

17 Insurgents Held in Nangarhar



JALALABAD - At least 17 insurgents, including Pakistani, allegedly involved in attacks on border security forces were arrested in Dur Baba district in eastern Nangarhar province, officials said Monday.

Lt. Gen. Fazal Din Ayar, the 301st border police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the detained rebels were planning an ambush on Afghan security forces in Dur Baba district.

Mudassir, a notorious commander from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, was among the rebels. The arrested men were mostly Pakistani and Afghan militants.

"The militants were carrying out attacks on Afghan security forces, planting roadside bombs and involved in kidnapping of civilians", he added.

Ayar said security forces remained unhurt in the ambush and the militants were handed over to intelligence agencies for interrogations. The security forces seized huge arms cache and two vehicles from militants. Ahmed Zia Abdulzai, the governor's spokesman, praised the security forces raid and said: "The militants were travelling to Dur Baba districts for carrying out terrorist acts when they were nabbed by security personnel." However, Taliban have not yet commented on the incident. (Pajhwok)

Foreign Fighters Bar Local Taliban from Joining Peace

FAIZABAD - The High Peace Council (HPC) in northeastern Badakhshan province on Monday revealed local Taliban were eager to join peace process but foreign fighters did not allow them to enter the peace negotiations.

Maulvi Abdul Wahid Tayebi, provincial peace council head, said more than 175 fighters have joined government-initiated peace process over the past year.

The group of these fighters had laid down their arms in Jurm, Wardoj, Yamgan, Tagab, Argo, Durayom and Yaftal-e-Bala districts and renounced violence, he added.

"We have taken practical steps in Jurm district. Some elders have come to the province and ... (More on P4)...(14)



Jawzjan Police Concerned over Terrorist Activities

SHEBERGHAN - Jawzjan police chief said Monday local officials were concerned that a number of Uzbek insurgents, along with their families, have moved into the area after being ousted from other provinces in the country. The police chief Gen. Faqir Muhammad Jawzjani said the group is believed to have been active in Faryab province previously, but now, following security force operations in that area, the insurgents have relocated their families to



some districts in Jawzjan Tepa district and added that they are in the area as part of a move to destabi ... (More on P4)...(15)

Kunduz Gets New Hospital for Drugs Addicts

KUNDUZ CITY - Construction work on a 50-bed hospital was completed on Monday with the capacity to treat 450 drug addicts annually, an official said.

The two storey building has been constructed at the cost of \$360,000 provided by the Foreign Ministry of Germany.

Dr. Abdul Qodus Mikhel, director of the hospital, said earlier the hospital was 20-bed which could not provide the patients with proper treatment.

He did not give more details about the total number of addicted persons in the province, but

the Counternarcotics Department Director Abdul Basir Murshaid said over 30,000 people were addicted to drugs in the province.

He said majority of people addicted to drugs from childhood as their mothers fed them with soup prepared from opium in order to get free time for carpet-weaving. During a ground breaking ceremony, Governor Mohammad Umar Safi asked the hospital staff to take best care of the patients. He thanked the German government for extending financial cooperation to complete the building. (Pajhwok)

2 Attackers among 3 Dead, 11 Police Hurt in Clash



LASHKARGAH - Three persons, including two heavily armed suicide bombers wearing Afghan Local Police (ALP) uniform, have been killed and 11 policemen wounded late Sunday in the night-long gunbattle when militants entered a police building in the capital of southern Helmand province, a doctor and an official said.

Maj. Gen. Nabi Jan Mullah Khel, Helmand police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that two suicide bombers entered the police station Sunday evening and locked in intense gun fire with police. "We demonstrated maximum care to minimize police casualties", he said, adding that three policemen were wounded and the pair of the suicide attacker was killed. Two barracks of the police station were damaged in firefight, he added.

The operation, he said lasted 10-hour. One of the suicide bombers was killed soon after he entered the compound while his accomplices forced his way to a safe place and offered resistance till Monday morning, he added. (Pajhwok)

Seven People Wounded in Kunduz Explosion



KUNDUZ CITY - Seven people have sustained injuries in a bomb explosion in the provincial capital of southern Kunduz province.

Abdul Wasi, spokesman for the governor house said that the bomb was attached to a police vehicle which exploded this afternoon leaving seven people wounded.

