

Kabul Police Thwart Potential Car Bomb

KABUL - Police captured an explosives-laden vehicle and four militants late on Sunday night, preventing a potential terrorist attack, a senior security official said on Monday.

The explosives-laden car was intercepted east of Kabul City and four men sitting in the vehicle were detained, Kabul police chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Magnetic bombs, weapons and food supplement tablets were also recovered from the four men, who wanted to transfer the explosives to Kabul for terrorist ... (More on P4)...(15)



100 Trained in Different Programmes



GARDAIZ - Independent Administrative Reforms and Civil Services Commission (IARCSC) helped trained around one hundred trainees in different programmes in south-eastern Paktia province.

Eng. Obaid Ullah Merhoni, director of IARCSC, told Pajhwok Afghan News on Monday that the participants received six-month long training in management, computer and English language courses.

Out of those trained persons, around 20 were female, he said, adding that it was the 9th batch of those graduated in different courses. He said the next batch would commence soon. ... (More on P4)...(16)

Nuristan to Have Drug Rehabilitation Hospital

JALALABAD - More than 1,000 people are addicted to drugs in two districts alone in eastern Nuristan province and efforts underway to establish a rehabilitation centre for them, officials said on Monday.

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Badghis Floods Cause Losses



QALA-E-NAW - Latest wave of flash floods left main Herat Highway and ready crops damaged in the Maqur district in northwestern Badghis province, a senior official at the governor's office said on Monday.

Sharf-ud-Din Majidi told Pajhwok Afghan News that flood caused damages in other districts of the province. However, he said he did not have exact details into damages caused by natural disaster.

The latest wave of floods last Sunday damaged three bridges on main Herat Highway which left the road closed for traffic.

Eng. Maliha, director public works department, said efforts were on to reopen the road. Majidi said one person died and several houses damaged in the floods. (Pajhwok)

US Embassy Honors Late Smedinghoff

KABUL - The US Embassy on Monday delivered textbooks to Afghan schoolchildren to honor late US diplomat in Afghanistan Anne Smedinghoff who was killed in an attack in Zabol province.

"Today, we honor her memory and her service by continuing her mission to deliver textbooks to Afghan schoolchildren," a statement released by the embassy said.

On April 6, 2013, the statement recalled Smed-



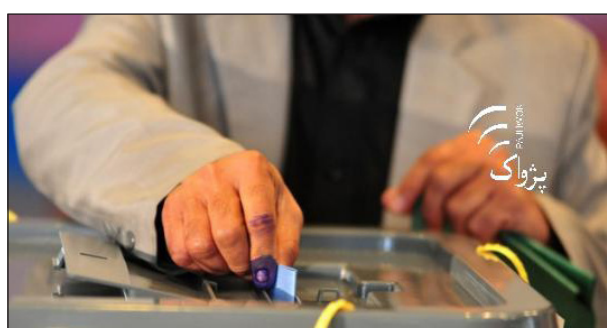
inghoff, 25, was in the company of civilian, military and Afghan colleagues, four of whom also perished in the attack along with her. It said that seven other persons in that attack suffered injuries. "We honor their memories and the sacrifices they made in service to the US and Afghanistan," the statement concluded. (Pajhwok)

Analysts Paint Bleak Picture of Unity Govt's Performance

KABUL - Painting a bleak picture of unity government's one year performance, political analysts believe the incumbent government has virtually wasted its first year.

Presidential spokesman Ajmal Obaid Abidi, however, insisted the government had achieved several milestones such as bringing tangible reforms in the country's foreign policy.

Last year, on this day, the presidential elections took place, which went to



the second round. However, after political wrangling over results, the final announcement came after six months delay. Delay in formation of the cabinet after a year is said to be an ample proof that demonstrates government inefficiency. Of 25 ministers, only eight ministers managed to get a vote of confidence from ... (More on P4)...(21)

Former Taliban Members among 5 Dead in Violence



SHIBERGHAN - Militants gunned down a policeman and three former Taliban members who joined peace process recently in northwestern Jawzjan province, an official said Monday.

