

Scores of Cops & Pick-ups at Disposal of Warlords

TALOQAN - Local security officials on Tuesday confirmed dozens of policemen and pick-ups were in the service of some powerful individuals in northeastern Takhar province.

In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Takhar police chief, Maj. Gen. Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani, said that 22 Ranger pick-ups and 157 policemen were in the service of powerful individuals.

He acknowledged withdrawing the police personnel and vehicles from the strongmen was a difficult job. "Such acts are fuelling security incidents," he believed, without naming any warlord. If that number of police forces and pick-



ups were deployed to any district, the security situation there would improve considerably, Jawzjani remarked, saying efforts were underway to retake the police personnel and government vehicles from the powerful figures.

"I have banned the supply of government fuel for pick-ups, so they have to hand them over to us or purchase fuel on their own," he said, adding there were reports about the vehicles transporting militants from one area to another. Provincial Council Chairman Yaquob Nazari said: "Whenever a commander tries to retake these rangers from the powerful individuals, he was pressed by higher-ups to ... (More on P4)... (20)

Two Policemen Killed in Taliban Attack in Zabul

QALAT - At least two policemen were killed and another was injured in a Taliban attack in southern Zabul province on Monday, local officials said on Tuesday. In addition, two policemen are missing after the attack.

The attack took place after a number of Taliban insurgents attacked security forces in Shar-e-Safa district of the province, provincial police chief, Miriwais Khan Noorzai said.

The Taliban also reportedly stole a police vehicle and weapons after the attack, he said. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolonews)

4 Dead, 18 Wounded in Kunduz Explosions: Police

KUNDUZ CITY - Four children have been killed and 18 others wounded in northern Kunduz province, local officials said on Tuesday.

A mortar shell exploded in Chahar Dara district, killing four children and wounding seven others, a spokesman for the 808th Spinzar Police Zone said.

Mahfoozullah Akbari told Pajhwok Afghan News the mortar shell went off in the Qasab village of the district late on Monday. "The children were playing with the shell."

Elsewhere, 11 people were slightly wounded when a hand grenade was hurled at them in the Kabul Bandar area of the provincial capital, the police official said.

The incident was triggered by an exchange of harsh words between two drivers. No one has been arrested so far in connection with the grenade attack. (Pajhwok)

13 More Daesh Rebels Eliminated in Nangarhar Offensive

JALALABAD - Thirteen Daesh or Islamic State (IS) rebels have been killed during clearing operation and airstrike in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashraqiwal said the insurgent were killed in Peshai area of the district on Monday where clearing operation codenamed Hamza was going on.

The offensive had been launched by Afghan Special Forces with foreign troops air force support.



Security forces in the eastern zone of the country said the offensive was aimed at pressing the Daesh rebels

and establishment of military posts and bases in the area for complete stability and ... (More on P4)... (21)

MoD Officer Gunned Down in Kabul; Probe Initiated

KABUL - A Ministry of Defence official was gunned down by unidentified attackers in capital Kabul early on Tuesday, an official said.

Maj. Gen. Dawlat Waziri, spokesman for MoD, identified the victim as Lt. Col. Sultan Mahmood - an officer of the ministry's engineering department. He came under attack in the Karez Bazaar area of Kampani in the limits of the fifth municipality district. An investigation into the incident

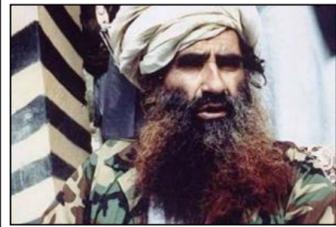


had been launched. Kabul police confirmed the killing of this officer and said the murder was being probed. On Monday, two officials of the Criminal Justice Task

Force (CJTF) and an officer of the Special Forces Unit were gunned down in Kabul by unknown gunmen. Dr. Anarkali Hunaryar, a ... (More on P4)... (22)

Haqqani Network's Coordinated Suicide Attacks Plot Foiled

KABUL - The Afghan security forces foiled a series of the coordinated suicide attacks plot by the notorious Haqqani terrorist network in northern Parwan and eastern Nangarhar provinces.



The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said the terrorist network was looking to carry out the attacks using a Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) and several suicide bombers on the two provinces.

