

# Poppy Crop Matures Near Governor's House, Police HQ

TIRINKOT - Poppy crop grown near the governor's house and the police headquarters in central Uruzgan province has matured, but the authorities have turned a blind eye towards the banned plant.

Poppy pod in Tirinkot, the provincial capital, and some districts is about to be harvested for opium sap, while officials had earlier claimed the crop grown on 120 hectares of land in the province would be eradicated, a drive yet to be launched.

More poppy has been cultivated this



year in Uruzgan compared to last year. The illicit plant could be least 20 in the vicinity of the governor's house and the police headquarters.

A farmer from Charamgar locality of Tirinkot told Pajhwok Afghan News he had this time cultivated more of his fields with poppy crop and expecting bumper yield if not hit by insects.

He has started harvesting poppy pods and hired eight other men against daily wages to collect opium sap. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## 31 University Students Sentenced to Jail for Insulting National Flag

JALALABAD - At least 31 Nangarhar University students accused of insulting the national flag have been awarded jail terms, an official said on Sunday.

Some months back, hundreds of Nangarhar University students staged a protest in support of militants and insulted Afghanistan's national flag.

After the protest, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) arrested dozens of students and referred them to prosecutors. Appellant Court head Abdul WaliQazizada sentenced 31 students from five months to two years in jail.



Prosecutor Sherin Mohammad said the students were sentenced because they had insulted the national flag. But defence lawyers insisted the students were innocent and demanded their release.

The judicial delegation, after hearing arguments from prosecutors and defence lawyers, acquitted 21 students under Article 25 of the constitution and Article 4 of the criminal law. But each of the students was awarded five ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## Presidential Advisor Survives Suicide Attack

LASHKARGAH - A presidential advisor survived a suicide bombing in southern Helmand province, but two people were killed and as many others wounded on Sunday, an official said.

Omar Zwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the blast took place in Garmser district centre at around 1pm when a convoy of presidential advisor Saleh Mohammad Safari was passing through the area.

Safari escaped unhurt, but two people including a tribal elder were killed and as many others injured in the explosion, for which there was no immediate claim of responsibility, he said.

Garmser district chief, Ayub Omar Omari, said Saleh Mohammad Safari was going to participate



in a gathering at the district headquarters when the incident occurred.

The vehicle of tribal elder and district council member Abdul WaliZabit was blown up, killing him ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## District Court Registrar Gunned Down in Khost

KHOST CITY - Unidentified gunmen shot dead the Nader Shah Kot district court registrar in southeastern Khost province on Sunday, an official said.

Mubarez Mohammad Zadrán, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan the registrar, Malem Khan, was on his way to office when two

motorcyclists sprayed him with bullets.

The murder in broad daylight took place in the Sehra area of Mandozai district. The district chief, Mohammad YunusZadrán, said an investigation into the incident had been launched.

No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attack. (Pajhwok)

## Afghan Forces Kill 5 Militants in Northern Province

SHIBERGHAN - The government forces have killed five Taliban insurgents in the northern Jawzjan province over the past 24 hours, army spokesman NasratullahJamshidi said on Sunday.

The operation which was launched Saturday and covered Aqcha and Manjagak districts, according to the spokesman, would last until the area is

cleared of insurgents.

A Taliban shadowy judge Mawlawi Abdul Rahman is also among those killed during the operation and two more militants have been arrested, the spokesman said.

Taliban militants who are active in parts of Jawzjan province have not commented on the claims. (Xinhua)

## 5 Rebels Killed, as Many Civilians Injured in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - Five insurgents were killed and nine others wounded during a clash with security forces in the Shah WaliKot district of southern Kandahar province, an official said on Sunday.

In Maidwand district of the province, five civilians were wounded after a mortar shell hit their house in Sra-Baghal locality. Samim-Khpalwak, the governor's

spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News women and children injured in the mortar attack had been evacuated to hospital. According to Khpalwak, the clash between insurgents and security forces took place in Kata Sang locality of Shah WaliKot and lasted at least one hour.

Taliban have not yet commented on both the incidents. (Pajhwok)

## 4 Bagram Protestors Injured in Foreign Troops' Firing

CHARIKAR - At least four protesters were injured on Sunday in firing by foreign troops during a protest against a raid on a former jihadi commander's home in Bagram district of central Parwan province, officials and residents said.

