

Court Holds Open Trial for Suspects in Airport Attack

KANDAHAR CITY - A local court on Thursday held an open trial for seven people allegedly facilitating a coordinated Taliban attack on the airport in southern Kandahar province, an official said.

On December 8, 2015, at least 50 people, including 14 Taliban attackers, were killed after the insurgents stormed the airport in a brazen attack that lasted 20 hours. The attackers were laced with suicide vests, hand grenades and guns, killing 38 civilians, 10 Afghan soldiers and two policemen. The attack also



left 35 shops of civilians, 15 civilian homes, a school building and at least 15 vehicles destroyed or damaged. Intelligence forces had detained seven people accused of their involvement in the attack.

The open trial for the accused was held on Thursday, but ended without any result.

While reading cases of the detainees, the attorney said seven people including Khan, the garrison commander of the airport, had helped the... (More on P4)...(17)

7 Rebels Eliminated, Taliban Repulsed in Faryab

MAIMANA - Seven insurgents have been killed and 11 others wounded during a clash in the northern Faryab province, officials said on Friday.

Nearly 300 Taliban fighters surrounded the headquarters of Daulatabad district over the past three days, but Afghan security personnel on Thursday reached for support and launched offensive against Taliban, the provincial police chief, Col. Syed Aqa Andarabi, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Taliban escaped from the area after the death of their seven fighters and injuring of 11 others, he said. A car and three motorbikes of Taliban were burnt during the gun battle and four other motorcycles were seized by security personnel, he said.

However, a member of provincial council, Abdul Ahad Elbaik, said a civilian car was also damaged and its driver was injured in a roadside bombing in the area.

An official, who wished anonymity, said a military... (More on P4)...(21)

21 Crime Suspects Detained in Herat in 10 Days

HERAT CITY - Police have detained 21 people on terrorism and other criminal charges in western Herat province, an official said on Thursday.

Provincial police chief Maj. Gen. Abdul Majeed Rozi told a news conference the 21 individuals had been detained during the past 10 days for allegedly planting bombs, kidnappings, armed robberies and trafficking illegal weapons.

He said the detainees included a Taliban commander, Qari Omaid, accused of killing a number of residents and police officers in Herat.



The police chief said police had also defused a number of landmines during their operations. Eleven military uniforms and some explosives had been recovered from the detainees, Rozi claimed, adding Herat police were decisively fighting against all kind of criminals.

Few days ago, a number of... (More on P4)...(18)

Munitions Depot Seized in Paktika

SHARAN - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Friday said that the intelligence personnel seized Taliban's huge cache of arms and ammunition in the southeastern province of Paktika.

The depot containing weapons of different kinds, explosives, military uniforms, land mines and walkie-talkies, was recovered by the NDS personnel in the Mohammadkhel area on the outskirts of Sharan, the provincial capital of Paktika, an intelligence source said. No one was arrested in connection with the munitions' store, the source said. A resident of Sharan, Hikmatullah Sharanwal, was happy over the achievement of intelligence personnel, saying the NDS agents saved the lives of many people by recovering the cache. (Pajhwok)

Prisoner Makes Sculptural Portrait of Clinton

NILI - An Afghan prisoner in the central Daikundi province, made a bust of Hillary Clinton, the Democratic presidential front-runner of the United States for her supporting remarks about Muslims during the election campaign.

Sher Hassan Huwaida, an inmate in Daikundi jail, told Pajhwok Afghan News he made half statue of Clinton over the past six months. He was always optimistic for peace and stability in Afghanistan, so he supported the leading democrat candidate in the



hope that she will struggle for peace and security in Afghanistan.

During the presidential campaign between Donald Trump and Clinton, Huwaida was trying to know who was thinking for peace in the world. Later, he realized that the slogans of Clinton were concentrating on human rights issues.

"I heard the remarks of Clinton, saying that both Muslims and Christians... (More on P4)...(22)

Alcoholic Drinks Seized in Kabul

KABUL - Police in capital Kabul on Thursday seized a container carrying alcoholic drinks imported from Pakistan and arrested three persons, including two Pakistanis.

Brig. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, the 101 Asmai Zone police commander, told reporters the banned beverages were concealed in a 40-feet long container and recovered by counter-narcotics officials. He said the container, full wine bottles, had entered Afghanistan through the Torkham border crossing and three individuals had been arrested in connection with the seizure. He did not give further details about the arrested persons and said Afghanistan was an Islamic country and would not allow any activity against Sharia Law.