Acting Governor Bai Murad Quinly told Pajhwok Afghan News that a policeman and three former Taliban commanders were killed and five others wounded in the attack.

In addition, he said that two police ranger pick-ups destroyed in militants' attack in Jarqadaq village of Qoshtapa district late Sunday evening. He said ... (More on P4)...(19)

Dismembered Body of Girl Found after Six Months

HERAT - The dismembered body of a young girl was found from a well in western Herat province of Afghanistan six months after she went missing.

According to local security officials, the dismembered body of the girl identified as Fariba was found from the 6th police district of Herat city on Sunday night.

The officials further added that the girl was apparently murdered by the lecturer ... (More on P4)...(20)

Terrorist Arrested, Hidden Ammunition Depot Seized

PUL-E-KHUMRI - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - has arrested a terrorist and sized a hidden weapon depot of terrorists during separate operations in northern Baghlan province.

According to information released by NDS in Kabul, the arrested terrorist was involved in several terrorist activi-

ties.

A statement issued by NDS on Monday identifies the terrorist as Mohammad Rasool resident of Baghlan-i-Markazi District who belongs to Mullah Khudaidad Noor group.

The statement further states that NDS personnel in a separate action seized a hidden weapon depot of terrorist also in the ... (More on P4)...(18)

Three ALP Killed in Roadside Mine Blast

GAZRDEZ - Three Afghan Local Police (ALP) were killed in a roadside mine blast in southern Paktia province on Sunday, local officials said.

The incident took place in Ahmadkhil district of the province after the

ALP vehicle hit a roadside mine, District Governor, Eid Mohammad Ahmadzai said. "All the victims were members of the same family," he said. The Taliban has claimed responsibility for the blast. (Tolnews)

4 Police, 2 Civilians Killed in Blast

KABUL - At least four policemen and two civilians were killed in a roadside bomb in Qarabagh district of Kabul on Monday, local officials said.

The blast occurred in Sabz Sang area of Qarabagh after a police vehicle struck a roadside mine, District Governor, Abdul Sami

Sharif said. "The blast took place near a mosque while people were gathered for a funeral ceremony. The police vehicle was passing the area (when it hit the mine)," he said. So far no group, including the Taliban, has ... (More on P4)...(22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You might suddenly realize there is a limit to your seemingly bottomless well of vitality. You could be running on empty now because it's unlikely that you conserved much energy over the past few weeks. Don't pretend that you can continue to carry on without making some much-needed modifications to your lifestyle.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)



Your biggest and best ideas could create problems today if you have overextended your reach. You might even feel desperate, leading you to believe that your increased effort will overcome poor planning. If your current strategy isn't working now, let it go and try something else. It's better to shift your focus than to set yourself up for failure.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Although you naturally play well with others, good intentions might not be sufficient while your key planet Mercury is in direct conflict with unrelenting Pluto. Today's Mercury-Pluto square impacts your 11th House of Friends, provoking a social meltdown if circumstances push you too far. Instead of cleverly sidestepping confrontation, your current strategy might be to issue an ultimatum to someone who oversteps your boundaries.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You may need to stand up to a powerful person today, even if you prefer to remain silent and go about your business. However, it's easier to express your feelings now, especially if you believe you have exhausted all other options. You could be required to take a leap of faith to initiate a difficult conversation, but surprisingly, the discussion rolls along smoothly once you begin.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Finding the confidence you need to make progress is currently challenging because people who are usually on your side might now be playing for the other team. But don't let self-doubt drain your energy even if someone appears to be covertly working against your best interests. It may be tempting to engage in verbal conflict today, especially if it gives you a chance to clear the air.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You are tempted to pull out all the stops and tell your current nemesis exactly what you think today but, unfortunately, this kind of confrontation won't likely lead to a happy ending. It's more efficient to take the moral high road without stressing over the obvious conflict. Your ruling planet Mercury creates a dynamic square with overbearing Pluto now, raising the existing stakes on even the smallest disagreement.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



The single most important thing you can do today is to listen to your heart rather than your head. Unfortunately, behavior based on emotions can produce stress that is triggered by other people's lack of sensitivity. However, it's much easier to engage in an awkward interaction if you concentrate on creating positive possibilities instead of worrying about the potential negative consequences.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)



