

Chak Elders Complain Against Taliban, Security Forces

MAIDAN SHAHR - Tribal elders from Chak district of central Maidan Wardak province on Wednesday complained that both security forces and armed militants had made their lives miserable. They lodged their complaint with Governor Hayatullah Hayat during a meeting with him at the Governor's House in MaidanShahr, the provincial capital. AttaullahKhogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Chak elders said Taliban militants visited people's homes and forcibly sought food. The rebels also used Hujras of local people for spending time on their own free will, they complained. The elders also claimed Taliban militants took money from locals under various pretexts and threatened them on refusal. One of the elders, who declined...*(More on P4)...(17)*



6 Rebels Held, 5 Joined Peace in Parwan, Badghis

CHARIKAR - Six people having links with militants were arrested in central Parwan province while five other rebels joined peace process in north-western Badghis province, officials said Wednesday. A security official in Parwan wishing anonymity told Pajhwok Afghan News that an operation was launched in parts of Jabal Al Saraj and Sayed Khail districts last night. He said four militants with two of them belonged to Mullah Qari group were arrested during operation in JabalAlaSaraj district. Police uniforms and some ammunition were also seized from rebels during the operation, he said. Elsewhere, five militants joined peace process in Badghis province. Provincial police chief Col. Abdul QayyumAngar confirmed that the militants who renounced violence belonged to Akazi area of BalaMurghab district on Tuesday. *(Pajhwok)*

Wheat Crops up in Samangan this Year

AIBAK - Wheat production has increased in northern Samangan province this year and can meet demand of the province, an official said Wednesday. Provincial agriculture director Noor Mohammad told Pajhwok Afghan News that 110,000 hectares of land was cultivated with wheat this year which produced 102,000 tons of crops, registering 10 percent increase compared to last year. He linked the hike in the crop to on time rain and elimination of damaging grasshoppers. Mohammad said that Samangan province was this year self-sufficient in wheat and its residents did



not need to import the crop. Farmers were also expressed satisfaction about increase in the wheat crops. Abdul Mohammad, a farmer from SherKayar village of Aibak, the provincial capital said that he collected more than two tons of wheat from rain fed farmland. Another farmer Toi Mohammad of Aibak city said he had cultivated 19 cares of land and col... *(More on P4)...(21)*

Baghlan Man Beheads His Wife

MEHTAR LAAM - A man in northern Baghlan province reportedly beheaded his wife after a court failed to grant her a divorce. The woman, Trina, apparently married her husband nearly a year ago but was so unhappy she filed for a divorce a few months back. According to Trina's sister: "Trina got married nearly a year back and she was not happy with her marriage and she wanted to break up. She went to the court to divorce but she returned home after a month." OranoosAtifi, the head of the Women Affairs Department of Baghlan said that Trina was initially handed over to her family at her request. "Two months ago the Baghlan court sent Trina to the Women's Affairs Department and after spending a month [deliberating] the court issued a document that if she wanted, she could be handed over to her family. The Women's Affairs handed over her to her brother," Atifi said. However, no divorce was granted. Instead, tribal elders got involved and ordered the couple to spend a few days together in a room they had built for them. "Recently the tribal elders held a meeting and to solve the issues between Trina and her husband. They built a room in a house for them which they had to spend a few days. But after a few days my brother received a phone call. [The husband] told him that we should go there as he had killed our sister. When we got there we saw that she was beheaded," said the sister. Trina's sister has called on government to ensure justice is carried out. "Trina's husband killed her very brutally - no one even kills an animal like this," one of Trina's male...*(More on P4)...(18)*

6 DABS Officers Arrested for Selling Power Meters

HERAT CITY - The spy agency on Wednesday arrested six Da Afghanistan BreshnaSherkat (DABS) or power utility officers for selling illegal power meters in western Herat province. According to a statement from the National Directorate of Security (NDS), the officers arrested were selling power meters costing 50,000 Afghanis to 100,000 Afghanis. The statement said one of the DABS workers was chased by NDS and was detained while installing a meter illegally. The worker also took 55,000 Afghanis around \$1,000



from the consumer, the statement said. Five other DABS workers involved in illegal activity were also arrested by the NDS officials. Pajhwok Afghan News tried to contact DABS officials in Herat to get their view point but they could not be approached. Herat residents hailed the NDS...*(More on P4)...(19)*

