

Thousands of Acres of Public Land Reclaimed in Nimroz

ZARANJ - The government on Wednesday reclaimed around 10,000 acres of land from its illegal occupants mainly powerful figures in Zaranj, the capital of southwestern Nimroz province.

Mohammad Nader, provincial real estate manager, in an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News said a delegation comprised of officials from agriculture, justice, security and real estate departments was tasked three days ago with recovering public lands in the province. He said around 10,000 acres of land which had been grabbed in Chagni area of Zaranj city was identified during the supervision and retaken from its illegal occupants in cooperation with other relevant organs today. Governor Mohammad Sami said the provincial government had adopted a strong stance against corruption, drug smuggling and land grabbing. He said Nimroz...*(More on P4)...(15)*



2 Policemen, Land Authority Officer Gunned Down in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Two policemen and a land authority officer have been shot dead by unidentified gunmen in two separate incidents in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Wednesday.

Attallah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that two police personnel were gunned down by unknown armed men in Angor Bagh area of Jalalabad, the provincial capital on Tuesday evening.

He said the incident occurred when the policemen were on duty in the checkpoint, the accused men managed to flee the area.

Mohammad Asif, an eyewitness and resident of the area said, the attackers riding a motorcycle were two young men who managed to escape after the incident. Elsewhere in the province, Khogyani said a land authority officer named Sarajudding was gunned down by an unidentified man traveling with the officer in his car as passenger in Barikab area of Batikot district on Tuesday. There has been no claim of responsibility for the attacks. *(Pajhwok)*

New Paktika Police Chief Takes Charge, Vows to Fight Graft

SHARANA - The newly-appointed police chief for southeastern Paktika province took charge on Wednesday, filling the top security post left vacant seven months back.

Brig. Gen. Mohammad Azim Hashimi, who was formally introduced as the police chief at a gathering here, vowed to combat corruption and take action against strongmen involved in harassing people.

Hashimi said he would seriously fight against all elements out to insecure the province. "I am the soldier of this country and will make efforts as per the law to bring reforms in police and ensure security."

"I will rescue the oppressed people from cruel clutches of so-called powerful to restore people's trust in the government." The police chief identified his priorities as fighting...*(More on P4)...(17)*

10 Taliban Killed, 6 Injured in Ghazni Airstrike

GHAZNI CITY - At least 10 insurgents were killed and six others injured in an airstrike in Andar district of southern Ghazni province on Wednesday, officials said.

Ghazni governor's spokesman, Mohammad Arif Noori, told Pajhwok Afghan News foreign forces conducted the air raid in Saheb Khan area this noon, targeting a Taliban meeting. He said 10 insurgents were eliminated and another six wounded in the blitz.

Meanwhile, Saheb Khan residents confirmed the airstrike. A resident of the locality, Mohammad Khan, said Taliban militants were targeted to their area. He said two civilians also suffered injuries in the attack.

The Taliban also confirmed the airstrike. The group's spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, claimed those suffering casualties in the strike were only civilians. The Taliban were targeted in airstrikes for a second time since last week in Andar district, sustaining heavy casualties. *(Pajhwok)*

Acting Nad Ali Police Chief Killed in Taliban Ambush

LASHKARGAH - Acting police chief for Nad Ali district of southern Helmand province has been killed in a Taliban ambush, officials said Wednesday.

Governor's spokesman, Omar Zwak told Pajhwok Afghan News that Abdul Basir, the acting police chief of the district was on way to support Afghan forces in a clash near Lashkargah, the provincial capital when came under Taliban ambush on Tuesday evening.

He said a policeman was also killed and three policemen and two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were wounded in the incident. Eight Taliban fighters also suffered casualties, he said without giving exact figures of dead and wounded.

A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousuf Hashimi tweeted that Taliban stormed a police post in Spin Mamariat area of Nad Ali district on Tuesday night. However, he did...*(More on P4)...(18)*



ICC Introduces Changes to Playing Conditions



KABUL - The International Cricket Council (ICC) has introduced changes to its playing conditions which will take effect from September 28.

A restriction on the dimensions of the bat, introduction of player send-offs for misconduct and changes to the decision review system are the highlights of the new playing conditions.

In a statement, ICC said the changes would commence from the Test series between South Africa and Bangladesh, as well as the one between Pakistan and Sri Lanka in the United Arab Emirates.

The playing conditions will incorporate the relevant clauses from the MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 Code), meaning that all regulations will be captured in one document for each format.

ICC General Manager Geoff Allardice said: "Most of the changes to the playing conditions are being made as a result of changes to the Laws of Cricket that have been announced by the MCC."

"We have just completed a workshop with the umpires to ensure they understand all of the changes and we are now ready to introduce the new playing conditions to international matches."

The size of bat edges as well as their thickness, its length and width remain unchanged but the thickness of the edges could not exceed 40mm. The overall depth can be 67 mm at the most.

Umpires will be issued with a new bat gauge, which they can use to check a bat's legality, according to the statement, which said a player could be sent off the field for...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Security Forces Among 35 Dead in Paktika Offensive



SHARAN - Four security personnel and 31 Taliban have been killed during clashes in the Urgan and Gayan districts of southeastern Paktika province, an official said on Wednesday.

Deputy Police Chief Col. Dadullah Khan Hotak told Pajhwok Afghan News two policemen, as many soldiers and 31 Taliban have been killed in security forces offensive in Urgan and Gayan districts in the past two days.

Brg. Gen. Raham Del Khan, the 203rd Tandar Military Corp infantry commander, said Afghan Air Force assisted security forces on the ground during the offensive and successfully completed.

