

9 Killed in Separate Incidents of Violence

FIROZKOH - Nine people have been killed in two separate incidents of violence in western Ghor province, officials said on Tuesday.

Two illegal commander's kidnapped six men accused of killing an education officer, who was relative of one of the commanders, in the Shahark district, killing three men in captivity, a security official said on condition of anonymity.

The kidnapped men had allegedly killed Abdul Tawab, the district education officer, in Kaminj area of the district on Friday last.

Illegal commanders Mullah Mustafa and Mullah Mahmoud captured the six men and shot dead three of them and held the remaining three hostage.

The official said the Kaminj area was a stronghold of Mullah Mustafa, who cut off telephone service lines on Monday when the three suspects were killed.

"We tried to gain custody of the suspects and produce them in a government court, but failed," the source said.

A local resident, wishing not to be named, said the three men were killed in an area where security posts also existed. He said the commander of the posts was a brother of Mullah Mustafa and the government had no control over them.

Ghor governor's spokesman Abdul Hai Khatibi condemned the unlawful killings and vowed a judicial inquiry. He said security forces had arrested two persons in connection with the triple murder in Firozkoh, the capital of Ghor.

Four years ago, Mullah Mustafa had killed ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

19 Samangan Departments Get Modern Equipments

AIBAK - At least 19 provincial government departments in northern Samangan province have been provided with modern office equipments costing over 18.5 million afis with financial assistance by the government of Germany, an official said.

Kabir Sharifi, an employee of GIZ, a German organization, stated the equipments included 117 laptops, 39 desktops, 115 printers, nine copiers, 32 projectors with screens, six cameras, eight internet modems, five hard disks, 131 anti-virus CDs, six tables, 164 chairs, 13 chairmen desks and chairs, 184 managers' desks and chairs, 43 round chairs, 183 steel and wood cupboards, 23 seat furniture, 5 speech desks, 2984 square meters rugs, 180 carpets, 2 metal safes, 6348 meters



curtains, 15 air conditioners. In addition, two water pumps, four water coolers, 84 ground and roof fans, five loudspeakers along with microphones, three water tankers, 45 electric heaters, 613 one body chairs, five water heaters, two big lights of 1,000 watts 65 power purifier. The equipments were delivered to 19 government ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

7 Corpses of Afghans Arrive in Country from Iran

KABUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Tuesday said corpses of slain Afghans killed in Iran have been delivered to their families after they were arrived in the country.

MoFA last week said eight Afghan nationals who were going to Europe illegally have been killed by alleged Iranian mafia groups. Among eight seven Afghan were killed by human trafficking group in the Zahidan city of neighboring Iran



But Pajhwok Afghan News came to know about some shocking reports that the slain Afghan nationals were killed brutally in Iran. MoFA Spokesman Shikab Mustaghni said Afghan and Iranian diplomats...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Taliban Confirm Beheading Soldiers in Juram



FAIZABAD - The Taliban on Tuesday confirmed beheading some Afghan National Army soldiers during attacks on their posts two weeks back in northeastern Badakhshan province, saying it was in revenge for mutilating bodies of slain fighters.

Local officials said the brazen attack from insurgents in Jurm district left at 27 ANA soldiers dead, including eight who were beheaded.

Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, a Taliban spokesperson, in a statement said government forces had earlier mutilated bodies of some Taliban fighters in Warduj district and they also decapitated ANA ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Candlelight Vigil Held for Nangarhar Blast Victims

KANDAHAR CITY - Dozens of social society activists, cultural activists and journalists held a candlelight vigil on Monday night in southern Kandahar to remember Nangarhar blast victims.

Jalal-u-Rehman Sharar, a civil society activist, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Nangarhar incident was a dastardly and inhumane act. He said that Afghans were being killed for years on one or another pretext.

"Hunting animals in jungle is illegal by interna-



tional law but unfortunately there is no law for killing Afghans. Any precedent of brutal killings of Afghans can't be found in history", he lamented. He urged Afghans to get

Woman, Man Killed over 'Sexual Relationship'

KABUL - A man shot dead his brother's wife and another man after accusing them of having a sexual relationship in the Sarobi district of central Kabul province on Monday, police said.

