

4 Security Officials Suspended over Kabul Attack

KABUL - The Ministry of Interior (MoI) has suspended four officials of the sixth police district of Kabul over Monday's suicide attack, an official said on Tuesday. At least 30 people were killed and 64 others wounded as a suicide bomber attacked a religious ceremony in the sixth police district of Kabul on Monday, an official said. Islamic State or Daesh group claimed responsibility for the attack. A statement from the Min-



istry of Interior (MoI) said the ministry's leadership had decided to suspend duties of the sixth police district chief, intelligence chief, crime branch chief and counterterrorism chief over the incident. The Ministry of Interior on Monday appointed a delegation to investigate the attack, the statement said, adding the delegation included MoI crime branch chief and had been tasked with fully investigation of the attack. (Pajhwok)

Prominent Taliban Leader 'Zarqawi' Killed in Laghman



KABUL - A prominent Taliban leader identified as Majid Zarqawi was killed during an operation by the Afghan security forces in eastern Laghman province of Afghanistan. According to the local security officials, Zarqawi was killed along with his two companions during a clash in Alisheng district. Provincial governor's spokesman Sarhadi Zwak confirmed that Zarqawi was killed during an operation that led to clash between the Taliban insurgents and Afghan security forces. Zwak further added that Zarqawi was one of the key Taliban leaders in Laghman province whose fighters were occasionally setting up check points on the main highways to abduct the passengers besides his group was involved in other terrorist activities. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Monday that 15 Taliban insurgents were killed during separate airstrikes in this province. According to MoD, the airstrikes were conducted in Alisheng and Alingar districts of Laghman province to target the militants of the Taliban group. MoD further added that 5 militants were also wounded during the same airstrikes. (KP)

3 Militants Arrested in Laghman

KABUL - A group of three militants disguised among the refugees returning from Peshawar were arrested in eastern Laghman province of Afghanistan. The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said the militants belonged to Taliban group were on their way to Laghman for coordinating attacks. MoI further added that a Laptop computer, a thumb drive, a CD, and over 100 documents were confiscated from the detained militants. The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as the Afghan officials have long been criticizing Pakistan for allowing the anti-government armed militant groups to use its soil for planning and coordinating attacks in Afghanistan. According to the officials, the leadership councils of the ... (More on P4)... (12)

AAF to Get Bomb Building, Weapons Storage Facilities in Mazar

KABUL - The Afghan Air Force (AAF) is expecting to get bomb building and weapons storage facilities in Mazar-e-Sharif, the provincial capital of northern Balkh province of Afghanistan. The US Air Forces Central Command (AF-CENT) said a loading area for aircraft is also in the plan with the construction work expected to kick off in December. According to a news release by AFCENT, safety advisors from Train, Advise, Assist Command-

Air (TAAC-Air) traveled from Hamid Karzai International Airport, Kabul, Afghanistan, to Mazar-e-Sharif for a site survey of Afghan Air Force weapons facilities Nov. 17, 2016. Master Sgt. Antran Pack, weapons safety advisor, and Master Sgt. Rick Page, occupational safety advisor, both TAAC-Air personnel, made the trip to see what facilities the AAF uses now and to get an idea of planned construction. "We are here to tour the AAF munitions stor-

age area site and see the construction area of the planned munitions area," said Pack. "We also met with the Army Corps of Engineers to look at the blueprints to get an idea of the layout." The munitions field depot, scheduled to start construction in December, will increase AAF capabilities. "The new facilities will give the Afghans the ability to take the lead of maintaining and storing bombs and rockets," ... (More on P4)... (13)

