

# Commander Among 11 ANA Troops Surrender to Taliban

SAR-I-PUL - Eleven Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers, including their commander, have surrendered to the Taliban in the Sozma Qala district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said on Sunday.

Governor Mohammad Zahir Wahdat told Pajhwok Afghan News Commander Shah Wali, in-charge of ANA unit in Kor-Khab locality developed links with his fa-



ther who was the Taliban's shadow district chief for Takhar's Dasht-i-Qala district.

He said the commander and another soldiers shifted their fellow ANA troops to Kohistanat district and handed them over to the Taliban. Taliban, however, rejected Wahdat claimed and said the group captured ANA soldiers and their commander. (Pajhwok)

## Policeman Among 3 Dead in Ghazni Clash

GHAZNI CITY - One policeman and two Taliban have been killed and four others wounded in the Jaghatu district of southern Ghazni province, an official said on Sunday.

Police chief, Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban stormed police check-posts and the district building early in the morning. One policeman and two militants were killed and three fighters and a cop wounded. A notorious Taliban commander was

among the dead, Gen. Amarkhel said. He added the Taliban's corpses were still lying at the scene, but locals had transferred the bodies to the group later on.

A resident of the area, Mohammad Hussain, confirmed the clash lasted several hours. He heard light and heavy weapons fire last night, saying both sides had suffered casualties. Taliban insurgents also confirmed the fire-fight. However, the group's ... (More on P4)... (16)

## Kabul Police Arrest Four would-be Suicide Bombers

KABUL - Kabul police said they have arrested four would-be suicide bombers in Kabul and that one of the suspects had a tattoo on his back purportedly a mark of recognition among Taliban fighters.

The suspect said this was his so-called license to heaven.

According to Kabul police, the suspects appear to have been involved in a number of terrorist incidents.

"The suspects have confessed to their crimes.



They have committed many crimes and we have evidence against them," Kabul Police Chief Abdul Rahman Rahimi said. Meanwhile, Azizullah, one of the suspects, said

their group leader inked a tattoo on his back as a license to enter heaven.

Police said one of the suspects had two tattoos, which they said was a sign... (More on P4)... (17)

## 14 Returning Refugees Wounded in Torkham Accident

JALALABAD - Fourteen returning refugees, including women and children, have been wounded in a traffic accident in the border town of Torkham in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said Sunday.

The accident took place Saturday evening near a police-check-post at the 7th gate due to recklessness of the driver, a statement from the Department of Refugee and Returnee Affairs said. The injured were shifted to health centres in Torkham and Jalalabad. Dr. Ehsanullah, civil hospital director, said 10 injured people had been evacuated to the hospital and condition of all injured was satisfactory. (Pajhwok)

## Attempt at Smuggling Drone Parts to Pakistan Foiled

KABUL - An attempt to smuggle military equipment, including drone parts, to Pakistan was frustrated by security forces in eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday, a source revealed.

One official wishing to go unnamed told Pajhwok Afghan News that Special Forces were dispatched from Kabul to eastern Nangarhar province in the morning.

The Special Forces conducted a joint raid jointly with Nangarhar Border Police in Momand Dara district and



recovered the military gear from a house. He said the seizure included parts of drone, which weredestined

for trafficking to Pakistan. The US recently provided Afghan security forces with spy drones. (Pajhwok)

## 36 Dead, 28 Injured in Collision on Kabul-Kandahar Highway

QALAT - A collision on the Kabul-Kandahar has left 34 passengers dead and 21 others injured southern Zabul province, an official said on Sunday.

Ghulam Jilani Farahi, the deputy police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the predawn accident occurred in the Jaldak area of Shahr-i-Safa district.

A passenger bus crashed into a trailer and both vehicles caught fire as a result, killing 34 people and wounding 21 others. He said 16 the injured were evacuated to the Qalat Civil Hospital and five others to a Kandahar hospital. However, Zabul Governor Bismillah Afghanmal put the toll at 36 dead and said 28 injured.

The Maiwand Company bus was enroute to Kabul from Kandahar, Farahi said, linking the incident to bad ... (More on P4)... (18)

## 9 Foreign Insurgents Eliminated in Khost Drone Strike

KABUL - Five people have been arrested by counter-narcotics police in connection with drug smuggling, the Criminal Justice Task Force (CJTF) said on Wednesday.

A statement from CJTF said the alleged smugglers were arrested in four different cases in the capital Kabul and Baghlan province over the past one week.

It added that 13 kilograms of heroin, 79 kilograms of morphine, 209 kilograms of opium, 1,876 liters of alcoholic beverages, two weapons, seven mobile phone sets, three trucks and 18,260



afghanis were seized from the detainees.

Forty people have been arrested in connection with 31 drug cases across the country over the past month. The

CJTF is responsible for trying offences involving 10kg of opium, 50kg of hashish, 50kg of chemicals or 50 litres of alcoholic beverages. (Pajhwok)

## Jawzjan: Children Among 3 Drown in Amu River

SHIBERGHAN - Two children and a young man drowned in the Amu River in Qarqin district of northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Sunday.

The Jawzjan governor's spokesman, Mohammad Reza Ghafari, told Pajhwok Afghan News the three fell into the river when a wall of their house on the river's beach collapsed.

The children and the man were trying to take out windows and doors of their house after being damaged by waves of the river.

Ghafari said around 200 houses had been destroyed by waves of the Amu River in Qarqin district over the past three months. Thousands of other houses were at risk of collapse, he said.

"We have repeatedly shared this problem with the central government, but



there has been no positive response. A large number of people may lose their houses if the problem is not paid attention," Ghafari said.