40 Female Students Complete Nursing Course in Nimroz

ZARANJ - The first 40-member group of female students graduated from Nursing School in southwestern Nimroz province amid hopes that their work would bring down the mother-child mortality rate in the province. Dr. Farid Ahmad Arab, acting head of Nimroz health department, said majority of nurses who completed their education belonged to remote districts and they would work in their home towns. He said public health min-



istry needed more female nurses and midwives in districts and they played a key role in rendering health services to women in far-flung areas. The nursing course was funded by pub...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Afghan Asylum Seekers Rescued From Deportation in 11th-Hour Legal Battle



LONDON - Over 60 Afghan refugees who had failed to claim asylum in Britain were taken off a private plane paid for by the government, following lawyers' attempts to stop them from being deported. Among those who were removed from the fateful flight were a vulnerable 19-year-old whose father had been killed in Afghanistan in 2008 and a 30-year-old who had filed for asylum in the UK at the age of 17. Britain's court of appeal upheld a previous ruling on Friday to prevent the deportation of the asylum seekers, after Home Secretary Theresa May attempted to have it overturned. *(RT)*

Teenager Commits Suicide after Quarrel with Mother

SHEBERGHAN - A teenager has committed suicide after allegedly having a quarrel with his mother in northern Jawzjan province. Abdul MananRawoufi, spokesman for the police headquarters of Jawzjan province identified the teenager as 13-year-old Bahram who was also a student of class six. Rawoufi said Bahram hanged himself to death inside a room in his house after exchanging harsh words with his

mother yesterday. Jawzjan is one of the few provinces in northern Afghanistan where most of the suicide incidents take place. Yesterday's incident is at least the fourth one reported from this province so far this year. Main reason behind such incidents is said to be lack of knowledge. In June, a teenage girl committed suicide in the capital of this province for allegedly not having a new dress to wear for a wedding party. *(KP)*

Two NATO Soldiers Killed in Afghan Insider Attack: Coalition

KABUL - Gunmen Wearing Afghan Military Uniforms Shot Dead Two NATO Soldiers on a Base in the Country's South on Wednesday, the coalition said, in the latest insider attack on foreign troops. So-called "green-on-blue" attacks - when Afghan soldiers or police turn their guns on international

troops - have been a major problem during NATO's long years fighting alongside Afghan forces. Wednesday's attack in the volatile province of Helmand is the first such incident since April, highlighting long-simmering tensions between Afghan and foreign forces. "Two...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

It's more important than ever to establish a productive daily routine and stick to it while the auspicious Sun-Jupiter conjunction highlights your 6th House of Habits. However, you can't help but get swept up in circumstances that start out pleasurable but might quickly grow out of control. It's perfectly fine to enjoy yourself today.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your optimism complicates your efforts to plot a new course of action because all the possibilities look so promising. Understandably, you may not want to jeopardize your sense of well-being if everything is already clicking, and thankfully, practicality will ultimately rule the roost. Opportunities for personal growth and self-expression abound.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

In order to make the most of this cosmically amazing day, you must filter out the extraneous noise in your life. The greatest opportunities arise now when you schedule time for peace and quiet. You may even feel the need to pass on a last-minute invitation to join a group of coworkers for lunch. The Sun-Jupiter conjunction blesses your 4th House of Home, so don't be afraid of returning to your familiar emotional roots for the support you seek.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You are at the top of your social game because nearly everyone is singing your praises now. But don't let this lovely opportunity slip through your fingers while you are busy trying to logically figure out your next move. Instead of overthinking a situation today, speak directly from your heart. Paradoxically, the most practical rewards of the day are emotional and spiritual rather than material.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

