PUL-E ALAM - Eight civilians, including women and children, have been killed during a night raid in Mohammad Agha district of central Lagor province, local residents claimed on Wednesday.

According to locals, a tribal elder from the Ab Bazak locality, told Pakistan Alghaf News Afghan security forces conducted a raid on Maudi Malang's house on Tuesday night. He said eight members of Malang's family, including women and children, were killed during the night raid.

"The residents of locality came together, blocked the Kabil-Legan highway for an hour but later, the security forces interfered and forced the people to reopen the road," he said.

According to Afghanistan Malang is the prayer leader of a mosque in the area and had no links with the Taliban or any other militant group.

District Chief Naser Mohammad Obaidi said last night Afghan forces conducted a raid in the Ab Bazak locality.

"The resident of locality claimed that eight members of Maudi Malang had been killed in the night raid so I came to the provincial capital along with local elders to operate the matter," he added.

Taliban Spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed 20 civilians were killed in Hammad Agha district last night. The Taliban claimed Afghan and US forces conducted a raid in the Ab Bazak locality.

"In its initial stages, the factory will purchase 650 kilograms of saffron from farmers and will export to foreign countries after processing and packaging in the factory." Haji Qasim Alkozai, owner of the factory, said he established the facility after investing two million dollars. (Wazirak)

The factory in western Herat province.

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NATO Commander Gen. Scott Miller Arrives in Ghazni Province

HERAT - An Afghan businesswoman has invited USD 2 million to open a saffron processing factory in western Herat province.

The factory will offer job to 700 women at the plant. Provincial Agriculture Director Abdul Saboor Kalmanzai said the factory was founded at a convenient location for farmers to bring their saffron to sell and collect their money.

The factory processes and packs saffron before exporting to foreign countries.

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Mujahid claimed 20 civilians were killed in Hammad Agha district last night. Malang is the prayer leader of a mosque in the area and had no links with the Taliban or any other militant group.

Local authorities have not disclosed further information in this regard but reports say Gen. Miller has met with the provincial governor Waliullah Kalmazini and some other provincial officials.

Gen. Miller who is also in command of the U.S. forces in Afghanistan, has arrived in Ghazni province at a time when heavy clashes are underway in some districts of the province.

The Taliban launched multiple attacks in Jaghori and Malistan districts of Ghazni province during the recent weeks which have inflicted casualties on both security forces and ordinary civilians.

Ghazni is among the relatively volatile provinces in Southeastern parts of the country where the Taliban militants are active in some of its districts often carry out attacks against the government and security institutions. (AP)

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Show Experiment Helmand Climate Best for Tanger, Kinnow

LASHKARGAH - Thousands of Tanger and Kinnow seedlings would be planted next year in southern Helmand province as the preliminary tests of the trees produced positive results, officials said on Wednesday.

Agriculture Director Zulmai Alikorki told Pakistan Alghaf News Afghan scientific examinations showed the first produced positive result in the Helmand province. He said thousands of Tanger and Kinnow fruits had been planted in the Bolas Experiment Farm which would be distributed to farms in the spring.

"Tanger and Kinnow could be a good alternative to poppy because it consumes little water and produces huge yield," he said.

In addition, he said besides date orchards, plans have been developed for the cultivation of different fruits.

Alikorki said in the Nad Ali district, he had transplanted Kinnow and Tanger trees last year and produced positive yield.

Alikorki added his father advised him not to grow poppy. (More on P4/09)

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NDS Personnel Find Missing Biometric Device in Paktika

SHARANA - A public rep- resentative for the National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel found a missing biometric device in south- western Paktika province but yet to share information with the media.

The Provincial Council’s vice chairman Hakim Ali Ahmad told Pakistan Alghaf News Afghan National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel had found a biometric de- vice.

"The NDS should provide information as from when the candidate was dropped off and from where he was picked up," he added. He said the can- didate who should be deported was male.

However, Paktika NDS de- partment’s Memo PC 04/09 provided him the details.

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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar.21-Apr.20)

The equipment might suddenly be the solution to a difficult situation. You could go out of your way to make this the best day of your life. A friendly, supportive person could provide you with valuable information. This promises to be a busy, gratifying day in a lot of ways, Virgo.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

A number of social invitations could come your way today, possibly connected to work. You could accept as many as you can handle. A recent increase in income might make you feel richer. You could find new friends and new opportunities. An unexpected possibility could stand in your way. You could obtain some surprising information, Taurus, and this could set your mind going in a new direction.

Gemini (May 21-Jun.20)

Friends or a group could bring new and exciting information your way, perhaps unexpectedly. They could open doors to make new friends and find new opportunities. Increased possibilities could stand in your way. You could stumble on something that fascinates you, and make some new friends or a group could bring new and exciting information your way, possibly unexpectedly. They could open doors to make new friends and find new opportunities. An unexpected possibility could stand in your way. You could obtain some surprising information, Taurus, and this could set your mind going in a new direction.

Leo (Jul.23-Aug.21)

A recent increase in income might have brought you some new friends or a group could bring new and exciting information your way, possibly unexpectedly. They could open doors to make new friends and find new opportunities. An unexpected possibility could stand in your way. You could obtain some surprising information, Taurus, and this could set your mind going in a new direction.

Virgo (Sep22-Sep 21)

Social events, possibly involving groups, could put you in touch with knowledgeable people who could provide you with valuable information. You might decide to go back to school or otherwise advance your education. Technology could play a large part in this. Lima, or might be a good idea to work on your computer skills and bring them up to date.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Today your mind might be on social and political issues. If you can’t currently involved with groups dealing with these issues, you might consider joining one. A recent increase in income might have brought you some new friends or a group could bring new and exciting information your way, possibly unexpectedly. They could open doors to make new friends and find new opportunities. An unexpected possibility could stand in your way. You could obtain some surprising information, Taurus, and this could set your mind going in a new direction.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Information could come your way today through friends. These could provide you with valuable information. This promises to be a busy, gratifying day in a lot of ways, Virgo.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.20)

The possibility of taking a trip by air could present itself today. The trip might be made with friends of a group or a group. If you’ve been working on projects connected with education or publishing, this is the day to move them forward. Books, TV, and the internet could bring interesting, valuable information your way. This promises to be a busy, gratifying day in a lot of ways, Virgo.

Aquarius (Jan.20-Feb.19)

The possibility of taking a trip by air could present itself today. The trip might be made with friends of a group or a group. If you’ve been working on projects connected with education or publishing, this is the day to move them forward. Books, TV, and the internet could bring interesting, valuable information your way. This promises to be a busy, gratifying day in a lot of ways, Virgo.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

The possibility of taking a trip by air could present itself today. The trip might be made with friends of a group or a group. If you’ve been working on projects connected with education or publishing, this is the day to move them forward. Books, TV, and the internet could bring interesting, valuable information your way. This promises to be a busy, gratifying day in a lot of ways, Virgo.

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