Abdul Rashid, a resident of Khan Tapa area of the district, said damages caused by the Amu River's waves increased during the past one month and forced many families to leave ... (More on P4)... (19)

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Cut yourself some slack today if you fall short of your own expectations. You may feel responsible for someone's well-being and go out of your way to assist them. Selfless service is wonderful, but not if you become a martyr in the process. Although placing yourself in a victim role is not your typical style, you might not see other options clearly now.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Pursuing pleasure can be a healthy indulgence today. However, you must be as flexible as possible if you want to enjoy the excitement of love. Something you previously overlooked might suddenly become the center of conversation. Nevertheless, reaching satisfaction could take a while, so make positive changes without expecting immediate results.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You must feel emotionally safe before you engage in sweet talk today. Although you may crave a lighthearted encounter, you might not have the time for such fun and games. Listen to the messages of several planets in virtuous Virgo as they cluster in your 4th House of Roots now, while increasing responsibilities on the home front bring your mind back to the fundamentals. News anchor David Brinkley quipped.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You are busier than usual now yet may seek even more distractions to add to the noise of the day. Although you might try to conjure up a variety of interesting activities today, you won't likely want to leave the neighborhood while the Sun brightens the soulful North Node in your 3rd House of Immediate Environment.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Unconventional ideas trigger uncharacteristic doubts about your self-worth today. However, income and self-esteem can rise from a low point with objective analysis and hard work. The fair-minded Libra Moon gives you a fulcrum point on which to balance your life.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Your drive for quality is overwhelming at times, but now you have a chance to change your story. Instead of expecting perfection in the present moment, think of your life as a process where gradual improvement is the goal. Gratefully acknowledge each advancement as a step in the right direction, no matter how much further there is to go. Your time is precious, so weed out the hopes and concerns you can't do anything about today.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Although you intuitively know there are great opportunities on the horizon, you still may be frustrated by the current speed of progress. You might be unaware that your fear of failure is now a major impediment to your success. But your worries are probably unwarranted, based on past occurrences that have nothing to do with current events. You can reminisce about your personal history all you want, but you can't change it.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You may find yourself at the center of attention in your social network today. Rather than avoiding the spotlight, you enjoy the adoration enough now to figure out how to sustain your few minutes of fame. However, you might be shocked when someone does something that's socially unacceptable or counterproductive to your cause.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Taking slow and deliberate steps is your surest path to success now that the radiant Sun is aligned with the North Lunar Node in your 10th House of Career. Nevertheless, you are capable of raising your professional profile by increasing your responsibilities and assuming more authority. Master a new skill and you will gain the confidence and competence to upgrade your status at work.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Finding the right balance between humility and grandiosity is tricky today. Ironically, three planets are now traveling through detail-oriented Virgo and your 9th House of Big Ideas, revealing the tension between the very small and the very large. You may tend toward over-exuberance now, even in your daydreams, but you could also suddenly manifest the trip of a lifetime.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



The current lessons could be tough ones that may challenge your faith. However, you will emerge with a stronger understanding of where you are headed -- not necessarily in your career, but on your spiritual journey. The Sun is shining in your 8th House of Shared Resources, enabling you to thrive as the storms of change blow into your life.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You are willing to jump through hoops to live up to other people's expectations today. You may think you're on an equal footing with everyone else, but you still feel an inexplicable need to impress them with your actions. Three planets residing in meticulous Virgo help you focus on the details, but you could quickly become hypercritical of someone else's ideas. Once your intentions are clear, smaller issues can be ironed out.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71.

#### Across

- 1. Head, 5. Where the sun rises, 9. A compact mass, 13. Not yours, 14. Narrow inlet of the sea, 16. Go on horseback, 17. Twin sister of Ares, 18. Forbidden, 19. Dogfish, 20. Boys or men, 22. Detestable, 24. Ancient Peruvian, 26. Angered, 27. Flapjack, 30. 2nd largest country, 33. Improving the gene pool, 35. Make improvements, 37. African antelope, 38. Microwaved (slang), 41. C, 42. Celebrities, 45. Reflexive form of "you", 48. Ski race, 51. Frying pan, 52. Bogs down, 54. Type of sword, 55. Partners, 59. Goat antelope, 62. Urine component, 63. Slowly, in music, 65. Dad, 66. Mob, 67. Submarine detector, 68. Decorative case, 69. Being, 70. Unusual, 71. A musical pause

#### Down

- 1. Verse, 2. Emanation, 3. 3 languages, 4. Gist, 5. Eastern newt, 6. Not fully closed, 7. Not drunk, 8. Equatorial, 9. An old woman, 10. City in Peru, 11. Norse god, 12. Rhythm, 15. Birthing coach, 21. Glance over, 23. Heredity unit, 25. Analogous, 27. Pins, 28. Parental sisters, 29. Euro forerunner, 31. Slow down, 32. Anoint (archaic), 34. Wild blue yonder, 36. Adroit, 39. Dawn goddess, 40. Nobleman, 43. Violent disorder, 44. Slender, 46. Tears, 47. Roomette, 49. Not written exams, 50. Shooting star, 53. Ringworm cassia, 55. Large, 56. Historical periods, 57. Focusing glass, 58. Sun, 60. Creative work, 61. Pause, 64. Mineral rock.

#### Yesterday's Solution

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MATTIN DEEP LEER  
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MARINA TREE  
EPILO GRINDSTONE  
RAGE TUTE SAVIOR  
IRON BELLS ERATO  
TART TEES SOLES

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