, and Abdul Ajad. The group had kidnapped a man from the vicinity of Kandahar province and were demanding a ransom of PKR 5 million for his release, MoI said, adding that the police forces conducted a special military operation on Saturday night to rescue the man and arrest the kidnappers.

According to MoI, the operation was conducted in the vicinity of 6th police district of the city. This comes as kidnap for ransom cases have been ... (More on P4)... (14)

Dreaded Haqqani Network Commander Held in Paktia

KABUL - National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel have arrested notorious commander of Haqqani Network in the Zurmat district of southeastern Paktia province, a statement from the Spy-Network said on Sunday.

Syed Rahman known as Khybar was the commander of 20-member group and was behind terrorist activities in Zurmat district, the statement said.

He had been arrested during NDS operatives raid in the district. Rehman confessed his involvement in anti-state activities in the area during initial investigation, the statement said. (Pajhwok)

Police Helpless Before Illegal Gunmen: Baghlanis

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Residents on Sunday expressed concern over the presence and highhandedness of illegal armed individuals in northern Baghlan province.

They said the armed men posed a serious threat to security of the province and police were unable to put hand on the groups Mohammad Nasim, a tribal elder in Pul-i-Khumri, the provincial capital, told Pajhwok Afghan News that two days ago a number of protestors equipped with small and heavy weapons entered the city and blocked the Kabul-Mazar-i-Sharif and Kabul-Kunduz highways.

He said the armed men prevented shopkeepers



from opening their shops, harassed people and took control of the entire city for several hours, but police were watching ... (More on P4)... (12)

US Drone Strike Kills Taliban Commander in Paktia

KHOST/GARDIZ - One policeman and a Taliban notorious commander have been killed in a clash and a US drone strike in southeastern Khost and Paktia provinces, an official said a statement said on Sunday.

The Taliban Commander Saifullah was killed and two others wounded in a US drone attack in Paktia's Zurmat district on Saturday night, a statement from the governor house said.

The unmanned aircraft targeted Taliban commander in Shah Karez locality, it said.

Elsewhere, a policeman was killed and another wounded during a clash with Taliban in Khost province early on Sunday, Governor Spokesman Mubariz Mohammad Zadran said.

The clash took place on Khost-Gardiz highway near ... (More on P4)... (13)

1 Would-be Bomber Killed, 3 Escape in Badakhshan



KABUL - Police shot dead one suicide bomber and three others managed to escape in northeastern Badakhshan province, an official said on Sunday.

Police spokesman Mahfoozullah Akbari said following a tip-off, security personnel cordoned off the main bazaar of Baharak district after 1:00 pm on Saturday and launched a search for the terrorists.

The security forces finally located the would-be bombers in a vegetable market near the main square of the district bazaar and entered an armed clash with them, he said.

One of the suicide bombers was killed at around 6:30pm and the three others managed to flee. A Kalashnikov, eight sets of bullets, few hand grenades and a walkie-talkie were recovered from the dead militant.

One security official was also killed and three others wounded during the clash, the official said.

Earlier, a statement from the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said police shot dead a would-be suicide bomber before he could reach his target in Baharak district.

The incident happened on Saturday evening in the man district bazaar, the statement said, adding police identified the bomber and prevented a terrorist attack. (Pajhwok)

14 Insurgents Killed in Joint Operations

KABUL - Fourteen insurgents were killed in several operation around the country in the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Interior said in a statement early Sunday.

According to the statement the operations were carried out by the Afghan National Army and National Directorate of Security (NDS) members in Laghman, Uruzgan, Helmand, Paktiya, Maidan Wardak and Nangarhar provinces.

"As a result 14 armed militants were killed, 10 were



wounded and eight others were arrested by joint forces," the statement read.

Also, during these operations, Afghan National Security Forces discovered and confiscated light and ... (More on P4)... (15)

9 Taliban Militants Killed, 11 Wounded in Uruzgan Airstrike

TRNKOT - At least 9 Taliban insurgents were killed and 11 others were wounded in an airstrike in southern Uruzgan province of Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said the airstrike was carried out in Chora district of Uruzgan, targeting the militants belonging to the Taliban insurgents.

The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the report so far. Uruzgan is among the relatively volatile provinces



in southern Afghanistan where the Taliban insurgents are actively operating in a number of its districts. The militants are often conducting insurgency activities by carrying roadside bombings, target killings, and coordinated attacks ... (More on P4)... (16)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Your confidence is your best weapon for calming any resistance you might face in relationships now. The proud Leo Moon forms mutual trines with both cautious Saturn and rebellious Uranus, giving you the perfect balance between conservative and radical behavior. Invest your energy wisely today so you can use it effectively over the weeks ahead.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You have the luxury of knowing that swiftly changing circumstances won't throw your life into chaos now, thanks to the stabilizing influence of Saturn. You trust yourself -- and others are more likely to trust you -- as a result of an emotionally supportive Moon-Saturn trine. A quiet sense of self-assurance allows you to compromise if that's what it takes to get the job done.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Vulnerable feelings linger from unresolved interpersonal tensions today. You want to glide through the weekend without delving too deeply into your emotions, but this short-term strategy might not work as well as you wish. A relationship may hang in the balance of what you say now. However, your hesitation won't last long since irrepresible Uranus enters the picture to spur you on.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You exude a graceful balance when interacting with people today, combining a fierce independence with a large dose of respect for cooperation. Practical behavior works wonders as the lively Leo Moon harmonizes with hardworking Saturn and ingenious Uranus. Temper your flights of enthusiasm with smart thinking. Even if you want to focus on the good news.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your desires originate from a deeper place within you today, encouraging you to play for keeps in all you do. However, you may be so excited that you misjudge the amount of effort and commitment required to achieve satisfaction. Thankfully, the radiant Leo Moon harmonizes with deliberate Saturn and brilliant Uranus.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Demonstrating your maturity is a simple matter today as long as you overlook petty issues so you can focus on your priorities. A friendly trine between the responsive Moon and responsible Saturn brings an abundance of common sense into your life. However, the lunar connection to irrepresible Uranus suddenly reveals too many choices to pursue. You won't have any problems if you watch your boundaries.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Accidentally spilling the beans may prove to be socially embarrassing, so monitor what you say and keep a playful conversation from turning too serious. Nevertheless, even the most innocent flirting could stir fearful emotions and provoke a jealous response today. Conflicting planetary signals make it tricky to decide which course of action is the most sensible one.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