Bagram police chief Col. Ahmadzai said four protesters injured in foreign forces' firing were discharged after receiving treatment in a local clinic.

A doctor at the clinic, who wished not to be named, confirmed receiving four injured protesters. He said they were discharged after treatment in the clinic.

Col. Ahmadzai confirmed the search operation by US soldiers. He said although the action had sparked anger among local residents, ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## Daikundi Labour Director Jailed for 16 Months

NEILI - The primary court in central Daikundi province on Sunday sentenced to 16 months in jail the provincial labour, social affairs, martyrs and disabled (LSMD) department head. GhulamHusainFarzam has been detained on the charges of falsification and misusing his authority about 10 months back and referred to the attorney's office.

A judiciary panel of the Daikundi urban court on Sunday convicted and sentenced to jail the LSMD head for 16 months



based evidence produced before the jury.

Last week, 11 officials were detained over allegedly embezzling millions of afghanis and were referred to the provincial attorney's office. Cashier of the education department was convicted of misappropriating more than six million afis and was jailed for 10 years.

A recent investigation shows more than 12 million afis have been missing from the education ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## 6 Killed in Taliban Attack on Army Camp

KABUL - Five militants and an army soldier were killed after the Taliban attacked an Afghan army camp in the western province of Farah Saturday night, the Defense Ministry said on Sunday.

"The Taliban raided the an army camp in Anar Dara District, Farah province overnight. The army personnel fought back and killed five militants and injured four others. One army soldier also martyred during the clashes," the ministry said in a statement.

The army's helicopters also struck the militants' positions during the clashes in the district bordering Iran, it said.

Furthermore, up to five Taliban militants were killed, three wounded and three others were detained during separate cleanup ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## One Killed in Clashes between Afghan, Pak Forces in Nangarhar

KABUL - At least one Afghan soldier was killed and two others injured as clash erupted between the Afghan and Pakistani border forces in Goshta district of Nangarhar province.

A border police commander in eastern Afghanistan said the clash started last night after Pakistani military forces allegedly fired a number of rocket into the district forcing the Afghan security forces to retaliate, reports Tolo news.

Confirming that the clash ended this morning, the

police commander said that one Afghan soldier was killed and two others were injured.

"The soldier killed in the attack is Belal and was a resident of Nangarhar," Tolo News quoted him as saying.

He also said that there have been no reports of civilian casualties so far.

Meanwhile, the Pakistani authorities said that two security personnel were injured in mortar fire from Afghanistan, including a ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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



A rushing surge of confidence motivates you to overcome an obstacle that was blocking your way. Unfortunately, this new wave of optimism still may not produce results quickly enough for you. Nevertheless, patiently working toward your goals brings emotional satisfaction, even if you're not making much progress today.

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



You might be feeling uncomfortable now, and even a bit out of sorts. Although you are often determined to make the best of any situation, you lose interest in the dreams of your future if your fantasies aren't supported by the present circumstances. Explore every possibility, but don't confuse your thoughts with reality. Everything will take longer to manifest than you think.

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



Your point of view on a personal issue might be very different from someone close to you. Oddly enough, you're both likely working with the same set of information today. Don't get discouraged about this current disagreement; an honest discussion may still prove fruitful if you're willing to compromise. Thankfully, your flexible attitude can make you a winner.

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



You are harboring big ideas about what you plan to accomplish today, but it's crucial to be realistic or you'll end up disappointed in yourself. Unfortunately, your attention could be hijacked if you're caught up in a web of emotions. Thankfully, your life is not as extreme as it seems. Opening your heart and widening your perspective eases the relationship tension.

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



Although this may seem like a perfect day to fall in love, an emotional interaction can become problematic unless your motives are clear. You are appreciative if a helpful person rides to your rescue or if a spiritual teaching offers you solace.

Either way, your fantasies can transform into reality, but you must take the initiative by giving your dreams a creative nudge forward. Be daring and step out on a limb.

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



It's natural for you Virgos to focus on the details of your current circumstances before creating a concrete plan. However, today's confident Sagittarius Moon encourages you to see everything in a holistic manner without having to resort to extreme measures. But you might work yourself into a state of anxiety as your mind jumps back and forth from the very big to the very little. If you are pulled off course.

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



There are so many things happening every which way you turn that each interaction is just another distraction. Fortunately, a variety of activities can also be a lot of fun now. Nevertheless, you may be a bit scattered today as the changeable Moon visits your 3rd House of Communication. Don't waste energy attempting to turn the noise of the day down to a manageable level.

