

DCA Officers Help to Destroy Heroin Lab in Badakhshan

KABUL - Tajik drug control officers helped Afghan law enforcement authorities destroy a heroin lab in Afghan Badakhshan Province, Tajikistan's Drug Control Agency (DCA) said Wednesday. The DCA officers received information that a resident of Ozumghul village in Afghanistan's Badakhshan Province had organized a heroin lab. An operation carried out by the Afghan police led to the arrest of the lab owner and his accomplice. 135 kilograms of raw opium, 31 liters of ammonium chloride acid and special equipment for processing opium into ...*(More on P4)...(17)*



School Teacher Gunned Down

JALALABAD - Unknown gunmen shot dead a high school teacher in the Batikot district of eastern Nangarhar province on Wednesday, an official said. Noor Mohammad, the 27-year-old who taught at the district's high school, was on his way to school from home when two gunmen on a motorcycle sprayed him with bullets shortly after 10am, a spokesman for the Ministry of Education, Kabir Haqmal, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said Noor Mohammad was resident of the district and had been educating the country's children. Due to his passion for children's education, Mohammad had been teaching at a primary school as a honorary teacher an addition to his job at the high school, Haqmal said. The Ministry of Education condemned the killing of Mohammad in a statement that asked security organs to arrest and bring to justice his killers. Nangarhar Education Department's spokesman Asif Shinwari told Pajhwok Afghan News Noor Mohammad ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Operation to Clear Kabul-Ghazni Highway, 20 Insurgent Detained



KABUL - The Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) has launched a joint operation in central Maidan Wardak province to clear the Kabul-Ghazni highway from the insurgents. The operation commander Aminullah Mubin told TOLONews that the operation was launched in Sayed Abad district where 13 civilians were shot dead by the insurgents a few days ago. Along with arresting 20 Taliban insurgents, Mubin added that several villages have also been cleared of the militants. He noted that the civilians were not harmed in the operation. The Taliban, however, have not commented so far in this regard. *(Tolonews)*

Policemen among 8 Dead in Firefight

SAR-I-PUL - At least four militants and as many policemen were killed on Wednesday when rebels mounted attack on a police check post in northern Sar-i-Pul



province, provincial police chief said. Col. Noor Habib Gulbahari told Pajhwok Afghan News that police had started operation in different areas since last three days. Four insurgents also wounded in the gun battle, he added. Asadullah Khuram, member of provincial council, said Makhdoom Basir, a local elder in Sancharak district, along with his son was killed in a combat with Taliban. The militants stopped vehicles on main road and kidnapped 11 persons in Sancharak and Balkhab districts. However, police did not confirm the kidnapping of people so far. Separately, Sayed Faiz Ullah Saadat, director of Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said a woman had been killed in a flood last night in Suzma Qila district. *(Pajhwok)*

Taliban and Hezb-I-Islami Militants Fight in Maidan Wardak

MAIDAN SHAHR - Two groups of rebels belonging to Taliban and Hezb-i-Islami have fought with each other in Maidan Wardak province leaving Taliban's intelligence chief for Narkh District killed. A statement issued by Maidan Wardak Province Media & Information Center (MWP media center) states that the incident took place in Karimdad area of Narkh District last night. Cause of the clash is not identified.



The statement adds that two Taliban insurgents were also killed during security operation in Tukrak area of Narkh District last night. According to the statement three AK47 and three transmission sets belonging to the insurgents killed were also seized by the security forces. Security forces and civilians have not suffered casualties during the operation, the statement adds. *(KP)*

2 Kidnapped Policemen Beheaded

FAIZABAD - Foreign militants beheaded two policemen after kidnapping them in northeastern Badakhshan province, where three Taliban insurgents joined the peace process, the acting governor said on Wednesday. Shah Wali Adeb told Pajhwok Afghan News the two public order police officials had been abducted by militants during an attack on their check post in the Juram district. Their beheaded bodies were found late on Tuesday, he said, claiming as many as 120 Chechen, Uzbek and ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Would-be Suicide Bomber among 3 Arrested

KABUL - Police in northern Kunduz province detained three persons including a would-be suicide bomber, a statement from the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said Wednesday. Farhad, 20, and his two friends were detained during special operation on the outskirts of Imam Sahib district, the statement said. It added that the detained individuals confessed to committing the crime and carry out a terror bid in Imam Sahib district. Police spokesman Sayyed Sarwar Hussaini confirmed the arrest of the men. *(Pajhwok)*

Policemen among 5 Dead in Fresh Bout of Violence

KABUL - Three police officers have been killed in separate security incidents in northern Baghlan and Faryab provinces, officials said Wednesday. A civilian was killed in a bomb explosion in northwestern Badghis province. A security official in Baghlan told Pajhwok Afghan News two policemen were killed when their pick-up they were travelling in hit by a roadside bomb in Gujrabad area of Dahna-i-Ghori district last night. A resident of the area Mohammad Nasim identified the slain policemen as Gul Mohammad and Zulmai. He said the dead bodies of the policemen were still laying at the incident scene. However, a Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed killing a police commander along with six policemen and seizing their pick-up, a rocket, four Kalashnikovs and some ammunition. Separately, a policeman was mysteriously killed in a security post on Maimana-Almar Highway in Faryab province. The Almar district police Chief Col. Sayed Aqa ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Militants Threaten District Officers to Quit Jobs

MAHMOUD RAQI - Taliban threatened government officers of Ala Sayee district of central Kapisa province to quit their government jobs within one week or be ready for assassination, residents said on Wednesday. Khairullah, a resident of the district and an employ of Afghan Local Police (ALP), told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban had been warning them to quit their jobs otherwise they would be killed and their houses torched.



