



Kunduz Traffic Officials Fine Drivers Without Issuing Tickets

KUNDUZ CITY - A number of drivers in northern Kunduz province accuse provincial traffic department officials of pocketing fine money imposed on them.

Amruddin, a truck driver in Kunduz city, told Pajhwok Afghan News that traffic officers most of the times took fine money or taxes from them without issuing them official letter or tickets in return.

"I came from the Port Town today, traffic officers charged me 300 afghanis but I did not receive any official paper for that," he said.

A number of other drivers held similar complaints and asked the officials concerned to stop fine money collection in an illegal manner.

A person, who was collecting money from drivers on a road in Chardara Port Town, in response to a question, said, "Please turn off your camera, I am not the head of this job, I am just tasked to collect money from drivers, go to our chief, he is over there."

A person named Bismillah, who is responsible for collecting transport taxes in the area, did not register money in the official book of the transport department.

He said, "Yes I did not register the money in the book because I was busy today." He declined to talk more about the issue.

On the other hand, Kunduz transport director Sayed Jawad Jalali, said that he was unaware about the issue.

"No one has so far complained to us about this issue, if you have video or evidence about this problem, you can share them with us, we will follow it," he said.

The Kunduz transport director had earlier told Pajhwok Afghan News that the transport revenue of the province increased by 31 percent last year. (Pajhwok)

NATO Commander Supports Afghan Peace Process



KABUL - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Abdullah on Monday called a comprehensive peace agreement a longstanding ambition of the nation.

At a meeting with NATO Commander Gen. Scott Miller here, the CEO praised international

allies for their continued support to Afghanistan.

A statement from Abdullah's office quoted Gen. Miller as reaffirming the coalition's supports for the ongoing peace efforts in Afghanistan.

The coalition, while continuing to support Afghan armed forces and

the national unity government, would push ahead with counter-terrorism operations.

Miller added that Afghanistan, the United States and NATO had a strong relationship based on common values and shared interests. (Pajhwok)

Suicide Attack Planners Among 12 Killed in Helmand



KABUL - At least 12 Taliban insurgents, including seven organisers of suicide attacks, have been killed and several others wounded in southern Helmand province.

In a statement, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said the special forces raided a Taliban hideout in the Showrki area of Nahr-i-Saraj district on Sunday night.

Seven planners of suicide attacks were killed and an explosives-laden vehicle destroyed, the statement said.

Elsewhere, five militants were killed and seven others wounded as a result of a clash with the security forces in the Trekh Zaber area of Nawa district, the ministry claimed.

The statement from MoI did not provide details about policemen's casualties.

Omar Zwak, the governor's spokesman, confirmed the special forces' operation. However, he was unaware of details.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahmadi wrote on his Twitter account that six security personnel were killed after the fighters attacked check-posts in Nahr-i-Saraj district. (Pajhwok)

5 Security Personnel Killed, 6 Captured by Taliban



KABUL - Five security personnel have been killed in a fierce gunbattle with the Taliban in northern Sari Pul province, an official said in Monday.

The firefight -- sparked off by Taliban attacks on two security checkpoints in Suzma

Qala district on Sunday night -- continued until Monday morning.

Two security officials were injured in the clash, said Zabihullah Amani, spokesman for the governor. The attackers also captured six soldiers. (Pajhwok)

Panic as 2 'Rabid' Dog Bite 20 People in Parwan



CHARIKAR - Two suspected rabid dogs bit 20 people, including 13 school children, within 24 hours in Jabal Saraj district of central Parwan province, spreading a great panic, an official said Monday.

The victims included children, women and men, said Abdul Rauf Sarwari, technical and sectorial sector head of the district.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News the suspected rabid dogs attacked 20 people, including 13 students who were on their way to school.

The victims were residents of Qala Sorkh, Qala Sahra, Mayan Gozar, Gozar Paean and Gul Bahar villages of the district.

He said the bitten individuals were provided ... (More on P4)... (12)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Have fun today, Aries, but make sure you're always professional and polite. Appearance and a good-natured demeanor will get you far. Avoid rude comments or dirty jokes when in large groups of people. You may get a chuckle from those around you, but realize that this sort of behavior isn't always looked upon kindly.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Today may be filled with conflict when your legs carry you one way while your heart tugs you in a completely different direction, Taurus. Don't get caught in an uncomfortable situation like this. If you move around on automatic pilot all the time, you may end up missing out on the things your heart truly longs for.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Look for answers to your question today, Gemini. The good news is that the answers are now out there and easily accessible. Seek the truth and you will find it. Make sure you probe more deeply than you might think to do. Instead of just asking for the answer, seek to find the full mechanics behind the problem. In this way, you're much more likely to find ultimate success.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may not necessarily approve of the behavior of the people around you, Cancer, but that doesn't mean you need to make their lives miserable. Be more accepting of others. Don't feel like you need to teach people a lesson simply because you don't understand their ways of life.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You have an extra amount of physical vitality to work with now, Leo, so take advantage of it to give your body a good workout. Eat well and avoid fatty, salty foods. Fuel yourself with carbohydrates, protein, and fresh fruits and vegetables. With high energy, you can get a tremendous amount accomplished.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may feel like you're on the run in some way or other today, Libra. It may even seem like someone is chasing you. They're right on your heels and you're doing everything in your power to stay one step ahead. Have confidence in yourself. You will accomplish everything you need to do and still finish in front of the pack. There's a great deal of high energy coming your way.

