

Nuristan Acting Custom Chief Held on Corruption Charges

JALALABAD - Custom acting chief of eastern Nuristan province is arrested on corruption charges and his case is referred to Attorney General Office (AGO), an official said on Sunday. Nuristan acting governor Hafez Abdul Qayyum told Pajhwok Afghan News the acting custom revenue director Mohammad Ayub demanded bribe in construction of police station. "The director custom revenue is on sick leave and has gone abroad for treatment



while acting director Mohammad Ayub has been detained red-handed with 100,000 Afghans as a bribe," he added. He is in police custody and a case had been registered against him, the governor said, adding that stern action had been taken to curb corruption and six cases had been referred to AGO during this year. Brig. Gen. Khalilullah Ziaee, police chief, confirmed the arrest of the official and said that he was being investigated. (Pajhwok)

Senior Taliban Commander among 4 Dead in Drone Strike

PUL-I-ALAM - A US drone strike has killed four militants, including a senior Taliban leader, in Barkai Barak district in central Logar province, an official says on Sunday. Mohammad Rahim Amin, the district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Maulvi Habibullah-Rahman, a senior Taliban commander, and his three associates were killed in an unmanned drone attack late Saturday night in Chalozai area. The slain commander, he alleged was involved in anti-state activities in the area for the last few years. "Security situation



will improve in the area after the death of Maulvi Habibullah," he hoped. Hamidullah, a resident of the locality, confirmed the attack took place at around 8:00 pm on Saturday night. "We came to know in... (More on P4)... (15)

Militants Torch Relief Goods for Poor

LASHKARGAH - Armed gunmen have burnt relief items of Red Crescent (RC) for vulnerable in the Kajaki district in southern Helmand, an official said on Sunday. The district officials reported recently that Taliban had blocked the main road and people and security forces confronted shortage of food items. Mullah Abdul Razzaq, the district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that RC had transported edible items for 70



families which Taliban had set on fire on Saturday night. "Taliban fighters have burnt the edible items in area where there were vulnerable and de-

served families," he said, adding that rebels had only burnt the items and had not damaged the vehicles.... (More on P4)... (16)

Police in Pakistan's Punjab Detain 22 Afghans

ISLAMABAD - Police have arrested 22 Afghans in Pakistan's Punjab province during a campaign launched against illegal immigrants. Local media outlets report that the arrests were being made in Kot Momin are of Sargodha District on Saturday. Police claim that four Kalashnikovs and four pistols were recovered from the possession of these people. Afghan Government had not commented on the report by the time this report was filed.

There are currently around 16,00,000 Registered Afghan refugees who are issued proper documentation to stay in Pakistan until the end of the current year, the refugee cards issued to them are said to be renewed before they expire. There are also roughly 10,00,000 Afghan refugees who do not have the necessary refugee documents but they might be given legal status to stay in Pakistan in coming six months. (KP)

Two Civilians Die in Helmand Blast

LASHKARGAH - At least two civilians were killed in a roadside mine blast in southern Helmand province on Saturday, local officials said. In addition, three other civilians were injured. The incident took place in Marjeh district of the province after their vehicle struck a roadside mine, head of Helmand's police media office in Helmand, Shah Mahmood said. "The incident happened after the civilians were coming back to Marjeh from a picnic,"



he said. The injured people were taken to a local hospital, he added. No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the blast. (Tolonews)

17 Taliban Killed in Faryab Infighting, Blast

MAIMANA - Seventeen Taliban militants have been killed during infighting and a bomb explosion in the Qaisar district of northwestern Faryab province, officials said on Sunday. Maj. Reza Reza, the 209th Shaheen Military Corps spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash between two Taliban commanders, Mullah Hafizullah and Mullah Abdul Samad, erupted in Ghorak area.



