

Takhar Family of 15 Falls Ill after Chars-Mixed Meal

TALOQAN - Fifteen members of a family, including women and children, fell unconscious after eating food mixed with narcotics in the Yangi Qala district of northeastern Takhar province, officials said on Saturday.

Taliban Rape Victim Arrested Before Suicide Attack: NDS

KABUL - A 16-year-old boy who confessed to having been gang-raped by Taliban commanders and forced to carry out a suicide attack has been arrested in Kabul, National Directorate of Security (NDS) said in a statement Sunday.



local residents found out about the sexual abuse, the commanders forced him to attack a police station in Bagrami in Kabul.

118 Pistols Handed over to DIAG

KANDAHAR CITY - One hundred and eighteen pistols were on Saturday handed over to the Disarmament of Illegal Armed Groups (DIAG) programme in southern Kandahar province, an official said.



district, the deputy Kandahar police chief, Col. Rahmatullah Atrafi, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said insurgents had dispatched the guns from across the border in Pakistan, but police confiscated them.

11 ANA Soldiers Dead in Fresh Bout of Violence

KABUL - At least 11 Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed in attacks and land mines in different parts of the country in the past 24 hours, an official communiqué said on Sunday.



tion of in southern Zabul Province. The soldiers were targeted when a remotely controlled bomb tied on a tree detonated, the

source added. Taliban insurgents claimed killing several security forces in different areas of Zabul province. (Pajhwok)

Acting Police Chief and 1 Civilian Killed by Unknown Gunmen

TRINKOT - - The acting police chief of Uruzgan, Gen. Gulaab Khan and a civilian were killed by a number of unknown gunmen on Saturday night, local officials said.



The incident took place about 11:00 pm local time in Trinkot, capital of the province while he was checking the police check posts in the city, a spokesman for the Provincial Governor's Office, Dost Mohamad Nayab said.

"The gunmen fled the area after the shooting," Nayab said, adding that "one of the employees of the criminal department at police headquarters has been arrested over the incident."

Hajigak Pass Reopens for Traffic



BAMYAN CITY - After remaining closed for months due to heavy snowfall, the Hajigak pass on the Kabul-Bamyan highway has reopened for vehicular traffic, officials said on Sunday.

province. Local residents recently cleared the pass of snow and reopened the route for traffic. Eng. Mohammad Anwari, Bamyan public works director, told Pajhwok Afghan News the vital pass would be asphalted in four months.

He added reconstruction work on the highway had ... (More on P4)... (13)

Bid to Smuggle Heroin, Minerals to Tajikistan Foiled

JALALABAD - Police on Sunday arrested two persons trying to smuggle precious stones and heroine concealed in 143 wooden boxes in the Surkhud district of eastern Nangrahar province, the provincial police said.



original culprits. Police had arrested 216 smugglers and seized 2070 kg of opium and 2884 kg of hashish in Nangrahar last year. Sanaullah, a resident, said poppy was grown as well

as processed into drugs in Nangrahar. Therefore, he said, police should thoroughly examine every vehicle on main roads to prevent smuggling of drugs from Jalalabad to other areas. (Pajhwok)

13 Militants Killed in Khost Firefight

KHOST CITY - More than a dozen Taliban insurgents were killed and another eight injured during an overnight clash with security forces in southeastern Khost province, the governor's house said on Sunday.



The clash broke out after a group of insurgents attacked security posts in Zazi Maidan district, the governor's office said in a statement quoting Gen. Mohammad Nassar Hedyat, Afghan National Army (ANA)'s first brigade commander in Khost.

Centre, that the security forces escaped unhurt in the attack and 13 militant rebels were killed and eight wounded when the forces returned fire. He dubbed the Taliban's spring offensive "Azm" that started on Friday as a mere propaganda. ... (More on P4)... (14)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



It's prudent to look before you leap while the dramatic Leo Moon amplifies your tendency to act spontaneously. Your sharp instincts usually steer you well, but an irrepresible desire to express your independence might lead you astray today.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Your innate ability to hold your ground comes in handy today if someone attempts to pull you in another direction, but your inflexibility might also complicate the circumstances. You can unwittingly create an embarrassing situation by overstating your position and then attempting to defend it at all costs.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your clever charm can easily distract someone with superficial pleasantries if it's in your best interest. However, the tables are turned today and you may be the one who wants to talk about an unresolved issue that's on your mind.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Although you might believe it's a good day to come out of your shell and take a risk, it won't be as easy as you expect. Your life is further complicated by your heightened sensitivity to other people's feelings today; worrying about their reactions makes it harder to remain true to yourself.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You may not be able to stop your emotions from spilling over into your work environment while the animated Leo Moon battles with argumentative Mercury. You can be extremely expressive today, especially if you are suppressing any anger.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