Sayed Sarwar Hussaini, spokesman for the police headquarters of Kunduz province said that the explosion took place in Bandar-i-Kabul area of the city and that two women are among the seven wounded.

No group has immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. (KP)

Residents, Officials Differ over Education Progress

SHIBERGHAN - Residents and education officials on Monday expressed conflicting views regarding the education process in northern Jawzjan province.

Residents complained the quality of education in Jawzjan had been low amid a lack of infrastructure, resources and professional teachers.

Around 200,000 students, 40 percent of them girls, are taught by 4,200 teachers in 380 schools in Jawzjan.

Abdul Rauf Aren, the



deputy education director, said Jawzjan was the only province in the north where all schools were functional and 75 percent of teachers were professional. He said after the

collapse of the Taliban regime in 2001 and the advent of a democratic system in the country, the education department in Jawzjan had developed a lot. ... (More on P4)...(16)

2 Brothers Dead in Family Feud

QALA-I-NAW - A number of armed persons stormed a home in the Qadis district of northwestern Badghis province, leaving two brothers dead on Monday, the district chief said.

Saleh Mohammad Babak, the town's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Mullah Mohammad Hassan, a militant commander, along with his men shot dead the two brothers due to a family dispute.

Abdul Qayyum, a resident of the locality, confirmed the incident and said that it was a long-standing family feud between the two parties.

One person suffered injuries in the firefight. He was instantly rushed to a local hospital where he was stated to be in stable condition. (Pajhwok)

Bomber Plotting to Kill Gen. Raziq Arrested

KANDAHAR - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Monday claimed arresting a suicide bomber who was planning to attack Gen. Abdul Raziq, police chief of southern Kandahar province.

Samim Khpalwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the suicide bomb-



er Hilal alias Mohammad Ullah was the resident of Balkh province. The bomber was trained and ... (More on P4)...(17)

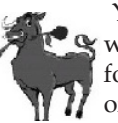
Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Life seems complicated if people aren't being clear with you. Although you might not know what to make of someone's inconsistent story, you're able to remain detached from the distractions of an emotional drama. In fact, you can conquer nearly any challenge thrown at you today. Handling obstacles that appear in your path requires diligence, but you won't feel depleted now, even if you commit a lot of energy.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Your dogged tenacity is your not-so-secret weapon today as you remedy an uncomfortable situation that is creating its share of stress. But you may not be able to put Humpty-Dumpty back together again as quickly as you wish. Nevertheless, giving up is not an option. Avoid the obvious shortcut; quick fixes won't last, making them a waste of your time.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You really don't want to take a stand if a powerful person opposes your efforts today, and just thinking about a confrontation can make you anxious. Thankfully, the process is easier if you initiate a constructive conversation with a positive attitude. You are at your best when your thoughts are in motion. But don't wait until you have everything mapped out, since you're capable of outmaneuvering nearly anyone if you remain mentally agile.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You can nip a growing problem in the bud, even if someone is behaving badly now. But your plan will likely backfire if you attempt to suppress another person's expression of fear or anger. The best way to handle this delicate dynamic is to engage others by asking probing questions that demonstrate your genuine concern.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You're curious about what everyone is up to at work today, yet your playful nature may be quite misleading. Behind your easygoing smile lies an agenda to get others on board with your line of thinking. Perhaps you have bitten off more than you can chew and hope to gather the support you need to get a job done.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You want to put your skills to good use today, but it may take a few tries before you settle down and find a strategy that really works. You might start one project, only to reassess your goals and shift your entire course of action. Nevertheless, there is a consistent theme in each of your plans, even if you can't see what it is just yet. Uncover the common thread and then make that your top priority. Once you know the exact direction you're heading, the details will quickly fall into place.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Maintaining concentration can be tricky early in the day because it's easy to be distracted by emotionally draining interactions with coworkers. Still, it's hard to ignore the conflicting information that you receive now, even if you can't yet determine its significance. Although you're concerned that you might be missing something, you could be so uncharacteristically certain now that new facts won't change your mind.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You may be in a very positive state of mind today, especially if your plans seem to be unfolding on schedule. However, an uneasy feeling might still be gnawing away at the edges of your imagination. Don't ignore your twinges of uncertainty; instead, take this opportunity to explore the shadows of your current doubts. Thankfully, expanding your perspective allows you to alleviate your fears.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Conversations with a significant other could be so intense today that the emotional drama seems overwhelming. You're tempted to overcompensate by putting on a special show that won't be quickly forgotten. Luckily, the outcome will likely be quite rewarding as long as you keep your eyes on your destination rather than your performance. Placing too much emphasis on appearing unrealistically perfect might cause people to shake their heads and walk away.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