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



You possess the necessary courage now to face issues that you have previously avoided. Fortunately, you can use today's optimistic Sagittarius Moon to improve your personal finances as she visits your 2nd House of Money. However, too much confidence can lead to a false sense of wellbeing, making a demanding problem seem less troublesome.

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



Your shifting moods may get the best of you now that the evocative Moon is back in your sign, amplifying your feelings. However, you can also learn a very important lesson today if you are willing to stop running around and simply delve into your heart. You feel more at home philosophizing about your emotions; nevertheless, it's time to explore your passions without being overwhelmed by them.

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



You are often the most reliable person around because you tend to keep your feet on the ground while calculating how to reach the mountain's summit. However, you may be looking for an escape route today as the intensity of your fantasies increases. There's no need to panic now, for you won't lose your sense of reality. Give yourself permission to sink into your most irrational dreams.

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



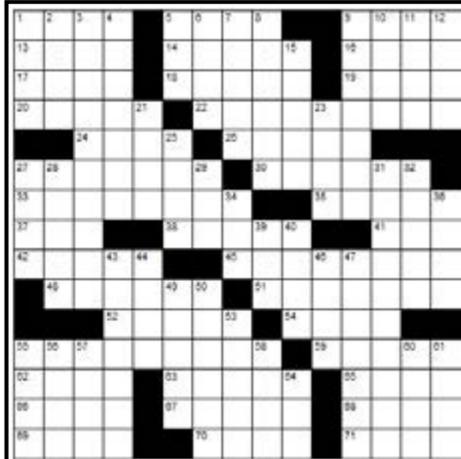
Your positive attitude enables you to maintain a healthy perspective now as you gracefully manage most problems that surface. Optimism may abound, but it only takes you so far today.

Although people seem to be supportive of your plans, you must put in the extra effort on your own. Nevertheless, do whatever you can to return the love, since you'll make more progress when you feel the team spirit.

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



An acquaintance may approach you for advice or assistance today. Unfortunately, your plan might not go as you imagine, even when you are operating with the best of intentions. Listen carefully to what others want and don't promise more than you can deliver just to avoid conflict. The sooner you are honest about your limits, the better for everyone involved. Don't get hung up trying to resolve every difference.



#### Across

1. Fraud, 5. Region, 9. Decay from overripening, 13. Hubs, 14. Liabilities, 16. Boorish, 17. Circle fragments, 18. Wooden shoe, 19. Module, 20. Magnetic induction unit, 22. Remedy, 24. Transgressions, 26. Layers, 27. Type of shellfish, 30. Sneaks, 33. Portable computer, 35. Goodwill, 37. Pair, 38. Mosquitoes, 41. Directed, 42. Small finch, 45. Boating, 48. Words to a song, 51. Tournament, 52. Whip, 54. Noxious plant, 55. Disagreed, 59. Pub game, 62. Within, 63. Sentry, 65. Achy, 66. Pond gunk, 67. Knight's "suit", 68. Portent, 69. Walking stick, 70. Catch a glimpse of, 71. Colorful salamander.

#### Down

1. Smelting waste, 2. Daughter of Zeus and Demeter, 3. Making an assertion against, 4. Rocket, 5. Commercial, 6. Back, 7. A common green newt, 8. Nuclear, 9. A strong and heavyset man, 10. Roman moon goddess, 11. Modify, 12. French for "Head", 15. Drive, 21. Prig, 23. Remnant, 25. Kiss, 27. Picnic insects, 28. Intestine, 29. A very long period, 31. The same backward as forward, 32. Display, 34. K, 36. Jittery, 39. Make lace, 40. Flat-bottomed boat, 43. Annoying, 44. 3 times 3, 46. Tinted, 47. Treachery, 49. Line dance, 50. Surgical stitch, 53. League members, 55. Platter, 56. Ancient Peruvian, 57. Render unconscious, 58. Let go, 60. An old spelling of "True", 61. Dispatched, 64. Not wet.

#### Yesterday's Solution



abstract, attune, avail, charge, coerce, cogent, compile, counterfeit, dotted, evening, famous, forge, frog, gamut, glove, grouse, heart, liken, match, moon, oblige, orders, paper, peal, polite, pout, precis, proficient, protest, range, reward, stripe.