Shah Agha, another resident of the district and an officer in the district centre, said that Taliban had warned all government officers to stop working with government. "They warned us that they would kill us if we continue

our jobs," he confirmed, adding that foreign rebels had recently sneaked to their area and terrorizing people. Another dweller of the area wishing to go unnamed said it was the first time they received such warnings from armed rebels. "The militants have also threatened school teachers and all other government officers," the source said. Most of the government officers feared and they may stop ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)
Your life is unfolding in warp-speed motion today, yet it might not seem overwhelming at all. In fact, you could be experiencing great pleasure in keeping up with the hectic pace. Paradoxically, you are quite realistic about the hard work ahead, even if your ideas about all your current projects are blown out of proportion.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)
You don't need anyone to inspire you today; you woke up with a specific agenda in mind and are eager to do nearly anything to manifest your dreams. Although you're optimistic about achieving your objectives, the frenzied atmosphere at work takes a lot out of you as you try to tame the chaos. You may crave peace and quiet, but you might not be so lucky to find it now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
You may be surprised by the consistency of enthusiastic support you are receiving from your coworkers and friends now. Try as you might to remain calm and collected, you are more likely to be thrilled by the variety of possibilities in front of you. Keep in mind that even the most stable relationship needs to evolve so you can take full advantage of an upcoming opportunity. Don't be content with the comfort of stability.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)
You can tell that the days ahead may present a few challenges, even if you're looking forward to the work. However, you might need to show your muscle by taking control of the situation and steering it in the right direction. Unfortunately, so much is going on now that you can't stay on top of every minute detail. Your best strategy is to pick a project and give it your very best.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)
You want to take time off to play today but you might have too many responsibilities to just get up and go. Although taskmaster Saturn rains on your parade in your 5th House of Recreation, you can still find a way to express your joy. You may be frustrated because it feels like certain aspects of your life have grown out of control. Even if you are facing trials and tribulations now.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)
You may be required to grow in unexpected ways now by exercising your compassionate side, especially if complicated relationship dynamics are at play. However, you can't pretend you're comfortable with what's going on if you're not. But the kindest solution to this dilemma is to take the time to try to understand the motives of those you love.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)
Your long-term objectives may be in jeopardy, especially if others are relying on you more than you expected. Unfortunately, you could be so enthusiastic that you over-commit every which way you turn today. Nevertheless, you're being guided now by a sensible inner voice that reminds you to slow down and be methodical in your approach, which gives you the time needed to be present for someone else.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)
New opportunities seem to come your way at work now, but they actually originate from you and not anyone else. Your positive and passionate attitude may have more to do with your response to the flow of external events than anything else. Good fortune could change at the drop of a hat unless you develop a practice around learning to graciously accept the abundance of the universe.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)
It may seem like the unshakable foundation you have been seeking is now very close to materializing -- even if it's still just somewhere out on the horizon. You nostalgically yearn for a lost certainty to guide you through the complex choices ahead. But your potential growth depends upon temporarily letting go of your dreams of stability. Instead, be open to fulfillment in the present moment and not in some distant future.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)
You are attempting to gracefully balance your relentless drive to get ahead with your irrepensible desire for security. Sometimes you're not satisfied with your current circumstances, yet neither are you willing to risk your position just to achieve more. You might think that it's impossible to make steady gains today, but you can accomplish more than you expect if you take it one step at a time.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)
Something has changed and you aren't clear yet as to how all the pieces of the picture will fit back together. Relationships demand your immediate attention and you are willing to do your part to reap the rewards. Although you are finally at the beginning of a new cycle, you still must practice patience, for balancing self-restraint with enthusiasm is an ongoing process.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)
If you applied yourself effectively over the past weeks, you will be recognized now for a job well done. Kudos from your coworkers or even your boss surely brightens your outlook. You could even receive an influx of unexpected cash as the radiant Sun in your 2nd House of Money harmonizes with lucky Jupiter in your 6th House of Work. Fortunately, the abundance of the cosmos will take care of you now if you just let go and let it.

Across

1. Roll a ball, 5. To the rear, 10. Bristle, 14. Dull pain, 15. Steam, 16. Visual organs, 17. Unnecessarily, 19. Harvest, 20. Glass container, 21. Signed, 22. Anagram of "Stabs" 23. Burdensome, 25. Country of the Nile, 27. Half of a pair, 28. Standards, 31. One , who is excessively proper, 34. Wild Asian dog, 35. Arrive (abbrev.), 36. Breezy, 37. Brandish, 38. Perishes, 39. Neither ___, 40. Roof overhangs, 41. Feel, 42. Disciplinarian, 44. Calypso offshoot, 45. Nerds, 46. Inauspicious, 50. Tribes, 52. Implied 54. Ribonucleic acid, 55. Horse feed, 56. Billy club, 58. Place, 59. Habituate, 60. Competent, 61. Contributes, 62. S-shaped moldings, 63. Fastens

Down

1. Stringed instrument, 2. Sea, 3. What place?, 4. Directed, 5. Boulevard, 6. Savors, 7. Church alcove, 8. Drivels, 9. Attempt, 10. Colorful wrap, 11. Asthenopia, 12. Nipple, 13. Vipers, 18. Kings of the jungle, 22. 8 bits of data, 24. Optimistic, 26. Decorate with gold leaf, 28. Inspire, 29. Angers, 30. Backside, 31. Shallow metal containers, 32. Violent disturbance, 33. Watered, 34. Disinvesting, 37. Travel on foot, 38. University administrator, 40. Anagram of "Seek", 41. Sketches, 43. Nose count, 44. Hits, 46. Fall color, 47. Small African antelope, 48. Parental brother, 49. Purposes, 50. Soft drink, 51. Placed, 53. Chills and fever, 56. Prefix meaning "Modern", 57. Make lace

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