Farah PC Member Survives Attack; Bodyguards Injured

FARA CITY - A sitting member and former head of the Farah provincial council (PC) has escaped unhurt but three of his bodyguards sustained injuries in militants attack in Bala Balok district. Farid Bakhtawar, the PC member, told Pajhwok Afghan News he was on his way to western Herat province when militants attacked him in Daristan locality late on Monday. His guards responded to the attack. The ensuing clash lasted about half an hour, leaving three of his guards wounded. Bakhtawar said he arrived in Herat while the injured were evacuated to the Zonal Hospital. The guards are in stable condition. The public representative believed militants had also suffered casualties during the clash, but he had no figures. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Ban Mobile Phone Services in Charkh District

PUL-I-ALAM - Residents of the Charkh district of central Logar province complain Taliban militants have banned telephone services in the town for the past four days, landing them in great trouble. Sayed Ajmal, a resident of Garmaba area of the district, said most residents used telephone to contact each other, but the service had been currently off in his area. He said Taliban militants had forced the coverage blackout in the district and



as a result, people faced problems. Mir Pacha, a resident of Shash Kala area, told Pajhwok Afghan News that besides insecurity, telephone services had also been suspended there. "I had an important work with a person in Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital, but I could not contact him due to the cut off ... (More on P4)... (14)

Police Official Caught Red-Handed while Taking Bribe

KABUL - The 7th police district head has been caught red-handed while receiving a bribe in Kabul, an official said on Tuesday. Sidiq Sidiqi, spokesman for the Ministry of Interior (MoI), told Pajhwok Afghan News the 7th police district chief, Khairuddin Sayyad, while getting 50,000 afis in bribe. Sayyad, hailing from northeastern Badakhshan province, was recently appointed as the district police chief. He was caught



by crime branch officials. A few days earlier, some people from the area protested against what they called growing lawlessness in the locality and demanded action by the police. (Pajhwok)

Taliban's Explosives Expert Arrested in Nangarhar Province

KABUL - The Afghan security forces arrested the explosives expert of the Taliban group in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. Nangarhar police said the security forces confiscated a suicide bombing vest and various other types of explosives from the house of the detained militant. According to a statement by Nangarhar police, the detained Taliban expert has been identified as Ghulam Akbar who is originally a resident of Rodat district of Nangarhar. The statement further added that Akbar was previously wounded in a premature explosion and resumed his operations to manufacture improvised explosive devices after he recovered. Akbar is currently in the custody of the security and an investigation is underway by the security forces, the statement added. The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the report so far. The Taliban militants and insurgents belong to other militant groups frequently use homemade improvised explosive devices to target the security forces and government ... (More on P4)... (15)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Although you are generally upbeat about your future today, danger still lurks in the dark corners of your mind. You believe that you're ready for nearly anything, but could find yourself in over your head if you underestimate the amount of work it will entail to complete a job. Sloppy thinking leads to misjudgment, so be careful what you take on now.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You are in luck today if you're looking for positive recognition at work. Within reason, nearly anything you want now is yours while quick-witted Mercury titillates auspicious Jupiter in your 6th House of Employment. You are capable of presenting information in a way that others won't find offensive at all -- even if you're saying something they don't want to hear. Use your charisma wisely.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are blessed with the ability to persuade people to your point of view today without making them feel pressured in any way. You don't even need to itemize the pros and cons to convince others to follow your lead. Your ideas about improving efficiency are so innovative that everyone immediately knows you're right. Although you're at the top of your game now, don't let self-confidence turn into hubris.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your optimistic thoughts overpower your pessimistic doubts, triggering dreams of a better life ahead. Recent struggles fade into the past as you look forward to a productive week at work, even if you're approaching a major deadline. Positive thinking brings measurable results quicker than you expect.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although an unexpected surge of good feelings encourages you to start new projects now, you might also experience a secondary wave of emotions that waters the seeds of doubt. This wild ride is sponsored by a buoyant Mercury-Jupiter alignment and a suppressive Sun-Pluto connection.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You are enthusiastic about developing an ambitious strategy to make money today, but you could run into trouble turning your ideas into reality when you get hung up on minute details. Naturally, you prefer to put blinders on so you're not distracted by unrelated noise and irrelevant facts. However, an exuberant Mercury-Jupiter sextile boosts your ability to inspire others with your far-reaching plan now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You might have a specific agenda now but it's possible to get carried away with your own excitement. In fact, loquacious Mercury forms a cooperative sextile with excessive Jupiter in your sign, compelling you to say more than you intended. Unfortunately, you can't rewind time and take your words back. Thankfully, you may be able to do sufficient damage control if you are willing to apologize.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are usually able to keep your feelings hidden from others by putting up a stoic front. Nevertheless, you're now tempted to throw caution to the wind and let everyone know what you need while talkative Mercury harmonizes with boundless Jupiter. Your thoughts are carried far beyond their usual orbits.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Smart and caring friends seem to know the right words to untangle your emotional knots today. Jovial Jupiter supports communicator Mercury in your 1st House of Personality, enabling you to engage in an intense discussion in a calm manner. Positive energy stimulates your intuition, pulling information and ideas from your subconscious. Fortunately, you can present an idealistic plan with confidence and clarity now.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Although you inspire people with your ambitious ideas, you could also be the brunt of their criticism because they think you're so disorganized now. However, you are working harder than anyone realizes to put the pieces of your plan in order. Mental Mercury harmonizes with expansive Jupiter in your 10th House of Career, encouraging you to extol the virtues of positive thinking.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You see good news on the horizon as you project your current job prospects onto your vision of future prosperity. However, your view is biased and it's tempting to overlook potential problems. But you're not concerned about such things now if you are doing well. Paradoxically, broadening your thinking will allow you to change directions, even if you believe your professional trajectory is aimed at success.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You possess ample wisdom to express your ideas intelligently, no matter how shaky you might feel today. If you are faced with an intense situation, your all-encompassing perspective gives you the vision to handle the emotional turmoil. While you might not resolve all your concerns right away, at least you can begin to think about the issues in a constructive manner.