Sarobi police chief Col. Mir Salam Adamkhel the incident took place in the centre of the district at around 4pm. The man, Tila Mohammad, shot dead his brother's wife and another man, Faiz Mohammad, inside his home.

He said Tila Mohammad had himself informed the police about the double murder. Police reached the scene and sent the corpses for a post-mortem examination before handing the bodies over to their respective families, Adamkhel said. ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

Police Seize Over 1,000kgs of Opium, 900kgs Hashish



KANDAHAR - Afghan National Police this week launched a special operation in the Shah Wali Kot District of southern Kandahar province and seized 1,250 kgs of opium and 900 kgs of hashish.

Afghan National Police detained three men in connection with this case - which they carried out on Sunday.

In a statement issued by the Ministry of Interior Affairs (MoI), the minister committed to the fight ..*(More on P4)...(25)*

Blast in Kandahar Leaves 2 Dead, 21 Injured

KANDAHAR - Hospital officials have confirmed that at least two civilians were killed and 21 others, including civilians, were injured in a blast in Kandahar province on Tuesday morning. According to the officials eight police and 13 civilians were injured. NDS Chief of Kandahar Police Rahmatullah Atrafi confirmed the incident and said it took place in the Police District 8 area. Police apparently found the explosive in the area and took it to their offices where it detonated before they could defuse it. According to Atrafi, some of the injured are in serious condition. (Tolonews)

Kunduz Blast Leaves 1 Dead, 5 Wounded

KUNDUZ CITY - A civilian was killed and five others including a woman wounded in a powerful bomb blast in Kunduz City, officials said on Tuesday.

Sayed Sarwar Husseini, provincial police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion took place at around 4:30 pm.

Abdul Ali, a shopkeeper, said a shoemaker was killed in the blast and five more including two policemen were wounded.

Husseini, however, rejected that policemen were among the injured. No group so far claimed responsibility for the blast. (Pajhwok)

6 Would-Be Suicide Bombers Held

JALALABAD - At least six would-be suicide bombers and organizers were arrested in eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday, the spy service said. According to a statement from the National Directorate of Security (NDS), the six-member group was detained in Ghani Khail district of the province.

Qari Rahmatullah known as Qari Usman who was the ringleader of the group along with five others detained during a special operation in 27-Weyali area of the district.

The arrested men included Abdul Bari, Sher Afzal, Shamshad, Samar Gul and Mirwais who were planning to carry out suicide attacks in the province. Suicide vests, Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier uniforms and explosives were also seized from the detainees, the statement added.

The rebels have arrested after a suicide attack in Jalalabad city, the capital of Nangarhar, left 35 people dead and 125 others wounded last Saturday. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You realize that practicality will pay off as you reassess your current financial condition. You know what's right, but might not make the smartest decisions about your money today because being responsible sounds boring now, prompting you to look for ways to escape your obligations. However, you don't have the luxury to slip away yet.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You are driven to make significant progress today as thoughtful Mercury hooks up with impatient Mars. Fortunately, this planetary alignment occurs in your practical sign, empowering you to set priorities and concentrate on your goals. Nevertheless, it's tempting to blame someone else for restricting your creativity, but your fear of failure is likely your real nemesis now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You tend to see the best possible outcome to nearly any difficult situation now, even if people believe you are being too optimistic in your assessment. The fact is you have your mind wrapped around the entire set of circumstances, no matter how complex the logistics may seem. You know that your thoughts require time to solidify, even if others want your answer right away.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You grow tired of hearing about everyone else's dramas, especially if you have your own emotional issues you want to share with your friends today. However, you might need to reconsider your tactics if there isn't sufficient time to talk about your concerns now. Nevertheless, it's solely your responsibility to raise topics that are important to you; you can't expect someone to read your mind and do it for you.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Use your words with care today because they carry a lot of weight now that messenger Mercury aligns with macho Mars. Even if your heart is in the right place, repressed anger could spill over into a conversation without you even knowing it. Instead of speaking only from your point of view, consider other people's feelings before you say anything.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo Although your visions of the future may need clarification or even revision now, you can take the stress in stride without missing a step. Thankfully, your key planet Mercury is humming in harmony with cosmic bad boys, Mars and Pluto, pushing your creativity close to the edge. There's nothing to be gained by trying to juggle too many projects at once; take a few deep breaths and reassess what still needs to be done.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Opportunities for growth pop up everywhere you go today. Resourceful Venus creates a supportive sextile with auspicious Jupiter, revealing the silver lining to every black cloud in sight. However, your mental machinations will only take you so far. Surprisingly, it's easy to go the extra distance once you sink below your thoughts and into your feelings.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You may be uncharacteristically quick to share your thoughts today, especially as loquacious Mercury steps into the unknown to have a conversation with dark Pluto. Nevertheless, divulging too much information can generate a whole new layer of complications. People are less inclined to listen if you're only pushing your personal agenda, so don't talk just to blow your own horn. Engaging in a free-