A strange mixture of positive and negative energy morphs into steady progress today. The performance-driven Leo Moon is moving through your 10th House of Status, urging you to reflect on your current place in the outer world along with your goals. The Moon harmonizes with sobering Saturn and independent Uranus.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your unwavering enthusiasm empowers you to drive a hard bargain because others are no match for your courage and follow-through today. In fact, you become unbeatable once you dig in your heels. Unfortunately, your uncharacteristic rigidity can also anchor you to an incorrect assumption or a bad decision if you're not open to the possibility of being wrong.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

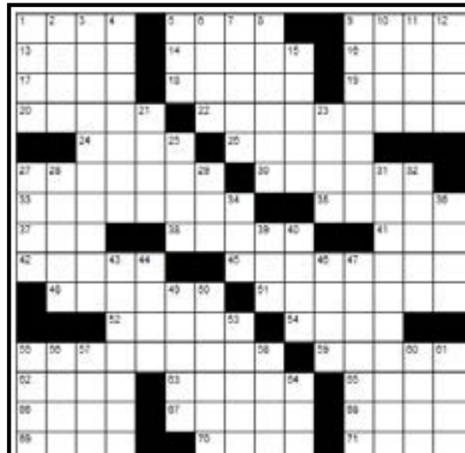
Your practical nature inspires you to skillfully untangle a complicated situation today, while still allowing your intuition to guide your overall strategy. Friends or colleagues who have been at odds with one another just might find a solution now with your sensible advice. A smooth Moon-Saturn trine empowers you to accomplish a lot without working too hard or turning into an arrogant authoritarian.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

A well-considered evaluation of your goals offers real possibilities for success ahead. The expressive Leo Moon creates easy trines with methodical Saturn and spontaneous Uranus, inspiring you to balance these opposite planetary principles to maximize your chances for satisfaction. Work toward building structures that will endure, for Saturn rewards extra effort.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

A brilliant move on your part might inflate your self-esteem, encouraging you to take on more than you can handle. Thankfully, the demonstrative Leo Moon trines inventive Uranus, enabling you to rush to the rescue at the very last moment with unconventional solutions. Fortunately, an emotionally constructive Moon-Saturn trine provides additional strength as long as you maintain integrity in all that you do. Do what is right and not what is easy.



Across

- Conceal, 5. Biblical garden, 9. Outlay, 13. Norse god, 14. Words of a song, 16. Nursemaid, 17. Annoyance, 18. Slowly, in music, 19. 1 less than 10, 20. Sir, in India, 22. Write differently, 24. French for "State", 26. Greek letter, 27. Filling material, 30. First-rate, 33. Fondled, 35. Expensive fur, 37. Shack, 38. Sales booth, 41. Delay, 42. Each and all, 45. Titillating, 48. Sufficiency, 51. Roman household gods, 52. Less friendly, 54. Diminish, 55. Laurel, 59. Brusque, 62. Conspiracy, 63. Notes, 65. Bulwark, 66. Was a passenger, 67. Indications, 68. "Smallest" particle, 69. 365 days, 70. Formally surrender, 71. Evergreens.

Down

- Skips, 2. Notion, 3. Discourage, 4. Empower, 5. L, 6. One who colors cloth, 7. Anagram of "Sneer", 8. Dimwit, 9. Choral composition, 10. Leave out, 11. Rational, 12. Not now, 15. Welsh dog, 21. Flexible containers, 23. Rapsalions, 25. Chore, 27. Throb, 28. Purple shade, 29. Japanese apricot, 31. Destroy completely, 32. Aircraft, 34. Point, 36. Hens make them, 39. Take in slowly, 40. Was cognizant, 43. Carouse, 44. Cassava, 46. Annoying insect, 47. Alley, 49. Presents, 50. Brave, 53. Cooktop, 55. Agile, 56. Found in some lotions, 57. Fizzy drink, 58. Transmit, 60. Not fast, 61. Shade trees, 64. South southeast.

Yesterday's Solution



annoy, answer, apparent, beige, bread, clear, conserve, craze, dame, declare, diverse, evident, gent, grudge, handle, idiot, jester, lead, order, plaza, prove, purse, real, reveal, scrape, seas, shackle, sheen, slave, spark, sped, stalk, statement, strategem.