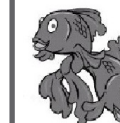
You might go out of your way to share your feelings today, but your message isn't easy for people to swallow. Your current emotional intensity may be out of character, surprising others and triggering their insecurities. Still, you're not interested in placating those around you with meaningless banter now. Don't waste energy getting angry with someone who won't match your serious attitude.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

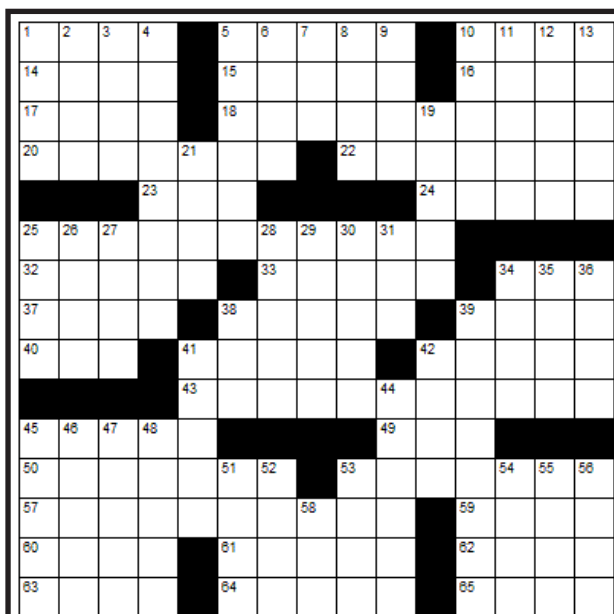


You may feel restless today, especially if someone you love is being so nice to you that it makes you uncomfortable. Other people's pleasantries might even seem like a sign of weakness to your independent way of thinking. But don't mistakenly harden your position now just to demonstrate your strength. Be resolute and yielding at the same time, instead.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



A coworker or partner who seems to have answers for your questions could motivate you to take action. Fortunately, competent peers can help you be more productive now, but their presence isn't a reason to acquiesce your power. Instead, look at the role you play in your own success, even if you are only one member on a team. Having amazing allies on your side won't rob you of your self-esteem as long as you acknowledge your valuable contribution to the group effort, too.



Across

1. Hubs, 5. Accumulate, 10. Aquatic plant, 14. Anagram of "Dome", 15. Divided into zones, 16. Coil, 17. Ceremonial splendor, 18. Promising, 20. Molasses, 22. Weird, 23. Regret, 24. Donkeys, 25. Disturbing 32. Anagram of "Sneer", 33. Hoarfrosts, 34. Liveliness, 37. Its symbol is Pb, 38. Lure, 39. A young horse, 40. Clairvoyant's gift, 41. Artist's workstand, 42. Alcoholic, 43. Sneaked, 45. River horse, 49. Altitude (abbrev.), 50. Unassisted, 53. Spits, 57. Nourishment, 59. Norse god, 60. Friends and neighbors, 61. Gloomy, in poetry, 62. Start over, 63. Remain, 64. Obdurate, 65. Was cognizant

Down

1. Past tense of Leap, 2. Smell, 3. Draw near, 4. Bestowed, 5. A type of rhododendron, 6. Pout, 7. Autonomic nervous system, 8. Exhausts, 9. Narrow opening, 10. Assumed name, 11. Diving birds, 12. Edge tool, 13. Church recesses, 19. Steep rugged rocks, 21. Mongrels, 25. Expunge, 26. Angers, 27. Break, 28. Pepperwort, 29. Occasions, 30. Suggest, 31. Mesh, 34. A grimace, 35. Leisure, 36. Implored, 38. Letter after sigma, 39. Skillful maneuvering, 41. Lyric poem, 42. Only, 44. Deceit, 45. Shells, 46. Eskimo, 47. Noodles, 48. Concise, 51. Terminates, 52. Blowgun missile, 53. Glance over, 54. Biblical garden, 55. Go on horseback, 56. Winter precipitation, 58. Prefix meaning, «Modern»

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