

# Kunduz Madrasa Students Undergoing 'Terrorist Training'

KUNDUZ CITY - Local officials on Monday claimed religious students at a madrasa in Dasht-i-Archi district of northern Kunduz province were undergoing training to carry out suicide and other terrorist attacks. Nasruddin Nazari, the Dasht-i-Archi district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the seminary named 'Kokcha' was in Shinwari area, about four kilometers from the district centre. The students belonging to Kunduz and other provinces were receiving terrorist training from Pakistani



teachers over the past two years, he said. "I have shared the issue several times with local officials, but no action has so far taken. Two weeks ago, Afghan forces bombarded a nearby area but spared the madrasa," Nazari said. Kunduz Governor Asadullah Omarkhil confirmed the seminary students were undergoing training in acts of terrorism. "The madrasa is run by a Pakistani national, Omran. Security forces received ... (More on P4)...(12)

## 13 Dead, 53 Injured in Helmand Collisions

LASHKARGAH - At least eight persons were killed and 48 others, including women and children, wounded in a traffic accident on the Kabul-Herat highway in southern Helmand province on Monday, an official said. A source in the Helmand Civil Hospital's emergency ward confirmed eight dead and 48 injured had been evacuated to the hospital from the accident site. But Transport Director Abdul Ghafoor Tokhi told Pajhwok Afghan News seven people were killed and 40 others wounded at 8:00am when a passenger flipped over after the driver lost control of the vehicle as a result of a collision in Washer district. Salim Rodi, administrative chief for Helmand's Greshk district, said the incident occurred when the passenger coach collided head-on with another vehicle. The crash left seven left dead and 48 other wounded. Traffic Director Mirza Khan Rohani also confirmed the accident, but gave no more details. Similar traffic mishaps often happen in Helmand and elsewhere in the country due to reckless driving. (Pajhwok)

## Suicide Attack Kills 12 New Army Recruits

KABUL - At least 12 new army recruits have been killed in a suicide bomb attack in the eastern city of Jalalabad, a hospital official said on Monday. Twelve bodies had been taken into the main regional hospital in Jalalabad city, 77.5 miles (125 kilometers) from the capital Kabul, said Ahsanullah Shinwari, the head of the hospital. Another 38 people were wounded, most of them in critical condition, he said. The recruits were traveling in a bus Monday afternoon on the outskirts of Jalalabad - the capital of Nangarhar province.



Initial reports indicated that an attacker on an explosives-laden motorcycle rammed the bus, according to Ahmad Ali Hazrat, chief of the Nangarhar provincial council. No group has yet claimed responsibility. Suicide at-

## Notorious Taliban Commander Captured with Weapons in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - A notorious Taliban commander has been detained with weapons by police in Pul-I-Alam, the capital of central Logar province, an official said on Monday. Police spokesman Maj. Shahpoor Ahmadzai told Pajhwok Afghan News Commander Nasrullah Hazifa was arrested in the Sarsang area of Pul-I-Alam during an overnight operation. "We have long been trying to capture the commander. Finally, we were able to arrest him last night," he said. Six Kalashnikovs, three pistols, a rocket launcher, five landmines,



12 rocket bullets and a motorcycle were seized from him. Ahmad Shah, a resident of Sarsang, said: "A number of policemen came last night and surrounded a house. They took away a man and some weapons from the house. We do not know who the detainee is." The Taliban have not yet commented on the arrest. A week earlier, intelligence operatives had detained another Taliban commander in the Khoshi district of the province. (Pajhwok)

## 1 Education Officer Killed, 7 Injured in Kabul Roadside Bombing

KABUL - One education officer was killed and seven others were wounded in a roadside bombing in the Bagrami district of Kabul on Monday, an official said. Ministry of Education (MoE) spokesman Mujib Mehrdad told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion took place in the Kamari area of the district around 7am. He said the education officers were traveling in a mini-bus that struck the roadside improvised explosive device. One of the education personnel was killed and seven others were injured. However, the crime branch chief for 101st Asmayee Zone, Brig. Gen. Fari ... (More on P4)...(14)