Rahimi said police had arrested 57 sellers of alcoholic drinks in Kabul during the past one month. He warned all those involved in such illegal activities of legal action. The police commander... (More on P4)...(19)

8-Year-Old Girl Married off in Place of Missing Sister

PUL-I-KHUMRI - In line with a bizarre decision of some tribal elders from the Nahrin district of northern Baghlan province, a minor girl has been married off to a 20 years old man in place of her missing sister.

Shah Zaman, 45, father of the 8-year-old, said some gunmen forced their way into his house and took away one of his daughters already engaged two months back. He has no information about his daughter's whereabouts.

Zaman said his 8-year-old daughter's marriage happened after her elder sister was forcibly taken away by



the gunmen. The fiancé of his kidnapped daughter came to his house along with some elders. In a show of coercion, the fiancé tied the knot with his 8-year-old girl.

A month back, the little girl was accompanied by her father to Pul-i-Khumri -- and lodged a complaint with police. But to date, no remedial measure has been taken on... (More on P4)...(20)

Troops Struggle to Secure Lashkargah-Sangin Route

KABUL - Two months ago Afghan security forces started a military operation to reopen the Lashkargah-Sangin highway in southern Helmand province but despite this, the Taliban still has a widespread presence along a large section of the route. Security officials in the province argued that the pace of the operation is slow because

they want to prevent civilian casualties. But reports have emerged that the Taliban planted land mines under culverts on the route and littered the... (More on P4)...(23)

7 Rebels, as Many Afghan Soldiers Killed in Herat, Kandahar

KABUL - Seven insurgents, as many Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have been killed and 14 other militants wounded in western Herat and southern Kandahar provinces, the

Ministry of Defence said on Friday. Five militants were eliminated and 10 others wounded on Thursday during an ANA operation in the Ghorak district of Kandahar, a statement from the ministry, said. Seven ANA soldiers were also killed in the offensive, the statement added. Separately, two bomb making experts were perished by their own explosives in... (More on P4)...(24)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

An unrelenting influx of new information from multiple directions entices you to change your mind today. However, the most critical things you learn now don't necessarily arrive through regular communication channels. You might think you're being offered a direct connection to the center of the cosmos, but the creative juice is really originating within your own imagination.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Previous assumptions are quickly shattered today as a friend relates a story that blasts open your mind to reveal a new point of view. Normally, you are resistant to this kind of sudden change, but your mind races ahead now and eagerly integrates the exciting ideas. Make the most of your newly acquired intellectual freedom while you're still riding the adrenaline rush.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Surprising changes in your career path can bring dramatic fluctuations to your finances in the form of an unexpected windfall or an unscheduled expenditure. Remember, you're likely to overreact as your mind makes quantum somersaults today, so don't assume that your acrobatic thinking is without flaws. Reconsider any large purchase before you acquire something you don't really want.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're too quick to put up protective boundaries now as coworkers insist that you execute your job in a very specific manner. Unfortunately, you might have a totally different idea about how to go about your work, but it's nearly impossible to put your thoughts into words today. Meanwhile, people may assume you're keeping a big secret if you seem nervous.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Unusual thoughts can lure you into unfamiliar waters today, and you must travel alone on this journey of the soul. You may be concentrating on finding the solution to a particular problem, yet you are actually poised to make a larger breakthrough now. Don't share your ideas with anyone else yet; it's better to be quiet and explore your own thought process without interruption.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Limiting your communication to the facts won't prevent a conversation from drifting into uncharted territory. Clever Mercury and brilliant Uranus send shockwaves to the masterful Capricorn Moon, brightening your dreams and synchronizing your nervous system with the present moment. Cultivate a flexible attitude; your willingness to change gives you the chance to learn so much about yourself and the world.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You could wake up feeling like you can't please everyone now, so why should you bother trying? Anyhow, the Cosmos wants you to be outrageously original today, and as unconventional as possible. Breaking free from predictable patterns can actually strengthen your hand, so be experimental - or even slightly rebellious -- as you move outside your normal safety zone.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

It feels as if your mind is running a repeating loop of movie trailers featuring your possible future paths. Surprisingly, these flashes of light are not matching up to your five-year plan. There's no reason to panic because your current fantasies are simply your way to rebel against the status quo. However, there may be ingenious ideas worth pursuing that could disappear due to the sheer volume.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your first reaction to new opportunities on the horizon may reflect your need to control anything that's beyond the immediate sphere of your influence. Thankfully, you can see that relationship dynamics are shifting for good reason. Nevertheless, you're not ready to jump on board of the next big thing that appears on your radar now. Fortunately, the tension eases once you accept the new direction your life is taking and recognize.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

