

Afghan Forces Foil Rocket Attack on Kabul City

KABUL - The Afghan security forces have thwarted militants bid to carry out a rocket attack on Kabul city, the security authorities said late on Sunday.

The Kabul Police Commandment confirmed that the police forces have foiled a rocket attack on Kabul city.

According to a statement released by Kabul Police Commandment, the police forces discovered a BM-1 rocket from the vicinity of the 9th police district of the city at around 6:32am local time.

The statement further added that the rocket was discovered in Dasht Padola area and was defused by the Explosives Ordnance Disposal team of police.

The anti-government armed militant groups including Taliban militants have not commented regarding the report so far.

This comes as the armed militants are attempting to carry out attacks



in key cities and provinces of the country during the recent months. (KP)



women have experienced discrimination or physical, social violence

Violence Against Women up by 7pc in Daikundi

NELLI - Violence against women has increased by seven percent in central Daikundi province this year compared to last year, human rights official said on Monday.

Mohammad Raza Wakeli, acting head of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) for Daikundi, said 418 incidents of violence against women had been registered so far this year while last year a total of 394 incidents of violence against women registered with the commission.

He said the number showed seven percent surge in violent incidents against women compared to last year. The Women Affairs Department also acknowledged increase in violence against women and added the reason behind increasing number of violent incidents against women was growing awareness among women and their willingness to refer to the concerned bodies to register themselves as victims of violent acts.

Women Affairs Director Zakia Rezae said: "Unfortunately, we should acknowledge that even today women in Daikundi facing violence."

She said 80 attempts of suicide in which two resulted in the death have been registered at the women affairs department.

Provincial Council Member Shema Mohammadi said: "The budget allocated for women support was embezzled or sometimes spent on useless events; therefore, the required result could not be achieved."

She requested the women to act unanimously and unit against violence the victims of which are women. (Pajhwok)

10 Afghan Soldiers Killed in Khost Gunbattle

KHOST CITY - At least 10 Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have been killed as a result of a clash in southeastern Khost province, an official said on Monday.

Deputy police chief Col. Syed Ahammad Babazai told Pajhwok Afghan News that militants stormed an ANA check-post in Yaqoob Sabri district late on Sunday night.

He said 10 soldiers were killed, three others wounded and one had been missing as the overnight clash lasted a hour. He said nothing about militant casualties. A delegation has been dispatched to the area.

Abdul Khaliq, a resident of the area, claimed seeing the bodies of



12 ANA personnel that were transferred to the district centre. There has been no word so far from Taliban in this regard. (Pajhwok)

Ex-Finance Minister Haidar Dawar Passes Away in Germany

BERLIN - Dawar was born in Bagh-e-Ali Mardan area in Kabul City in 1929.

Former finance minister of Afghanistan and a lecturer at University of Bonn, Haidar Dawar, passed away in Germany at the age of 89 years old.

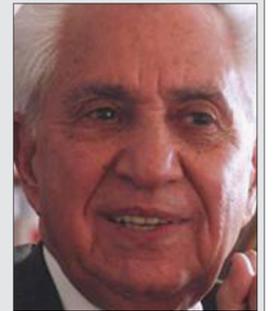
Along with political and academic activities, he was also a writer and a poet.

Dawar left the country to Germany after Mohammad Daud's coup in 1973.

From 1974, he was a permanent lecturer at University of Bonn.

Dawar was born in Bagh-e-Ali Mardan area in Kabul City in

1929. His father, Ghulam Hussain Khan, was an employee of the Royal Ministry of the time. (Tolo news)



25 Infected with Aids-Related Diseases in Nangarhar: Officials

JALALABAD - Health officials in Nangarhar province said on Monday that 25 people in the province are infected with AIDS.

The Nangarhar Public Health Directorate said that compared to a year ago the disease in the province has fallen.

According to the directorate, this year 25 AIDS-related cases have been recorded in this department, while last year, the figure reached 44.

Doctors say AIDS can be controlled but not treated.

"Fortunately, this year AIDS illnesses have fallen in Nangarhar. Last year 44 AIDS cases were identified from 5,000 people who came for check-ups, but this year 25 cases have been identified among 3,000 people who came for check-ups," said Abdul Rashid Wafa, Nangarhar health director.