A statement by NDS said a member of the Haqqani terrorist network identified as Watan Khan was appointed for the attacks from the other side of the Durand Line. The statement further added that Khan was one of the main organizers of the suicide attacks of the Haqqani terrorist network. Khan was deployed to Kabul so that he can coordinate a deadly attack on the provincial government compound in Parwan province, NDS added.

Haqqani network was formed in the late 1970s by Jalaluddin Haqqani. The group is allied with al-Qaida and the Afghan Taliban and cooperates with other terrorist organizations in the region.

The US Department of State designated the HQN as a Foreign Terrorist Organization on September 7, 2012. (KP)

Fear Looms over Karachi's Afghan Camp as Harassment Complaints Persist

KARACHI - Haji Nadir, an Uzbek-Afghan carpet weaver from Afghan Camp in Gadap Town, has switched professions recently.

He had moved his carpet workshop from Northern Bypass to Al-Asif Square, hoping for safety in the heavy Afghan presence, but custom dwindled as the crackdown on refugees increased and he was forced to shut it down.

The carpet weaver now sells vegetables at the New Sabzi Mandi and plans to leave for Kunduz by the end of Ramazan.

Sitting inside a general store in a congested lane of the Afghan Camp, Haji Nadir says he is leaving to "avoid being disrespected in any way".

Despite an extension in the deadline for repatriation and a new policy that requires authorities to document unregistered refugees rather than imprison them, those living at the camp reportedly continue to face harassment at the hands of law enforcement agencies that appear to have missed the memo.

Most of these reports come from West and Central districts, says Sikander Mehmood, an advocate and field manager working with an advocacy group, SHARP.

In the aftermath of an earlier push for repatriation, as many as 150 families of Afghan refugees moved back to Afghanistan over the past five months, Ismat Khan Durrani, a transporter and member of the Afghan community, says. The tales of harassment run parallel.

Mehmood says his organisation has helped release nearly 300 Afghan refugees from prison over the past two months. Of these, he says, 200 were tried under the Foreigner's Act 1946, but most cases were disposed of for want of evidence.

SHARP is an advocacy group and legal aid implementing partner of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It has legal aid groups across Pakistan, except for Balochistan where another group helps with legal aid for Afghans.

"We appear in court on behalf of the Afghans and present their case. The charge of undocumented Afghans is proven false if they are registered with the UNHCR," adds Mehmood. (Agencies)

Sticky Bomb on Traffic Van Goes off in Kabul

KABUL - No one was hurt when a sticky bomb attached to a traffic police vehicle went off in central capital Kabul on Tuesday night, an official said.

The blast took place in "Sar Makhzan" locality of Deh Afghanistan area in the jurisdiction of the second police district at 7:30pm, crime investigation department head Brig. Gen. Salam Almas told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said there were no casualties in the blast that ripped through a traffic police vehicle in the area. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You aren't one to let random people run your life, but you're overly sensitive to the needs of a friend or partner now. The Libra Full Moon illuminates your 7th House of Companions, revealing the emotions of those closest to you. Concentrating on your own desires is easier than focusing on anyone else's, but circumstances won't let you take the mindless way out.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Relationships involve hard work, but you're willing to lean into the tasks at hand in order to achieve positive results. In fact, establishing a regular practice of checking in with a significant other makes sense now that the Libra Full Moon lands in your 6th House of Habits. However, one day of conscious behavior won't be enough to create a new partnership or save a flagging one.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You're eager to demonstrate your creativity to others today, but the ideas don't flow as effortlessly as you wish. The most ingenious thoughts cross your mind, yet you worry about what people will think once they see past your lighthearted veneer. Nevertheless, the Libra Full Moon emboldens your 5th House of Self-Expression - and even the fear of upsetting your peers won't shut you down. When it comes to sharing your inspirations, there are only two times: now and too late.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