## Air Strikes Kill 27 Militants

KABUL - Air strikes against anti-government militants in Afghan northern Kunduz and eastern Nangarhar province have killed 27 armed insurgents from both Taliban and Islamic State groups over the past two days, official sources said Monday. Series of air sorties conducted against Taliban hideouts in parts of the northern Kunduz province early Monday have left 16 militants dead, security official Masoud Akbari said. "The air raid conducted early today in parts of Dasht-e-Archi district left 12 rebels dead," Akbari told Xinhua. According to Akbari, the ... (More on P4)...(15)

## 12 Militants Give up Fighting

PUL-E-KHUMRI - A total of 12 anti-government militants laid down arms and gave up fighting in northern Afghan Baghlan province with Pul-e-Khumri as its capital 160 km north of Kabul on Monday. "Twelve militants loyal to Jandullah group gave up fighting and reintegrated to their families in Burka district," police spokesman in the province, Zabihullah Shuja, told reporters. The former militants were involved in anti-government activities in Burka district over the past couple of years, ... (More on P4)...(18)

## 9 Individuals Including Woman Held on Drug Smuggling Charges

KABUL - Police have arrested at least nine smugglers in Kabul, Farah and Nangarhar provinces with alcoholic drinks and other drugs, an official said on Monday. Ahmad Khalid Mowahid, spokesman for the Criminal Justice Task Force (CJTF), told Pajhwok Afghan News among the detainees included a woman. More than three kilograms of heroin, 20kg of opium, 265 kg of hashish, 11,878 litres of alcoholic beverages, four vehicles and 5



mobile phone sets were also seized. He said the arrests were made over the past week and the detainees referred to the authorities concerned for more investigation. (Pajhwok)

## Drive to Remove Road Barricades Kicks off in Jalalabad

JALALABAD - The governor overnight led a campaign removing barriers set up around a number of government offices and homes on the streets of the capital of eastern Nangarhar province until Monday noon. Accompanied by a number of military and civil officials, Governor Salim Khan Kunduzi launched the operation at about 9pm last night, his spokesman Attaullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News. The decision to remove road barricades in front of government offices and clear the roads came at yesterday's meeting of the provincial Security Council. The barriers in front of the court, traffic department, Eid Gah mosque, Maloocho Street, the ... (More on P4)...(16)

## King Pin Drug Trafficker Arrested in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - A key drug trafficker has been arrested in eastern Nangarhar province, said the Ministry of Interior (MoI) on Sunday. Hajji Watan, the king pin drug trafficker, is a resident of Achin district in Nangarhar and has been on the run for the past ten years. He was wanted in Afghanistan and abroad on charges of drug trafficking. Watan was arrested in Ghanikhel district of Nangarhar after a 15-minute gun fight between Afghan security forces and Watan's armed men. "He [Watan] has transferred thousands of tons of drugs to different countries around the world over the years," said Baz Muhammad Anmadi, the Deputy Minister of ... (More on P4)...(17)

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may wish you were somewhere else today, but you can still inspire others toward greater heights by simply using the words that roll off your tongue naturally. Your creativity abounds as you experiment with how to express what's playing out in your mind. But it's not enough to have an active fantasy life now, for your clever thoughts quickly fade back into the hazy dreams from where they came.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You could experience emotional discomfort today as you leave the certainty of a recent decision in the past. Although you were positive about your choice just a few days ago, you could start to question everything as circumstances unexpectedly shift. Let go of your stubborn desire to be steadfast; acting in a more flexible manner now enables you to successfully navigate through the changing landscape.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are identifying more with your feelings now, and they could pull you into confusing territory as the Moon's monthly visit to your sign activates your emotions. Even if you know exactly what you want today, it's still stressful if you can't figure out how to reach your goals. Thankfully, your unfulfilled desires won't weigh you down for long. Focus on your destination and the path will reveal itself just in the nick of time.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Memories are still lurking close to the surface but you're not feeling very vulnerable today. Your greatest strength now is your ability to see things with an objective eye, which helps you understand the differences between the past and the present. It's essential to stay emotionally available, even if you're afraid of being hurt.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