Eleven Taliban fighters were killed and another six were wounded during the firefight that resulted from sharp differences developed between the two commanders after the death of Taliban's supreme leader... (More on P4)... (17)

Afghan Woman Sexually Abused in a Hospital in India

NEW DELHI - An Afghan woman has reportedly been sexually abused by a housekeeper in a hospital in Delhi, the capital city of India. The incident took place on 24th July where the housekeeper sexually abused the woman who was accompanying her mother in the hospital for the treatment. India's Max Hospital in Saket where the incident took place has confirmed the incident and said the suspect a 21-year-old employee of the hospital has been arrested. The suspect Amar Singh



was produced before a magistrate's court on July 25, and was remanded in judicial custody till August 8, according to the local newspapers. According to the police statement cited in local media reports, Singh... (More on P4)... (19)

Flash Flood Destroys 45 Houses in Paktika

KABUL - At least 45 houses were destroyed in flash floods in War-mi district in south-eastern Paktika province on Saturday night, local officials said. Large swathes of agricultural land and gardens have also been destroyed after flash floods hit a number of districts in the province, the head of the National Disaster Management Authority Department of Paktika, Abdul Hadi said. Meanwhile, residents affected have appealed to government for assistance. Officials said so far there are no reports of casualties but said a delegation will visit the areas to investigate the damage. This comes after last week's deluge where a young girl was killed in flash floods in eastern Laghman province... (More on P4)... (20)

2 Security Personnel Dead in Internal Fight

MAIMANA - Two Afghan security personnel have been killed and four others wounded as a result of internal clash and a mortar shell in Qaisar district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said Sunday. The district police chief Maj. Sayed Juma told Pajhwok Afghan News the firefight between special police units and intelligence forces took place due to misunderstanding. One special police unit personnel was killed and two others wounded in the gun battle, he said, adding that one of the wounded was in critical condition. However, a local resident wished anonymity said a policeman was killed and four others wounded in Qaisar clash... (More on P4)... (21)

14 Rebels, 8 ANA Soldiers Dead in New Bout of Violence

KABUL - At least 14 militants and eight Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have been killed in separate security incidents in different parts of the country, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said on Sunday. According to a statement from the MoD, the rebels were killed during opera-

tions by ANA in Ghazni, Helmand and Zabul provinces during the past 24 hours. A Taliban commander and a foreign rebel were also among the dead, the statement said, adding five more militants were wounded, a number of weapons and 22 bombs seized during the operations... (More on P4)... (18)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You wake up believing you can do anything, but reality has a different tale to tell. Oddly enough, you won't likely be surprised if you run into an obstacle. It's as if your inner parent warned you to be more practical and you weren't willing to listen. Thankfully, it's not too late to change your ways. A more cautious approach to reaching your goals will take you further than running on enthusiasm.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might be tempted to take the day off, but avoiding your responsibilities won't make them disappear. The fact of the matter is people are counting on you now and you don't want to let them down. Fortunately, your dependable nature motivates you to be there for those who need you the most. It turns out there's nothing more satisfying than being able to show up and save the day.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Beginning a project is one thing but finishing it is something entirely different today. You can talk a good game, but sooner or later others are going to expect you to put your words into action. But it's more complicated than it seems if you're not clear about your own objectives. Nevertheless, it may be wise to set your personal needs aside for a while and focus on the demands of work.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You have high hopes today, but you could easily underestimate the resources required to complete a job. You might begin by putting all your marbles on the table, but this unrestrained approach encourages you to blow through your time and money without much to show for your efforts. From a practical perspective, planning in advance makes a huge difference.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You feel like you should be the star of the show, but could be dismayed to discover there's no audience. With so many planets in your demonstrative sign, you want it to be all about you today, but there are other factors to consider. Instead of rushing around to prove what you can do, spend your time creating a solid foundation for everyone else to build upon.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

It's nearly impossible to resolve the ongoing dissonance between your imagination and the current events in your life. Obviously, you know the difference between the subjective and objective realms, but you believe that your dreams could alter the outcome if your intentions are pure. To some extent this is true, but you still must start with the mundane now and work toward the spiritual, not the other way around.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Seeking support and recognition from others is an exercise in futility today. No matter how much acknowledgment or love you receive, it may still feel like you're not getting what you deserve. Nevertheless, self-esteem begins with loving yourself; instead of looking everywhere on the outside for validation, focus on your strengths and not your weaknesses.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

No matter how hard you work today, there's still more to do. However, you might be further along on your path than you realize. Sometimes, you can't see the results of your efforts right away, like when you're climbing a hill. Until you reach the summit, you don't have a wide enough perspective to see how far you've traveled.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