It's not all that easy to trust your logic today, even though that's where you normally find your answers. Your subjective impressions are strong now and you may be provoked to express an irrational opinion so quickly that you don't think about your reply.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You are determined to clarify your goals and establish priorities that support your hopes for the future. However, your preferences are not in sync with the expectations of others now, and you can't easily share your intentions because you're afraid of letting someone down.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You're not in the mood to step through a variety of mechanical motions at work just to make someone else happy today. However, if you're able to tap into your creativity, anything is possible.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your sudden resurgence of optimism may inspire risky behavior today, especially if you assume that you're running out of time. Although you're able to express your opinions without restraint, it's helpful to be understated in your approach because you might appear pushier than you realize.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your passion about a new project motivates you to work harder and smarter, but your intense ambition may seem overwhelming to others. Normally, you can control your excitement and meter it out in a methodical manner to earn the respect of your peers.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

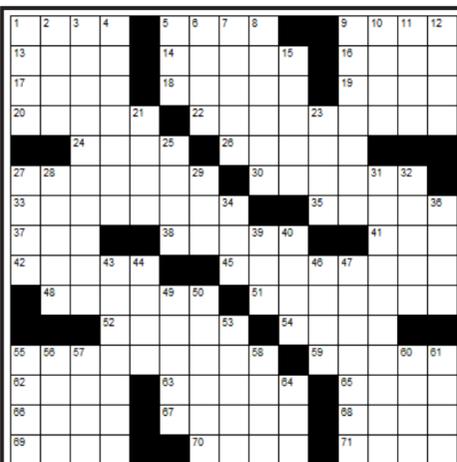


People's expectations are so high now that you can't possibly deliver on all of the demands being placed on you. Although you could come through with flying colors, you still may be afraid of disappointing your coworkers.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You may inadvertently create a major complication for yourself today if you unilaterally decide that you know what's best for everyone. Even if you're being quite logical about the current work dynamics, you could focus a great deal of significance on a minor detail now instead of considering the whole picture.



Across

- 1. Anagram of "Star", 5. Not right, 9. Knows, 13. Forsaken, 14. Units of land, 16. Found on a finger, 17. Wings, 18. A thin soup, 19. Sea eagle, 20. Kidney-related, 22. Not fully developed, 24. Gull-like bird, 26. A gold coin of ancient Persia, 27. Math, 30. Fears, 33. Makes right, 35. Smidgen, 37. Night before, 38. Listens, 41. Foot digit, 42. Fish broth, 45. Offspring unlike either parent, 48. Sleeping sickness carrier, 51. Parts of a meal, 52. Long times, 54. Rascal, 55. Apartment roommates (British), 59. Investment, 62. Owl!, 63. Portion, 65. Wild goat, 66. Monster, 67. Vamoose, 68. Run away, 69. Bucks and does, 70. Feudal worker, 71. Cravings

Down

- 1. Winglike, 2. Part in a play, 3. Sin, 4. A canvas shoe, 5. Chemists workplace, 6. Beige, 7. Leaf, 8. Foursome, 9. Patella, 10. Acquire deservedly, 11. 11 less than 12, 10. Sleigh, 15. Bake in a shallow dish, 21. Lubricate, 23. Desserts, 25. Eyebrow shape, 27. Breezed through, 28. A green fabric mixture, 29. Consumed food, 31. Abhorrent, 32. British biscuit, 34. A single-reed woodwind, 36. Lock openers, 39. Record (abbrev.), 40. Prig, 43. Common Old World heath, 44. Bit of gossip, 46. Not yours, 47. Pander, 49. Cleansing agents, 50. Inveigle, 53. Clairvoyants, 55. What we eat, 56. Olympic sled, 57. Unit of land, 58. Glance over, 60. Avid, 61. X X X X, 64. An uncle,

Yesterday's Solution



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