You are not afraid of tough introspection, but you can get so wrapped up in your thoughts that you withdraw from the rest of the world. Your key planet Pluto represents the intensity of feelings that are lost in the depths of your subconscious mind. However, a square to Pluto from messenger Mercury sends you on a journey within and shines the light of your awareness on an undeniable fact.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)



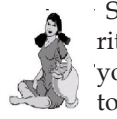
You may experience fruitful progress today, even if you have valid concerns about the bottom line. Although you might not have an unexpected flash of cosmic illumination, you can still explore a facet of yourself that's been previously hidden from your view. Don't casually brush aside what you don't want to see or hear.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)



A dramatic metamorphosis that is already in motion is still shifting the direction of your life. Perceptive Mercury's square to Pluto in your sign highlights one of the many pressing issues you must now face. Someone's sarcastic comment could push your emotional buttons, prompting you to escalate a minor disagreement into a significant conflict.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)



Sometimes you can derive emotional security from what isn't said between friends, but you may reach your limit with keeping quiet today. You might feel pushed to speak your mind without concern for whatever follows, even if you haven't yet considered all the possible consequences. Nevertheless, don't worry if a simple discussion becomes heated.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)



Your prevailing hopes and dreams of your future aren't immune to change just because you think you know exactly where you are heading. However, you may have already started an unconscious reevaluation of your core beliefs. An unexpected encounter with a friend or associate today could initiate a fundamental shift in the direction of your life path.

Across

1. Anagram of "Sire", 5. Streamlined, 10. "Comes and ___", 14. A certain trade agreement, 15. Name of a book, 16. Every single one, 17. Affirm, 18. In a foolhardy manner, 20. Part mortal and part deity, 22. Dimensional, 23. Tavern, 24. Cantankerous, 25. Dissatisfaction, 32. Bay window, 33. Pariah, 34. Lad, 37. Subconscious, 38. Spelunked, 39. An enclosure, 40. S. 41. Seminal fluid, 42. Extreme, 43. Location on a map, 45. An small olive-grey bird, 49. Chart, 50. A word with the same set of letters, 53. Clatter, 57. Irrefutable, 59. Wander, 60. Wreaths, 61. Great fear, 62. Dry, 63. Gait faster than a walk, 64. Marsh plant, 65. Game on horseback,

Down

1. Quaint outburst, 3. Bit of gossip, 4. Disobed, 5. A rapidly flashing light, 6. Mislaid, 7. And so forth, 8. Large North American deer (plural), 9. Large brown seaweed, 10. "Beau ___", 11. Fertile area in a desert, 12. Panache, 13. Timidly, 19. Consumer of food, 21. White aquatic bird, 25. A hemispherical roof, 26. Colored part of an eye, 27. Transgressions, 28. San Antonio fort, 29. Cut, 30. Flip over, 31. Scarlet, 34. Insulation, 35. Monster, 36. Not nays, 38. Chief Executive Officer, 39. Nonsense, 41. Disdain, 42. Two-toed sloth, 44. Hinder, 45. Hurdle, 46. Not outer, 47. Audio communications, 48. Excrete, 51. Helps, 52. Filly's mother, 53. Smelting waste, 54. Lawn mower brand, 55. Wicked, 56. Start over

Yesterday's Solution

ORAL ALUM CATS
RODE RESET OBOE
GOMA ACUTE ULNA
AMITTI PARIS NESI
THUG CLILAC
LITERAL CALICO
DIGNITARIO FLORA
SILLOS BARNACLE
TYPHUS PIANIST
POLAR DIAL
LIDRETTOIS GLITS
YORE RISEN YAWP
EWES ARETE STIE
SAWS EESIE TEND

agent, airs, broke, celebrate, clock, craze, cream, dent, early, eels, games, girls, greek, grown, immerse, inspects, juice, mouse, mouth, piece, prize, rise, secure, sensor, signal, sire, skylight, slime, sour, spray, stare, strike, suspend, sweat