All the promises in the world won't overcome your current self-doubt if you're stuck on a memory of a past failure. You may not have the luxury of engaging in a long, drawn out emotional process. Instead, acknowledge the inarguable facts and start from there. Be as realistic as possible about your goals, but don't stop believing in your dreams. Persistence is your secret weapon in your battle against the clock.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

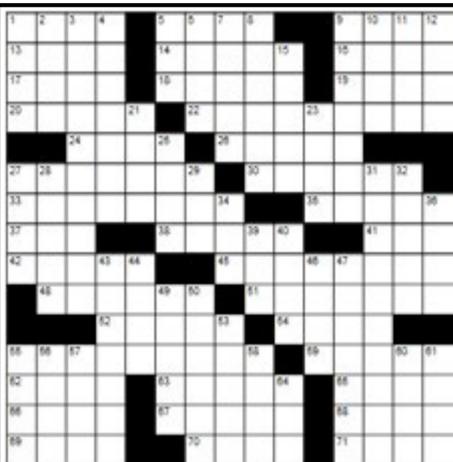
It might seem as if the group process is hampering your progress. Or it's possible that people are really working against your efforts. Instead of trying to lead everyone along on your chosen path, you might have to give up your high expectations of harmonious teamwork. Don't be afraid to separate yourself from the pack. You can't get around the complexity when multiple points of view are involved.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your career objectives may be in direct conflict with your personal goals now. Your job-related duties prevent you from connecting with those you love in the way you wish. Unfortunately, you must make choices because you can only spread yourself so thin. Normally, you could rely on the advice of others to help you with your dilemma, but they are likely to encourage you to follow your heart.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Putting all your eggs in one basket might seem necessary, yet success comes at a high price now. If you want to shine professionally, you have to prove you have the determination and discipline to reach your goals. Unfortunately, you may be distracted by a string of unimportant diversions that steal your time. However, no one is taking anything from you; it's your decision where to focus your awareness.



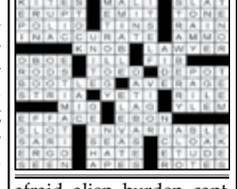
Across

- 1. Austrian peaks, 5. Snake sound, 9. Twofold, 13. Sourish, 14. Hurts, 16. Small island, 17. Smell, 18. It pumps blood, 19. Bristle, 20. Anagram of "Smit", 22. Being a tenant farmer, 24. Dines, 26. Steeple, 27. Feeling, 30. Hairstyle, 33. Outside, 35. Sharpshoot, 37. Former boxing champ, 38. Sacred hymn, 41. Central, 42. Cat sounds, 45. Fighting on horseback, 48. Tell on, 51. Flattery, 52. Entices, 54. Place, 55. Had strong suppressed feelings, 59. Philippine tribal chief, 62. Yachting cap, 63. Fondled, 65. Perished, 66. Ends a prayer, 67. Lacquer ingredient, 68. Solitary, 69. Chinese mafia, 70. Remnant, 71. Terminates.

Down

- 1. "Smallest" particle, 2. Stow, as cargo, 3. Security, 4. Streaked, 5. Derisive laugh, 6. Frosts, 7. Persian potentates, 8. Angel, 9. Distinguish, 10. End ___, 11. Countertenor, 12. Jump, 15. Stripes, 21. Blend, 23. Anagram of "Sire", 25. Faux pas, 27. Squad, 28. Wheel shafts, 29. Dawn goddess, 31. Reduction, 32. Express a thought, 34. British rule in India, 36. Jittery, 39. Toss, 40. Think (over), 43. Inclined towards, 44. An upright in a wall, 46. Told, 47. Foot lever, 49. Paper with a crinkled texture, 50. Announce, 53. Waste conduit, 55. Three-handed card game, 56. Quick note, 57. Not closed, 58. A Greek territorial unit, 60. Care for, 61. Poems, 64. Excavate.

Yesterday's Solution



afraid, alien, burden, cant, change, chute, clone, closing, dare, deed, discovery, dream, elite, friend, future, journey, lever, limit, oppress, orders, peace, person, restless, retire, sear, secure, slice, source, star, thank, threat, tight, tough, under, weave, window, would, wring.