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Although you might not be in the mood to settle down today, there are critical tasks that require your attention. In fact, you may finally be ready to have that heart-to-heart conversation with your boss about your work. Don't play coy; if something needs to be brought out into the open, do it now while communicator Mercury is willing to fight for your cause

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your mind is like a steel trap today, enabling you to catch relevant facts and hold onto them until they are needed in a conversation. You are driven to use information to your advantage because you have no time to waste in achieving your objectives. Although your sense of urgency could annoy others, they might also be secretly impressed with your impeccable analysis and unwavering ambition.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Although you love to surprise others by pulling rabbits out of hats, advanced preparation helps you take your success to the next level. But you may be even more productive today if you underplay your hand to avoid inviting unnecessary opposition. Making progress is more difficult once resistance is stirred. Ultimately, your quiet determination is your most useful weapon; gentle persistence brings the most gratifying results.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You know that your professional prospects are going well when you feel good about your accomplishments at the end of the day. Fortunately, your associates will probably resonate to your success story by praising your contribution to a recent project. Additionally, powerful friends in high places may even add more than kind words to the mix now as they help you network in new circles.

Across

1. Stave, 6. Rapsallions, 10. Govern, 14. Oddity, 15. Half-moon tide, 16. Sweeping story, 17. Communion table, 18. Twosome 19. Netting, 20. In an elegant manner, 22. Savvy about, 23. Animal doctor, 24. Geeks, 26. A haphazard assortment, 30. Consecrate, 32. Mistake, 33. Very drunk, 37. Withdraw gradually, 38. Long times, 39. Not aft, 40. Somewhere, 42. Protrusion, 43. Quietens, 44. Small indefinite amount, 45. Clan, 47. Glass container 48. University administrator, 49. Purification, 56. Church alcove, 57. Smooth-tongued 58. Type of vacuum flask, 59. Perishes, 60. Small island, 61. Alpha's opposite, 62. Probabilities, 63. C C C C, 64. Stodgy

Down

1. Leave in a hurry, 2. A city in western Russia, 3. The products of human creativity, 4. Decree, 5. Evermore 6. Enter data 7. Lunch or dinner 8. Bucket, 9. Nimbleness, 10. Repentant, 11. Flip over, 12. Enumerates, 13. Reflected sound, 21. Effeminate, 25. Eastern Standard Time, 26. Kittens' cries, 27. Chocolate cookie, 28. Streetcar, 29. Solitariness, 30. Voting groups, 31. Alley, 33. Resound, 34. Somersault, 35. Therefore, 36. Very intense, 38. Hypersensitive, 41. Tavern, 42. Tedium, 44. One of the tribes of Israel, 45. Lukewarm, 46. Levelled, 47. Matches, 48. Carpenter's groove, 50. If not, 51. Dossier, 52. Quick note, 53. Female sheep (plural), 54. Badgers, 55. Found in a cafeteria

Yesterday's Solution

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