



Corrupt Police Personnel at Pakistani Embassy Dismissed

KABUL - The Ministry of Interior (MoI) has dismissed a number of policemen tasked with security duty at the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul following complaints they harassed and took bribery from visa applicants.

Three police personnel of the embassy protection battalion belonging to 01 unit of the national police had been relieved from duty by the ministry, said Basir Mujahid, Kabul police spokesman.

According to Mujahid, a number of other officers accused of mistreating people in front of the Pakistan Embassy are scheduled to face the same fate.

Mujahid said it was not yet determined whether the suspended personnel would continue their duties in police ranks or not. But after a comprehensive investigation, their cases would be handed over to judicial organs, he added.

However, another source, wishing anonymity, told Pajhwok: "Based on complaints from respectable citizens and reports from the supervisory team, all the staff of 6th division have been dismissed by the MoI."

He added good personnel would be hired instead to provide necessary facilities to visa applicants. Some complaints registered with the ministry demanded action against police taking bribes.

Earlier, several applicants of Pakistani visa have complained the visa process is time-consuming and middlemen demand \$100 to help get visa in one day. ZiaulHaq, one of the visa applicants, said he applied for visa two weeks ago but could not obtain it so far. He explained some people in uniform had links with embassy staff and they took \$100 for a visa.

Naseer Ahmad, a resident of Kalakan district, said he had been visiting the embassy for the last five days. "Even I could not gain my passport back," he complained. According to Ahmad, an individual in police uniform told him to pay him 5,000 afghanis if he wanted the visa to be issued soon. (Pajhwok)

Afghanistan Trounced 11-0 in Opener of Hockey Event

PESHAWAR - Uzbekistan inflicted a humiliating defeat on Afghanistan in the opener of the Hockey Series Open (HSO) at the National Hockey Stadium in Lahore, on Monday.

Uzbekistan routed Afghanistan 11-0 in an utterly one-sided fixture. In the second match, Pakistan President XI outclassed Nepal 9-0, organisers said.

Punjab's Senior Minister Raja Basharat was chief guest at the opening ceremony for the event, in which President XI matches will be counted as friendly games.

In Tuesday's matches, Kazakhstan face Nepal while Pakistan President XI take on Uzbekistan.

The tournament, featuring teams from Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Nepal and Pakistan, marks a major stride towards the revival of international hockey in the country. (Pajhwok)



Balkh Candidates Say Money, Influence Used to Win

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - They alleged some candidates offered huge sums of money in bribe and other used political influence to force their way into the Wolesi Jirga.

Mohammad Abduhu, a Wolesi Jirga candidate whose name was not among the list of winners, told reporters in front of the IEC office in Mazar-i-Sharif that injustice had been done with him.

In presence of thousands of supporters, he said the government spent money and used resources to purchase biometric devices, but many votes that missed biometric verification in Balkh were counted as valid.

He also alleged some individuals



offered bribes and struck political deals with the commission to be declared winners. The failing candidate said the ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

Police Rescue Afghan-German Woman 2 Years After She Was Abducted in Kabul

KABUL - The Afghan police forces have rescued an Afghan-German woman who was abducted in Kabul around two years ago, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said Tuesday.

According to a statement released by MoI, the woman was abducted by an individual identified as Najib who had met her in Germany.

No further details have been given regarding the identity of the woman who has been released from her captive but MoI added that Najib had lured the victim to Kabul after meeting her in Germany.

The statement further added that the woman was kept as a captive for around 2 years and her captor was continuously changing her accommodation in different parts of Kabul. According to MoI, the police forces launched operations and rescued the woman from Bagrami district of Kabul province. The woman has told police that she was subjected to torture and beating during her captivity in the hands of Najib, MoI said, adding that the perpetrator has also been arrested and is in police custody for further investigations. (KP)

31 Killed or Wounded as Afghan Forces, Taliban Clash in Faryab

MAIMANA - Local officials on Tuesday said Taliban militants launched a coordinated attack on the center of Garziwan district of northwestern Faryab province and the district would possibly fall to militants if reinforcements not reach on time.

The officials say the clashes around the district center were ongoing and the bodies of a number of Afghan forces killed in the battle were remained in the war ground. Mullah Faizullah, Garziwan dis-

trict chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that hundreds of Taliban fighters stormed security posts in the center of the district on Monday night.

He said that five soldiers including four commandos were killed and eight others wounded. The bodies of the dead soldiers are remained in the incident area.

