

Governor's Office Financial Chief Shot Dead

MAIDAN SHAR - Financial and administrative chief of the governor's office of central Maidan Wardak shot dead on Saturday morning by unknown gunmen, an official said.

Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesperson, told Pajhwok Afghan News Pir Mohammad Kochi was shot dead outside his home at 8:00 am when he was on his way to his office.

The gunmen fled the scene and police have started investigations, he added. Slain Pir Mohammad Kochi had



been working in the province for 34 years. Kochi had also worked as deputy governor in the province.

In another incident, officials in central Logar province said Taliban forced their way into a house of a local policeman in Baraki Barak district, killing his wife and wounding two of his children. Abdul Hakim Ishaqzai, provincial police chief, said the incident took place on Friday night. The local police officer, Samad, was not at home during the attack, he added. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Publicly Execute Three Men

FARAH - Taliban publicly executed three persons in western Farah province on charges of robbery and murder, a militant said. The group has said the executions had taken



place on Friday in Juma Bazaar locality of Bakwa district.

The three individuals Nabi Jan, Sayed Habib and Dawood had been arrested by the group some 20 days ago, a source within the militants added.

The slain individuals had confessed to kidnapping and killing 21 people and stealing more than 50 motorbikes and vehicles on Herat-Kandahar and Farah-Farahrod highways.

Dadullah Qane, Farah provincial council member, told Pajhwok Afghan News Taliban had also detained 16-year-old Fazl Ahmad whose fate was yet to be known. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Release Photo of Insurgents Involved in Mazar



KABUL - The Taliban militants group released the photo a group of insurgents involved in a deadly attack on attorney general's office in Mazar-e-Sharif city.

The attack in the capital city of northern Balk province was one of the deadliest since the fall of the Taliban regime.

At least 17 people, including civilians, prosecutors and security personnel were killed and nearly one hundred others were injured in the attack which started around 11:30 am and continued until around 7:00 pm.

The attack drew condemnation with President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani saying the militants showed their "Wild" face to the world with such brutal attack.

The NATO-led Resolute Support (RS) mission also strongly condemned attack and said "Once again, the Taliban has displayed their complete contempt for the safety of Afghan civilians."

The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) condemned the killing of civilians in three separate incidents, including Thursday's armed attack on the Prosecutor's Office in the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif, as well as two incidents Friday involving a suicide bomber in Jalalabad city and a road-side bomb explosion in Ghazni province. ... (More on P4)... (15)

Foreign Fighters among 27 Dead

FAIZABAD - Twenty-seven insurgents, including four foreign fighters, have been killed as a result of intense gun fighting in the Jurm district of northeastern Badakhshan province, officials said Saturday.

Lt. Sakhi Dad Haidari, a senior security official, told Pajhwok Afghan News six Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have also lost their lives and 13 more wounded after insurgents stormed their check posts late Friday night. Haidari confirmed four of the slain



insurgents were Tajik nationals. Abdullah Naji Nazari, provincial council head, said security forces were already informed about the deteriorated law and order in the district. "The fighting badly affected residents of the locality and they are now worried about their

future."

Three local police have been killed in Jurm fighting and Taliban have seized eight police rangers, he added.

Zabihullah Mujahid, Taliban spokesperson, however, claimed 49 security personnel have been killed and his fighters overrun 13 security check posts.

Acting Governor Shah Wali Adib said more than 120 foreign fighters were active in the province, posing serious threat to security situation. (Pajhwok)

Would-be Suicide Bomber Arrested

KANDAHAR - National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - has arrested a would-be suicide bomber in southern Kandahar province. A statement issued by NDS on Saturday states that the would-be



suicide attacker is originally from Zabul province but was arrested from the city of neighboring Kandahar province.

The statement identifies the arrested attacker as Abdulla alias Abdul Rahman.

NDS statement further states that Abdullah has confessed to his intentions and have said that he had received the suicide attacking lessons from Ashrafia Madrasa and Mullah Jabar who is the head of the Madrasa had sent him to Kandahar for carrying out a suicide attack.

NDS statements usually do not contain the exact date of the achievements but their statements come after recent activities. (KP)

Six Suspects in Connection with Suicide Bombing Arrested

KABUL - National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - has arrested six suspects in connection with the suicide bombing in Khost province that left at least 20 killed and more than 80 others wounded.

A statement issued by NDS on Saturday states that the arrested terrorists belong to the Haqani terrorist network.

The arrested terrorists are identified as Obaidullah S/O Fazl-u-Rahman, resident of Khaiber Pa-



khtunkhwa province of Pakistan, Anwaruddin S/O Qiyamuddin and Shakil Rahman S/O Habib Rahman residents of Alisher District of Khost province, Abdullah S/O Lal Marjan resident of Kandai area of Khost city and Sayed Rahman S/O Kamal also resident of Khost province.

The statement adds that the terrorists have confessed to their crimes. ... (More on P4)... (16)

11 Civilian Injured in Blast



CHAREKAR - At least 11 Civilian, including three local policemen, were injured in a mine blast in northern Parwan province on Saturday, local officials said.

