

Mansour's Deputy Survives Life Bid near Afghan Border

QUETTA - Maulvi Haibatullah Noorzai, one of the two deputies to the new Taliban leader, narrowly escaped an assassination attempt when unidentified gunmen attacked his convoy in Pakistan's Baluchistan province, a Taliban source said on Monday. The source, wishing anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News a former Nangarhar governor and head of the Taliban's central committee, Maulvi Abdul Kabir, was also travelling in



the convoy. Both Haibatullah and Kabir escaped unhurt in the gun attack that took place on the outskirts of Chaman near the Afghanistan border, but three other Taliban leaders were wounded in the assault. The top Taliban leaders were in the locality to garner support for Mullah Akhtar Mansour, the Taliban's new supreme leader, from local clerics of seminaries in the area when they came under attack, the source said. (Pajhwok)

Aandar Mine Explosion Leaves 3 Women Dead

GHAZNI CITY - Three women were killed and a man wounded on Monday when a motorbike struck a roadside landmine in the Aandar district of southern Ghazni province, an official said.



Shafiqe Nang, the governor's spokesman, said: "The victims were on their way to offer condolences following the demise of a relative when the roadside mine went-off, leaving the three women dead." Mohammad Rahim, a resident of Khar village, said the slain and wounded belonged to the same family. Abdullah, a med-

ic, said the wounded man was in stable condition. Governor Musa Khan Akbarzad expressed grief over the killing of women and accused the enemy of Afghanistan of planting roadside bombs. (Pajhwok)

Completion of Baghlan Projects to Benefit Thousands of Families

PUL-I-KHUMRI - More than 4,000 families would benefit after implementation of welfare projects in northern Baghlan province, an official said Monday. The projects included grave-laying of 36 kilometers of road, building a four kilometers embankment wall, setting up five social centers and building of one school in each of Dushi, Khanjan, Deh Salah, Bano,



Nahrain and Burka districts. Mehrabuddin Ibrahim, provincial Rural Rehabilitation and Development director, told Pajhwok Afghan News the uplift projects cost more than 90 million Afghanis funded by... (More on P4)...(16)

4 Rebels Killed in Internal Fight



HERAT CITY - At least four militants were killed in internal fight in Shindand district of western Herat province, an official said Monday. Provincial police spokesman Abdul Rauf Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place when supporters of two Taliban commanders Mullah Nangialai and Amruddin exchanged harsh words in Okal village of Shindand district last night. Three rebels belonged to Nangialai and Taliban commander were killed in the clash, he said, adding the clashes between rebel groups usually take place over judicial issues. Taliban did not, however, comment on the incident. (Pajhwok)

NDS Thwarts Presidential Palace Attack, Arrest 4 Suicide

KABUL - Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Monday thwarted an attack on the Presidential Palace after they arrested four suicide bombers in Kabul city. According to NDS officials, the four suspected Taliban insurgents were all wearing explosive-laden vests and carried firearms. They were arrested in PD8 in the city. (Tolonews)



Former Jihadi Leader among 7 Dead in Samangan Clash

AIBAK - A former jihadi leader and four of his fighters died in a clash with Taliban insurgents in northern Samangan province on Sunday, local officials said. Three insurgents also died in the battle. The incident took place after a number of insurgents attacked Damullah Karim, the former jihadi leader's house, a spokes-



man for Provincial Governor, Mohammad Sediq Azizi said on Monday. "In the clash, Qari Damullah Shamshad, Taliban district governor in Roy Do Aab, Mawlawi Bozorg, Taliban district... (More on P4)...(17)

Anti-Pakistan Protest Rocks Khost City



KHOST CITY - Scores of protesters took to the street in southeastern Khost on Monday against what they alleged Pakistan's illegal construction deep into Afghanistan territory. The enraged demonstrators condemned Pakistan for construction on Af-

Gunmen Kill School Principal in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - A school principal has been killed and three others wounded in an attack by unidentified gunmen in Mohammad Aghi district of central Logar province, an official said Monday. Mohammad Shapoor Arab, provincial education director, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Dilawar Khan, the principal of Safid Sang High School was shot dead by unknown armed men. The incident took place when the school principal along with three education department officers carrying the salaries of around 1,000 teachers, he added. The attackers failed to take the money, he said, adding that three of the officers were also wounded in the incident. A resident of the area Dadullah said: "The armed men were

waiting on the road and then opened fire on a corolla car and left one man dead and several others wounded." Logar police chief Col. Qari Mohammad Ora confirmed the incident and said police have been reached at the scene and started investigations. Elsewhere, an Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier was killed and another wounded in Pashtoon Zarghoon district of western Herat province. Najibullah Najibi, spokesman of the 207th Zafar Military Corps, said the incident took place when ANA soldiers were on their way from the district to Herat city. He said one ANA soldier was killed and another wounded when their vehicle they were travelling in hit by a roadside bombing. (Pajhwok)