It may seem as if money is growing on trees but if you aren't careful today, you might end up spending more than you should. The prosperous Sun-Jupiter conjunction illuminates your 2nd House of Personal Resources, enticing you to pay whatever the current price is to ride the fun train; unfortunately, you might underestimate the cost.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your exuberance about life puts a big smile on your face today as the joyful Sun-Jupiter conjunction expands the reaches of your practical sign. The distant horizon seems closer than ever, empowering you to soar on the wings of your unrestrained optimism. Although you are poised to take flight on the pleasure plane today, overindulging your senses could lead to a tummy ache or a splitting head tomorrow.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may be able to float through the day without doing much work because your friends and teammates have your back just when you need it. Naturally, your cheerful attitude doesn't hurt; in fact, your self-confidence acts as a powerful magnet that attracts the generosity of kindhearted people. There's no reason to question someone's motives today; don't look a gift horse in the mouth.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Surrounding yourself with friends and allies is a wise strategy today; the more people involved in your life now, the merrier. Being an integral part of a group gives you a wonderful sense of belonging to a community of like-minded folks. The sweet news is that even a small amount of positive energy is amplified when you receive and reflect the love that's all around you.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Although you may be concentrating on your career trajectory, you aren't driven to put in any extra effort to reach your goals today. Your unwavering confidence may lead you to believe the world owes you success because of your past accomplishments. Don't act entitled or you could inadvertently push away the very same people who show up to help you pursue your ambitions.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your intuitive vision is crystal clear today, enabling you to see incredible potential for growth as you gaze out into the distance. The expansive Sun-Jupiter conjunction brightens your 9th House of Big Ideas, motivating you to focus your intentions toward the fulfillment of your long-term goals. Naturally, you won't automatically receive everything you want in the future. However.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

It might seem as if a long-lasting phase of inner growth is coming to its inevitable conclusion. Luckily, the power of your positive thinking can be transformed into successful action now, especially with respect to your social life. Rich fantasies feed your desire to connect with heart-centered people on a deeper level that goes beyond talking about the weather and sharing common interests.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Much to your delight, it appears as if people just want to make you happy today. Although a bountiful Sun-Jupiter conjunction shines in your 7th House of Partnerships, you still might be hesitant to trust the intentions of others. Rather than doubting anyone's integrity, accept the advice or assistance you receive at face value now. But don't succumb to the temptation of expecting more than is actually offered.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62.

Across: 1. Contributes, 5. Donnybrook, 10. Got bigger, 14. Eccentric person, 15. Practical, 16. Start over, 17. Not trustworthy, 19. Portent, 20. East southeast, 21. Violent disturbances, 22. What's happening, 23. Preachings, 25. Insert, 27. One or more, 28. Distaste, 31. Mourful poem, 34. Shorthand, 35. Reverence, 36. 26 in Roman numerals, 37. A grasp of something, 38. Goulash, 39. Avenue, 40. Bad-tempered, 41. Loamy deposit, 42. Troubadour, 44. Uncooked, 45. An American Indian woman, 46. Hillbilly, 50. Not silently, 52. Pleasant, 54. One of the tribes of Israel, 55. Hindu princess, 56. Snake-like, 58. Anagram, 59. Small islands, 60. Wings, 61. At one time (archaic), 62. Infections of the eye, 63. Express in words. Down: 1. Chills and fever, 2. Compacted, 3. Put off, 4. Calypso offshoot, 5. Insurrection, 6. Community spirit, 7. Elevator (British), 8. In an elusive manner, 9. Snake-like fish, 10. Orchards, 11. Remedy, 12. Biblical garden, 13. Habit, 18. Sarcasm, 22. River of Spain, 24. Wise men, 26. Fix, 28. Coral island, 29. Is indebted to, 30. Recent events, 31. Test, 32. 66 in Roman numerals, 33. Vespers, 34. Most astute, 37. Emanation, 38. Scattered, 40. An upright in a wall, 41. Burdened, 43. Partly close one's eyes, 44. Break time, 46. Indian monetary unit, 47. Ancient Roman magistrate, 48. Artificial waterway, 49. Drop to one's knees, 50. Backside, 51. Den, 53. Paris airport, 56. Female sib, 57. Make lace.

Yesterday's Solution: access, address, amount, anxious, applicable, bait, bellow, between, cure, does, elect, found, grout, hover, identify, lids, line, lumber, machine, medic, mule, notify, patch, payment, peril, purge, quest, regal, renew, some, states,

Word search grid with words: ADDRESS, WATER, ANFOUNDOE, EAYMA, YXPERILGMBKAP, MIRSLRENEWCP, EOJUEUALOTDHL, NUIBPMMETWYII, TSDSZBOCIEGNC, CIETAETUFEAEA, HPNIRRNQYNCSE, OATTEXTBUNCWL, VTUUGROUTEEEE, ECFTASTATESAP, RHYELLOWJFSTD