The incident took place in Ghorband valley of Sayagerd district. According to officials, explosives had been packed in a vending cart. The ex-

plosives were detonated when a police vehicle passed by, District Governor, Mohammad Sayed Sediqqi said.

"The police have started investigations," Sediqqi said.

"The victims have been taken to the hospital in the capital of Parwan. No one has been killed in the ... (More on P4)... (17)

8 Passengers Dead in Traffic Mishap

LASHKARGAH - Eight persons were killed in traffic accident on Kabul-Herat Highway close to Washer district in southern Helmand province on Saturday, an official said.

The district chief Ayub Omar said the accident occurred at around 11:00 am between two passengers vehicles.

Those died in the mishap were the residents of Sangin district who were on their way to attend a funeral ceremony in Dilaram district.

The driver of one of the vehicles had been detained. He said the dead bodies were shifted to their native town. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Your secret weapon today is faith, and you might actually be able to manifest a dream if you believe in it strongly enough. However, even the slightest bit of doubt could be enough to let your goal slip through your fingers and disappear back into your imagination. When energetic Mars blends its fiery convictions with the magic touch of otherworldly Neptune, others may see you as a benevolent wizard.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might think that you have all your bases covered with your mastery of details today, but it's easy to skip over a critical fact if you're only concentrating on winning the game. People appreciate your sincerity, even in the most casual interactions, so you don't have to oversell your ideas to make your point.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You enjoy having the freedom to improvise, but sometimes it's challenging to act spontaneously when people's expectations require you to show up in a responsible manner. You might want to push back against authority now, but you could wear yourself out in the process. Instead, meet your obligations while still coloring outside of the lines in your imagination.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Balancing your emotional needs with those of others can be tricky today as the Moon shifts from your 7th House of Partnerships into your 8th House of Deep Sharing. It's in your nature to be a caregiver, but you must also establish clear limits now or you'll lose your center of gravity. Unfortunately, this process isn't straightforward; a simple yes or no answer on your part may not work.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although an interaction with a close friend could take an unexpected detour today, it might turn into a wonderful experience if you don't try to control the outcome. You may approach a situation with enthusiasm based on the belief that your desires will be fulfilled. However, pursuing your original fantasy leads to unhappiness if circumstances change.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your innate sense of discrimination sets the stage for creative activities today by screening out extraneous distractions. Starting early improves your chances of expressing your imagination while still producing tangible results. But you grow more set in your ways as the day unfolds, leaving less room for playful exploration. Let go of your need for perfection; it's less important to achieve your goals now than it is to have fun.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You might have idealistic visions about your future, but your chance of manifesting your dreams mostly depends on your attitude. It's easy to be distracted by every pleasant thought that pulls you one way and then another. Too much flexibility leaves you blowing in the wind with nothing substantial to show for your work at the end of the day.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You may find it nearly impossible to get others to understand your intentions unless you take the time to cover every detail step by step. Fortunately, you can explain your position effectively as long as you don't rush the process of telling your story. There's no reason to just stick to the facts; you can enthrall your audience if you weave in material from your imagination.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You wish you had the luxury of ignoring your financial responsibilities, but pressing issues require your immediate attention. The Moon's weekend visit to your 2nd House of Resources reminds you that managing your money is actually a matter of self-respect. Taking control of your budget today means you might actually end up with more cash to spend than you originally imagined.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Sometimes you are an enigma, even to your closest friends. You seem so determined to reach your goals but your methodical approach is misleading because you're not as serious as people think. Your conservative mask may hide a merry prankster as you go about your chores today. However, you don't need to keep up appearances; in fact, the more you express your inner child now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your powers of observation are strong today, as long as you trust your instincts. However, there's no need to worry about every little thing if you focus on your vision of the future. Stepping back from your regular routine now allows you to gain a wider perspective on your life. But don't think you're in it alone as you reassess your goals.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You often exhibit more compassion for others than you do for yourself. Fortunately, you can be a wonderful friend for those you want to get to know better today, and they quickly learn to rely on your kind heart and keen intuition. Just remember that some of the emotional difficulties you are still processing are also your most powerful sources of insights now.

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Down

1. Swill, 2. Dad, 3. Against, 4. Shower, 5. Pervert, 6. Cheater, 7. Hanging platform, 8. Sea eagle, 9. So very much, 10. Noria, 11. A long-legged S. American bird, 12. Anagram of «Incur», 13. Homes for birds, 21. Enter data, 25. Not nays, 26. Prospector's find, 27. District, 28. Vesicle, 29. The testing of an idea, 34. Commendably, 36. Overhang, 37. Largest continent, 38. A small wooded hollow, 40. Hotels, 42. A small island, 45. Temporary, 48. A breathing disorder, 51. Formula 1 driver, 52. Avoid, 53. Deadens the sound, 55. Muse of love poetry, 58. Listen, 59. Bit of gossip, 60. Ice cream holder, 61. Nameless, 62. Focusing glass,

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