Doctors say AIDS is not transmitted only through sexual intercourse, but there are other ways such as from the use of an infected person's syringe, and pregnant women ... (More on P4)...(10)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



A disagreement with a business or romantic partner could turn into an argument today. This won't do anything to increase the effectiveness of your relationship, Aries. If the smallest hint of a difference of opinion comes up, try to settle it before it gets too heated. Try to be objective and see the other person's point of view.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Plans for a trip could go awry today because of circumstances beyond your control. A postponement might be necessary. This might prove very frustrating for you because you've been anxious to get going. Don't question the workings of the Universe, and don't make yourself crazy over it. Whatever setbacks you suffer today.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



An upsetting dream may disturb your sleep tonight, Gemini. Some disturbing information about finances could prove upsetting today. This might involve your personal funds, those of a friend, the funds of an organization you're involved with, or the world economy in general. Don't go crazy before you find out the true facts. The information is probably erroneous.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



It could be hard to complete tasks today. A disagreement with other household members might give you the idea that everyone is against you. This isn't so, Cancer. Try to be objective and consider other points of view, and don't turn this into a power struggle. Stay calm, take a deep breath, and try to communicate with the others.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Today you might need to run a lot of errands, Leo. This could prove frustrating. Traffic could be bad, you might not find what you need, and it may be difficult to reach those you need to consult. These are all circumstances beyond your control, so it's best to find something else to do. This is a great day to stay in and research matters that you may want to put to use.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Your practicality and good sense prove invaluable today, Virgo. Those close to you might be restless and upset, and you might have to steer them in the right direction. A close friend or lover may experience a financial upset, and you could be asked to help out. This isn't a good day to make a loan, although it's favorable for helping others find their own solutions.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



A problem with your house - plumbing, electricity, phones - might necessitate calling in professionals, Libra. This might prove mildly irritating, as strangers could be going in and out all day, and you or other members of your household might be temporarily housebound when you have obligations elsewhere. Don't take your frustrations out on others.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



An unexpected, upsetting letter or phone call might come today. This isn't major bad news, Scorpio. It's more likely to be the irritating little setbacks that force you to go more out of your way than you'd expected. Problems might pop up with computers, cell phones, or other forms of technology. Grit your teeth and do what it takes to move on. It won't help to get crazy.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



A sudden, irritating interruption in your routine could come your way today, Sagittarius. A friend may need some advice, and you could feel obliged to give it, which would put your own projects on hold for a while. Don't be too irritated with this person, however. You might regret it later. You might also have some troubles with computers, cell phones, or other forms of technology.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Today your progress might slow a bit. Problems with computers, telephones, cell phones, or other forms of technology might interrupt your day, Capricorn. This might be frustrating and irritating. Even though you don't usually blow your top, today you might be tempted. Try to keep your cool. This should pass by tomorrow.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

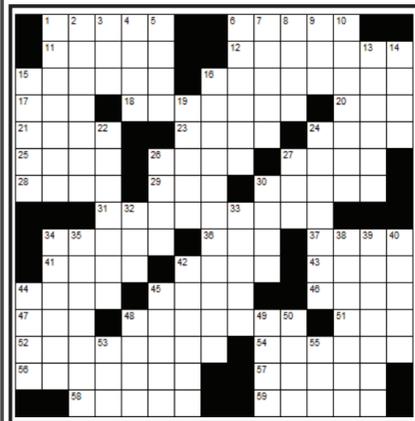


Unforeseen problems with travel could come up today, Aquarius. There could be changes or delays in airline schedules, car breakdowns, or bad traffic. It might be a good idea to avoid travel of any sort if you can. It might stress you so much it would take you all day to calm down! This is a great day to stay in and read, especially about scientific or metaphysical subjects.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Arguments over money might come up, Pisces. This might not involve your own funds but money belonging to a group with which you're involved. Try to be logical. This isn't a good day to set your sights on new goals or make definite plans. Wait a day or two. If you start today, your project could be fraught with delays, interruptions, or disagreements.



Across

1. Not asleep, 6. Parts portrayed, 11. Parts of lower jaws, 12. Flyer, 15. Flower part, 16. Without teeth, 17. Not in, 18. Crying, 20. Martini ingredient, 21. A temple (archaic), 23. As a result, 24. Violent disturbance, 25. "Smallest" particle, 26. Throat-clearing sound, 27. Vandals, 28. Bristle, 29. French for "Name", 30. Burn slightly, 31. Queasy, 34. Oodles, 36. Ribonucleic acid, 37. Smell, 41. Plenty, 42. Fleet, 43. Cable, 44. Alley, 45. Sandwich shop, 46. Gestures of assent, 47. Altitude (abbrev.), 48. Type of small friedcake, 51. C

Down

1. Impel, 2. Knickknack, 3. Aspire, 4. Was cognizant, 5. Feudal worker, 6. A radioactive metallic element, 7. Roasters, 8. Water chestnut, 9. Consume, 10. Arranging, 13. Indolent, 14. Lease, 15. Couches, 16. In a transitory manner, 19. Community spirit, 22. Give forth, 24. Decrepid, 26. Rectum, 27. Hasten, 30. Remain, 32. Commercials, 33. Blacksmith's block, 34. Ski race, 35. Dominance, 38. Bishopric, 39. Commanded, 40. Adjust again, 42. Spay, 44. Disabled, 45. Go by car, 48. Paper holder, 49. Beige, 50. Wander, 53. Consumed food, 55. Very Important Person,,

Yesterday's Solution

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