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Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Every day is a new start and new chance, Scorpio. Don't get upset or angry over past events. Don't dwell on things you can't change. Your whole life can turn around in a day, so start every morning with a positive outlook. As you wash your face in the morning, think of it as a renewal. Clean off the debris from yesterday while welcoming the freshness of a new day.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Try not to be overwhelmed by the frenzied activity around you, Sagittarius. Unexpected variables are popping up everywhere, and your first reaction may be to flip out. This is the opposite reaction that you need to have now. Calm yourself down and take small bites. Don't try to eat the whole eight-course meal in one five-minute sitting.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

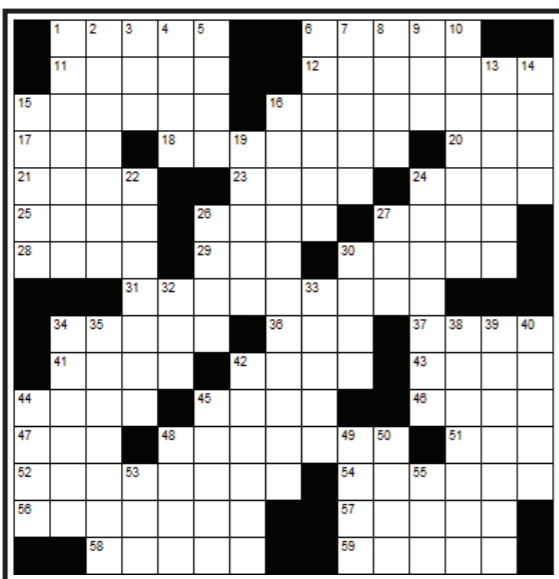
You may feel as if you're the only one who picks up on the nuances of conversations and actions around you, Capricorn. Your reaction to things is more than likely quite strong and will have a much greater impact on you now. Use this day to turn things around. It's time for you to create a stir.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may feel emotionally on fire today, Aquarius. One conversation with someone will suddenly spark a discussion of some sort that proves extremely valuable to you in the long run. Expand your mind. You can learn a great deal by opening yourself up to the truth. Making connections with others will help pave the way toward your success.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Bring more of your feelings into the open today, Pisces. Don't be so paranoid about what other people think. At times you may feel as if you're in some sort of spy movie with you playing the lead role. The people around you are other players in the game, and you may feel that sometimes they can't be trusted. Maybe they're working for the enemy. It's time to dismiss these thoughts from your mind.



Across

1. Dimwit, 6. Sail supports, 11. Whinny, 12. Aroused, 15. Yearn, 16. In an empty or futile manner, 17. Pelt, 18. Supercilium, 20. American Dental Association, 21. Chocolate cookie, 23. Slender, 24. Toboggan, 25. A musical pause, 26. Ear-related, 27. Equips, 28. At one time (archaic), 29. Damp, 30. The ability to see, 31. Engorged, 34. Mommies, 36. Caviar, 37. Frosts, 41. French for "State", 42. Ranch, 43. Male undergrad social club, 44. Secluded valley, 45. A mooring post, 46. Bygone era, 47. Whole, 48. Under, 51. In song, the loneliest number, 52. Hung around, 54. Victor, 56. Cardigan, 57. S-shaped moldings, 58. Out of practice, 59. Not tall,

Down

1. Underwriter, 2. Make downhearted, 3. 3 in Roman numerals, 4. Monster, 5. Not we, 6. System of weights and measures, 7. Adage, 8. Flat-bottomed boat, 9. " " the season to be jolly", 10. Avoiding detection, 13. Not the youngest, 14. Twosome, 15. Previously, 16. Wiped out, 19. A chemical compound, 22. Footstool, 24. Denote, 26. Is indebted to, 27. Cry of disgust, 30. Flower stalk, 32. Big wine holder, 33. Heart artery, 34. Easygoing, 35. Artist's workroom, 38. Balladeer, 39. Sincere, 40. Drive, 42. Showy attire, 44. Not guys, 45. Type of cap, 48. Wagers, 49. 2 2 2 2, 50. Not low, 53. Letter after sigma, 55. Prefix meaning "Modern",

Yesterday's Solution

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