Across
 1. African antelope, 6. Gunk, 10. Handout, 14. Type of jewelry, 15. Garden tool, 16. Angers, 17. Void of expression, 18. 1 1 1 1, 19. Transgressions, 20. Urban smarts, 22. Carry, 23. Father, 24. Rhinoceros, 26. Associate, 30. Type of mattress, 32. Manner of speaking, 33. Entreated, 37. A man's skirt, 38. Showered with love, 39. French for "Head", 40. Invigorated, 42. Exclamation expressive of regret, 43. Quoted, 44. Grass cutting tool, 45. Transparent, 47. Enemy, 48. District, 49. Access, 56. Young sheep, 57. Not hot, 58. A drama set to music, 59. Absent Without Leave, 60. Not false, 61. More recent, 62. Feudal worker, 63. Hurried, 64. SSSS.

Down
 1. Wanes, 2. A jaunty rhythm, 3. Not fully closed, 4. Not a single one, 5. Duchy, 6. Throng, 7. Hindu princess, 8. Hawaiian strings, 9. Abandoned, 10. Clearly, 11. Heavily hunter, 12. Slowly, in music, 13. Being, 21. Bar bill, 25. Furrow maker, 26. Go backpacking, 27. Norse god, 28. Tab, 29. Pronounced, 30. Celebrated, 31. Utilized, 33. Part of a skeleton, 34. Warmth, 35. Carve in stone, 36. Apollo astronaut Slayton, 38. Takes away, 41. By means of, 42. Polish remover, 44. Drunkard, 45. Bird pouches, 46. A tart fruit, 47. Registered, 48. Wings, 50. A hamlet (South African term), 51. Pout, 52. Mimics, 53. Recent events, 54. Algonquian Indian, 55. Hearing organs.

Yesterday's Solution

agent, assassin, assume, beat, brain, caps, depository, drag, duties, enemies first, foot, grief, guards, hatred, killer, less, mafia, notes, parking, plaza, racists, rend, revenge, rifle, rink, sale, saloon, school, secret, shoe, shots, skull, sons, suspect.