It's annoying if you can't have everything that you want now; nevertheless, your problems could vanish in thin air if you can fool yourself into believing that all is wonderful in your world. Unfortunately, denial won't bring happiness and ignorance should not be mistaken for bliss. Do whatever is necessary to obtain the facts of the matter.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

After a couple of days of practical thinking and scrupulous behavior, you're ready to loosen your grip on the mundane world. A whole new wave of information is heading your way today, potentially changing how you handle relationships. Enjoy the images floating through your mind, even if getting lost in your fantasies is somewhat out of character for you. No immediate action is required now except to explore your imagination.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Although your energy is a bit scattered today, you're still rather optimistic about your prospects. However, you could be unclear as to which future vision you are working toward. Your imagination conjures up vivid thoughts now, but your friends find it difficult to understand exactly what you are trying to achieve. Go ahead and let your colorful dreams inspire your actions.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Shallow conversations are often irritating because you know there are more crucial subjects that need to be discussed. Unfortunately, people seem to be steering clear of the same real issues that attract you, and there is little you can do to change their focus today. Thankfully, you don't have to settle for less in the long run. In the meantime.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are at a turning point in a relationship with the Moon spinning her wheels in your 7th House of Companions. Although you want to push your agenda forward, it still may take a week or so for the momentum to build up steam. Erratic flashes of doubt snap you out of your optimistic state of mind. Although these unexpected visions can be annoying at first, they won't last if you keep your eye on the prize.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You are riding a wave of creativity today, but something significant has changed and you can't put your finger on it. You may seem less demanding of yourself and others, but your flexibility alone doesn't necessarily help you feel more comfortable. Trust in your dreams now; subtle messages from your subconscious can lead you back to what is meaningful. Ultimately, you are confined only by the walls you build yourself.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Asserting yourself may take more effort today than you're willing to expend, even if you know exactly what you want. But rather than coming right out and expressing what's on your mind, adopting a passive-aggressive approach could temporarily leave you feeling like a victim. Any negativity on your part is simply a wake-up call, reminding you it's time for an attitude adjustment.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You tend to see only the best in everyone now, so resist the urge to make life-changing relationship decisions. Although intellectual Mercury is sending good vibrations your way today, you can easily misinterpret the message. Nevertheless, the discrepancy between your thoughts and your desires triggers stressful memories from the past. Remember only what you need to know and then bring yourself back to the joys of the present moment.

**Across**

1. At the peak of, 5. Swift, 10. Chums, 14. Mongolian desert, 15. Backward-looking, 16. Operatic solo, 17. Ear-related, 18. A preacher, 20. A rapid escape, 22. Gist, 23. Long-haired wild ox, 24. Amount of hair, 25. Covetous, 32. Spring, 33. Point of greatest despair, 34. Knaves, 37. Wings, 38. Electrical pioneer, 39. Calyx, 40. Crimson, 41. Analyze syntactically, 42. Delete, 43. Singer or comedian, 45. Narrow fissures, 49. Belief, 50. Nickname, 53. A sheep, 57. Deductive, 59. Grotto, 60. Cleave, 61. Near, 62. Type of sword, 63. Tall woody plant, 64. Lumberjack, 65. Writing table.

**Down**

1. All excited, 2. Carry, 3. Death notice, 4. Petty, 5. Some circus performers, 6. Tax, 7. Estimated time of arrival, 8. Sea eagle, 9. Clothing, 10. Hay baling machine, 11. Pee, 12. Platters, 13. Satisfies, 19. A chemical compound, 21. Pause, 25. A long way off, 26. \_\_\_ slaw, 27. Thigh muscle, 28. Unreactive, 29. Thigh armor, 30. Lazybones, 31. By means of, 34. Greenish blue, 35. Backside, 36. A whitetail, 38. Buff, 39. Frowned, 41. Annoying, 42. Lack of difficulty, 44. Rudder, 45. Clever, 46. Hermit, 47. Absurd, 48. Diacritical mark, 51. Carve in stone, 52. Anger, 53. Headquarters, 54. Adhesive strip, 55. Nights before, 56. Stink, 58. Bovine.

**Yesterday's Solution**

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