An old conflict between home and career is suddenly back on your plate, demanding resolution once and for all. But someone's hidden agenda complicates matters as secretive Pluto squares the Libra Full Moon in your 4th House of Domestic Affairs. It may seem as if you're forced into a no-win situation now because you can't choose between your personal and professional life without damaging the other.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You can see many roads diverging ahead of you and you're not sure which way you should go. Although each has its own destination, you don't want to narrow your choices just yet. Thankfully, the Libra Full Moon gives you permission to keep your options open as it activates your 3rd House of Multiple Choices.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You're weary of so many good ideas coming and going without producing lasting impact on your life. The Libra Full Moon rattles your 2nd House of Personal Possessions and you want concrete results now, especially when it comes to your finances. Display your brilliance by keeping your heart open. Thankfully, wearing your feelings on your sleeve today adds the integrity you need to increase your income.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Hiding your true feelings is nearly impossible today, even if you believe your happiness depends on it. Nevertheless, the Libra Full Moon's presence in your 1st House of Self motivates you to place complete emotional disclosure ahead of your personal comfort. Revealing your fears frees you to look ahead, instead of seeking causes for current events in the past. Gandhi said, "The future depends on what we do in the present."

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



People can't figure out what you're up to because they aren't interested in digging up the facts. Your general anxiety is triggered by every minor conflict today, but you prefer to avoid escalating the tension. Unfortunately, you might struggle to share your complex feelings while the Full Moon is flooding your 12th House of Secrets.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You only have so much time to go around, but you are determined to remain socially active, even if it's at the expense of work. Although you face real limitations now, you're being tested by the cosmos to see if you can establish clear boundaries. The Libra Full Moon amplifies the energy of your 11th House of Community, but you might take group participation too far. Draw a line so you don't waste your energy on activities that don't further your goals.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Although you don't often disappoint when it comes to delivering on your promises, your schedule may be overly demanding now. Everyone seems to want a piece of your attention, and you're worried that you won't be able to fulfill your commitments. The Libra Full Moon highlights your 10th House of Public Status, preventing you from running from your responsibilities.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You may be blinded by your own need for adventure today, especially as the Libra Full Moon shines in your 9th House of Big Ideas. You want to make a decision based upon your highest ideals, but it's natural to exaggerate now - and you won't even realize you're stretching the truth until it's too late. However, a potentially difficult situation is possible if others take everything you say at face value.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You don't want to relinquish control today, but you may not have a choice in the matter without causing a fuss. The Libra Full Moon emphasizes your 8th House of Deep Sharing, breaking down the artificial distinctions between you and someone else. Unfortunately, you're not comfortable with the speed at which the current disintegration occurs. Nevertheless, delving into unfamiliar emotional territory can reveal hidden treasures.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-55.

Across: 1. Versed, 6. Learning method, 10. Actors in a show, 14. Radiolocation, 15. Test, 16. Focusing glass, 17. Genus of health, 18. Assistance, 19. Component of urine, 20. Number of people present, 22. Casket, 23. Bro or sis, 24. Cite, 26. Unfortunate person, 30. Record player, 32. Panache, 33. A leaven of dough, 37. See the sights, 38. Adolescents, 39. Tall woody plant, 40. Stealthiest, 42. A strict vegetarian, 43. Chilly, 44. Waterproof hip boots, 45. Backsides, 47. Letter after sigma, 48. Sea eagle, 49. Temple, 56. Effrontery, 57. Distinctive flair, 58. Garden bulb, 59. Egg-shaped, 60. South African monetary unit, 61. French.

Down: 1. District, 2. Blowgun missile, 3. Modify, 4. Rate, 5. A surveying instrument, 6. Rehabilitation, 7. Beasts of burden, 8. After-bath powder, 9. Male rulers, 10. Having a deformed foot, 11. Eagle's nest, 12. Contemptuous look, 13. Russian emperor, 21. Not brilliant, 25. Terminate, 26. Ex-servicemen, 27. Computer symbol, 28. Hint, 29. A lively whirling Italian dance, 30. Verse, 31. Stalk, 33. Dribble, 34. Desire, 35. Equipment, 36. Female chickens, 38. Racetrack touts, 41. Paraphernalia, 42. Boasted, 44. Armed conflict, 45. A cry of approval, 46. To untwist, 47. Looks after, 48. Prima donna problems, 50. Wings, 51. Curse, 52. Car, 53. Talon, 54. What we kiss with, 55. Type of sword.

Yesterday's Solution

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