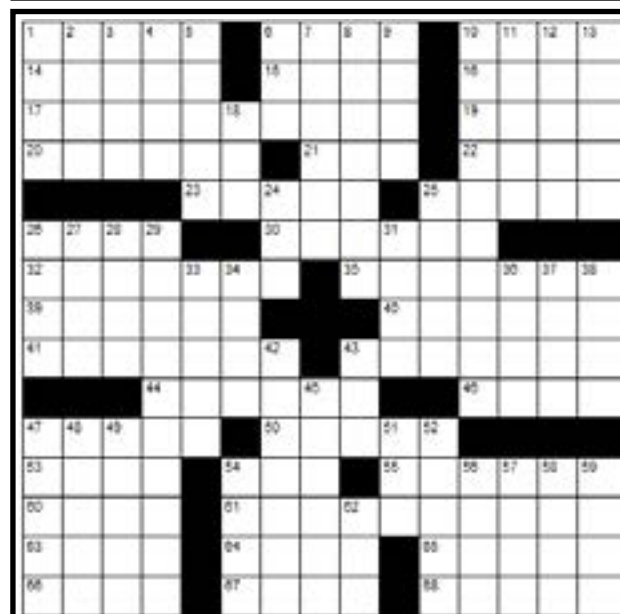
You're one to build your reality on stable foundations, yet trouble can develop if uncertainty or self-doubt turns you overly rigid. Today's lessons can help you understand exactly where in your life you need to loosen up, especially when you must respond to the feelings of others. Fear of change is your nemesis now, so practice flexibility as you stretch and bend in the face of emotional transformation.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You are living in a data-rich environment, so make maximum use of everything you're currently learning by thinking as far outside of the box as you can. Your key planet, eccentric Uranus, is on day two of receiving an interplanetary power boost from intelligent Mercury. By incorporating your radical ideas into the flow of events now, you inspire everyone around you to be more original in their thought process.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You have a galaxy full of magic at your disposal today, but you must take the initiative to start something new. Of course, you can share your emotional spontaneity by communicating a message from your heart, but it might not work if you take too much time searching for the right words. There's no reason to rationalize your desire to establish a deeper connection with a friend. Just reach out by coming from a place of love.



Across

1. Entry permits, 6. Anthracite, 10. Taxis, 14. Without company, 15. Chocolate cookie, 16. Emanation, 17. A board with wheels, 19. Goad, 20. Inuit, 21. Foot digit, 22. Train track, 23. Flies alone, 25. Mountainous, 26. Laboratories, 30. Arousing, 32. Asserted, 35. Rational, 39. Required, 40. Completely, 41. Demesnes, 43. Mollify, 44. Burrow, 46. Resorts, 47. Caused by streptococci, 50. Make improvements, 53. Not now, 54. A spider spins this, 55. Showy, 60. Thorny flower, 61. Illogical, 63. Angers, 64. Lock openers, 65. Sacred hymn, 66. Picnic insects, 67. False god, 68. Trades.

Down

1. Flower holder, 2. Varieties, 3. Saturate, 4. Against, 5. Appears, 6. Loving murmur, 7. Public speaker, 8. Spray can, 9. Prospector's find, 10. Impulsive, 11. Hearing-related, 12. Grill, 13. In an unfortunate way, 18. Ghost's cry, 24. Directed, 25. and lows, 26. Alley, 27. Beers, 28. Decay from overripening, 29. Solemnity, 31. Drags, 33. Outfit, 34. Biblical garden, 36. Applaud, 37. Aquatic plant, 38. Caustics, 42. Smiled contemptuously, 43. Beer, 45. Fertilized egg, 47. Stripes, 48. Prickle, 49. Adjust again, 51. Excluding, 52. Drops, 54. A collaborative website, 56. Schnozzola, 57. A Freudian stage, 58. Gangly, 59. Shade trees, 62. American Sign Language.

Yesterday's Solution



anchor, armor, benefit, blend, blind, dean, desire, enjoy, enmity, frequent, grain, haunt, hayloft, hoot, legislate, liana, lode, merlin, noble, obtuse, odious, pitch, plant, pollen, probe, quiver, rack, raven, repugnant, river, selfish, slang, sneak, spook, straw.