The Taliban have not yet commented about security forces operations. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You're ready to move your plans for world domination forward today, only to discover that you're not even in control of your own life. The truth is your timing might be off and everything you say could be misconstrued. However, a thorough reassessment of your goals may be in order now.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You may be obsessed with materializing your dreams of adventure, but you're not in a position to take a risk now. Although you don't want to do anything that would possibly jeopardize your job, it's crucial to honor your feelings today. Nevertheless, telling others about your aspirations is not wise.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini Your emotional insecurities could get the best of you today, tempting you to criticize other people's plans. Unfortunately, you might not get the opportunity to share your perspective, which prompts you to turn your negativity inward. Be careful with your thoughts, whether you express them or not. Sometimes it's better to say nothing if you can't say something nice.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You might grow anxious if you think that someone is trying to control your message today. It feels as if your efforts are thwarted before you can bring your truth out into the open. However, the wheels of change are starting to roll, empowering you to hold onto your thoughts until they are heard. In the long run, everyone involved will benefit from the truth.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Your commitment to a project is so strong that you amaze your coworkers with your current dedication. However, your personal opinions might shock them if you share all your thoughts today. For the best results, maintain silence until your innovative concepts are more fully developed.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo You cannot keep your thoughts to yourself today. You know something that you believe must be shared, but others may not want to hear your opinion if it's not in harmony with their reality. Nevertheless, you're so adamant about making your point - even at the risk of creating a scene - that you forge ahead no matter what. Nothing good will come of your persistence now, so let the dynamics of the moment transform on their own.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra People won't leave you alone as they try to get you to spill the beans today. Although you aren't interested in revealing your inner world now, everyone seems to be ignoring your "Do Not Disturb" sign. Unfortunately, their insistence only drives your thoughts deeper, souring your good intentions.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Use caution when communicating because your words could pack a serious punch today. You might say something casually, only to discover later that your message was taken out of context. Happily, you can avoid complications by remembering to always be kind in your personal interactions. Your thoughts possess the power to build or destroy; the choice is yours.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Intellectual currents begin to slowly settle back down to normal now, but you're not willing to sink gently into silence. You sense that a window of opportunity is closing and you want to take action while you still can. However, you must first examine your values and make a statement that inspires others rather than disempowering them. Folksinger Theodore Bikel said, "I have always striven to raise the voice of hope for a world where hate gives way to respect

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You are a force to be reckoned with today, and you won't let anyone stand between you and your goals. You believe that you can accomplish anything now, but you still might run into a snag along the way. Don't just ride roughshod over obstacles; they offer critical feedback that can teach you an important lesson necessary for your success.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

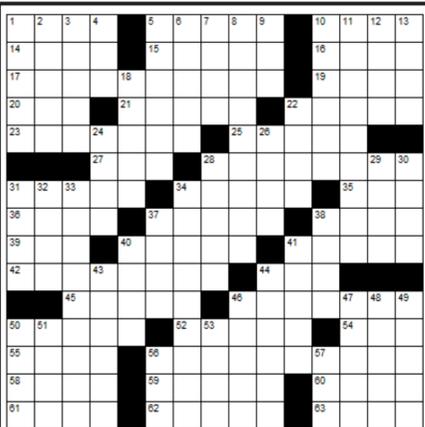


Aquarius You are holding back a tsunami of emotions today, because you don't want them to wash away your intellectual framework. Unfortunately, suppressed feelings wield more power than a string of clever words, rendering your strategy ineffective. Instead of building a restraining wall, grab your surfboard and get ready for an amazing ride.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces A long-standing relationship heats up or someone new catches your eye as intense emotions break through into your awareness today. You feel hard-pressed to resist such powerful forces when your heart is in the mix. Oddly enough, verbal communication can be a distraction from the compelling magic, creating a sense of distance between you and a loved one.



Across

1. Catch, 5. Leered, 10. Breezed through, 14. Daughter of Zeus and Demeter, 15. Blandish, 16. Constellation bear, 17. Eclipse, 19. Optimistic, 20. A Buddhist temple, 21. Mortise and _____, 22. Models, 23. Upwind, 25. Belonging to you, 27. S, 28. Friendly, 31. Ancient unit of dry measure, 34. Wild Asian dog, 35. Consume, 36. Objective, 37. Devout, 38. Mother, 39. Governor (abbrev.), 40. Spirits, 41. Lure, 42. Shepherd, 44. Not many, 45. Way to go, 46. Transportation by air, 50. Washbowl, 52. Stories, 54. Prefix meaning "Modern", 55. Distinctive flair, 56. Instigator, 58. Religious offshoot, 59. Group of eight, 60. A jaunty rhythm, 61. Sounds of disapproval, 62. SSSS, 63. Untidyness

Down

1. Frown with displeasure, 2. Exploded stars, 3. Mountain crest, 4. Needlefish, 5. Not these or those, 6. Opulent, 7. Adriatic resort, 8. Name derived from a person, 9. Morning moisture, 10. Dawn goddess, 11. A horizontal beam, 12. Being, 13. Not nights, 18. Hiding place, 22. Brownish purple, 24. Welt, 26. Anagram of "Silo", 28. A grasp of something, 29. Lantern, 30. French for "State", 31. Hens make them, 32. Milne bear, 33. Backpack, 34. Water pills, 37. He writes in verse, 38. Whimper, 40. Cold-shoulder, 41. Brusque, 43. Scoring units, 44. Meadows, 46. Seaweed, 47. An independent film company, 48. Experiences, 49. Wrongs, 50. Finest, 51. Beers, 53. Picnic insects, 56. Caviar, 57. A high alpine meadow,

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