Tribal Leader Shot Dead; 2 Burglars Detained

ZARANJ/ FARAHCITY - Unidentified gunmen shot dead a tribal elder in southwestern Nimroz province while two thieves were captured in western Farah province, officials said on Monday. An official who wished to go unnamed told Pajhwok Afghan News that Abdul Qudus Barahawee, a tribal elder, was killed by two motorcyclists

in the third police district in Zaranj City, the capital of the province. The attackers managed to flee the scene after committing the crime. The residents said the man was killed as a result of personal enmity. Yusufallah, a doctor at Zaranj Civil Hospital, said the victim was seriously wounded who... (More on P4)...(18)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're able to step directly into the flow of events today, even if you don't know what you're doing. The lovely Venus-Jupiter conjunction blesses your 5th House of Fun and Games, making it nearly impossible to miss the beneficial effects of this cosmic gift. Although you can inspire others with your soaring optimism, you may try to take the everything-is-wonderful approach too far.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It's nearly impossible for anyone to bring you down today while delicious Venus is cavorting with jolly Jupiter in your 4th House of Security. Ironically, everyone doesn't share your excitement and your unrestrained optimism may put someone else in distress. Thankfully, it doesn't take much effort on your part to curb your enthusiasm just a little.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may be happy with your current mode of operation today, even if you have to deal with mundane annoyances such as paying bills and juggling one-too-many responsibilities. Luckily, a sudden change of circumstances allows you to temporarily revise your previous agenda to capitalize on an unexpected opportunity. Your flexible attitude works in your favor as long as you resist assuming your method is best.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may be rather lazy today, even though your senses are wide awake. Opulent Jupiter dances with luscious Venus in your 2nd House of Self-Worth, filling your life with feelings of abundance and pleasure. Happily, too much of a good thing still seems pretty darn good today, as if you can overdo without suffering the consequences.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

It's as if you're a magician today, effortlessly pulling one cute rabbit after another out of thin air. You make everything look so easy now because you're having such a good time demonstrating your charming wit and spirit of generosity. However, turning a clever thought or poetic turn of phrase into something more practical could be a challenge.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're tempted to gloss over a significant fact if you think reality might get in the way of your big plans. Normally, you're quite attentive to the details, but you may be more concerned with fulfilling a pleasurable fantasy now. Fortunately, your integrity prevents you from stepping too far out of line. Additionally, you don't want to waste time later cleaning up from a lapse of good judgment.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You could go overboard when expressing your generosity toward others today as the delightful Venus-Jupiter conjunction sweetens your 11th House of Friends and Associates. It's all too easy to overcome any self-doubt that may be stirred if you are putting your reputation on the line. In fact, the possible rewards seem so great that justifying the risk isn't difficult at all.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

A well-meaning person could enter your life now, offering you a business opportunity or an unexpected chance to further your career. Receiving a generous gift is another possible manifestation of the auspicious Venus-Jupiter conjunction that graces your 10th House of Status. You could be pleasantly surprised no matter what happens.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

It's easier to reevaluate your future plans than to actually motivate yourself today to make a move. However, you're willing to take a leap of faith and say yes if something sounds intriguing while the promising Venus-Jupiter conjunction shines in your 9th House of Adventure. Nevertheless, success comes at a cost now, and there still may be a few surprises along the way. The potential is great if you exercise good judgment.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Support comes out of left field today as friendly Venus joins propitious Jupiter in your 8th House of Shared Resources. Collaborating with others is a win-win proposition because nearly anything you do now serves to further your long-term goals. Your ambitious nature is currently your greatest asset. Don't be overly concerned if you can't figure out where the opportunities might lead.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your current success depends on your ability to combine your unique creativity with your persuasive charm. Working with those who share your passions is your ticket to happiness as the harmonious Venus-Jupiter conjunction highlights your 7th House of Partners. Friends and associates bring much-needed skills and resources to the table, paving a clear path to your goals.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Relaxing doesn't feel like a viable option today, especially if you are swept up in the anticipation of what's right around the next corner. Even if something wonderful at work catches you off guard, it's still challenging to stop long enough to let the experience sink in. Luckily, you can make a conscious decision to soak in the sweetness of the present moment instead of immediately returning to the task at hand.

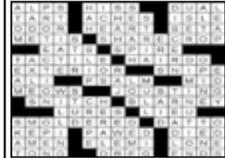
Across

- 1. Hairdo, 5. Potatoes, 10. Credit or playing, 14. Childlike, 15. Artist's workstand, 16. Double-reed woodwind, 17. Minor quarrel, 18. Perilous, 20. Blow up, 22. Pillar, 23. In song, the loneliest number, 24. Small islands, 25. Splashing, 32. Avoid, 33. Mor-tise and joint, 34. A spider spins this, 37. To tax or access, 38. Travelled by bus, 39. Disappear gradually, 40. Make lace, 41. Point of greatest despair, 42. Birch relative, 43. Recognizing, 45. A high-pitched woodwind, 49. Chart, 50. Otalgia, 53. Hardy coarse-haired sheep, 57. Mating of related people, 59. A coniferous tree, 60. Leave in a hurry, 61. Gibe, 62. Dash, 64. Children, 65. Defeat decisively.

Down

- 1. Against, 2. Gladly, 3. Jazz phrase, 4. Unloads, 5. 7 member group, 6. Trim, 7. Utilize, 8. A style of design, 9. Generous slice of the pie, 10. Spirals, 11. Agitated, 12. Awaken, 13. Davenport, 19. Rule, 21. Initial wager, 25. Religious offshoot, 26. Urgent request, 27. Craving, 28. Chopin composition, 29. Varnish ingredient, 30. Unreactive, 31. A gesture of assent, 34. Dry riverbed, 35. Biblical garden, 36. Large mass of ice, 38. Ill, 39. Fly killer, 41. Daughter of a sibling, 42. At a distance, 44. Pictures, 45. A belligerent little mongrel dog, 46. Javelin, 47. Not rural, 48. Small open pies, 51. Warmth, 52. Jittery, 53. Leg joint, 54. Prefix meaning 1000, 55. Two-toed sloth, 56. Gave temporarily, 58. Bother.

Yesterday's Solution



adjust, ahead, ample, appear, athlete, calendar, chair, clown, color, dance, elbow, enjoy, faint, famous, handshake, kegs, lane, lean, minors, movies, pacer, paper, people, performs, phones, physical, pies, pinch, rate, secondary, seed, servant, shade, smoke, sold, stage, stork, summit, trade, unite.