Six Taliban fighters were also killed and 12 others wounded during the battle, Faizullah said. "We are in critical situation, the district would possibly ...*(More on P4)...*(8)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Your energy and spunk should finally return after a couple days of feeling slightly down, Aries. You should enjoy a good mood all day. Your powers of persuasion are strong. There's an extra boost of energy behind your emotions. You will find that this could lead to some sort of transformation deep within. Whatever you do, do it with passion.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Get out of the mud, Taurus. Have fun and don't worry too much about the consequences. Put your to-do list aside for a while and focus on enjoying yourself. People are going to need some extra attention today, so be generous with your hugs and kisses. Your emotions are powerful and dynamic.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your emotions may be volatile right now, Gemini. There's passion behind your words. You have the power to instigate major changes in your life. If you're wise, you will consider multiple ways to make them. Find the part of you that needs a boost, the area that lacks passion. Jump-start the battery that rules this aspect of your being, and make sure all your cylinders are firing.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



If you aren't careful about the energy you dish out today, Cancer, you will find that it all comes back to smack you in the face. Other people are likely to be as stubborn as you, so proceed cautiously. The more you try to control and manipulate others, the more friction will build. Things are likely to explode. Adopt a friendly attitude and try not to take anything too seriously.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Today is a fantastic day for you, Leo. You should enjoy a good mood and positive experiences with others. There's most likely a slow-moving, transforming energy in your life right now that's touching off your emotions. You will find that there is a great deal of fire and passion fueling your heart, so be generous with your kind spirit and follow through with your promises.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Other people may be demanding of you, Virgo, so do what you can to please the crowd. Don't go overboard in thinking you need to be someone you're not, and certainly don't do anything that makes you feel uncomfortable. Be generous with your affection, but make sure you receive emotional support in return. There are likely to be some imbalances that need minor adjustments.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



It may not be the easiest day to relate to others, Scorpio, but as usual, if you just go with the flow, you will find that you can have fun. Try not to get caught up in anyone else's drama. There are likely to be soap operas playing all around you, and you would do well to steer clear of them. Maintain a lighthearted attitude today and try not to read into anything too deeply.

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Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Things should flow extremely well for you, Sagittarius. Load your engine with extra fuel, because you will be burning red hot. Don't let anything stand in your way. By all means, fight for what you need. There's a great deal of power behind your emotions, and you will find that the intensity of your feelings is real and courageous whether you're laughing or crying.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



- You need bigger and longer hugs than usual today, Capricorn. A powerful force is moving through your life and trying to shake things up. Don't stoop to the level of petty argument and verbal sparring. The more you resist the opposition, the more stubborn and unwieldy the situation becomes.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

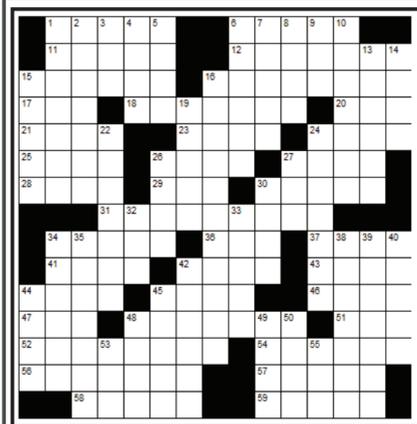


Act with courage today, Aquarius. Dress as if you were going to meet an important statesman. See yourself in the mirror and be proud to say you look good. Take action with confidence and feel free to strut your stuff. Be up-front with your accomplishments, and let people know you're strong and trustworthy.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Dec 18, 2018 - Be conscious of your own needs, Pisces, and feel free to be a little selfish. Give yourself the credit you deserve, and don't let other people bully you into feeling like you aren't worthy of the attention you receive. You have a great number of gifts to offer the world, and you shouldn't be afraid to show them off. Lighten up and be proud. Other people are lucky to know you.



Across

- African virus, 6. Renegade, 11. Kidney-related, 12. Hard rubber, 15. Fervent, 16. Not amplified (music), 17. Petrol, 18. Idle, 20. Mistake, 21. Ear-related, 23. With competence
- German for "Madam", 25. Boorish, 26. Wicked, 27. Blue dye, 28. So be it, 29. Obtain
30. Young woman, 31. Indicated, 34. Renders senseless, 36. Not in, 37. Midmonth date, 41. Ripped, 42. Swear, 43. No, 44. Sexual assault, 45. Circuit breaker, 46. Happy, 47. Website address, 48. Position of an earl, 51. Pull, 52. Mundane, 54. Manly, 56. Yearner, 57. Licorice-like flavor, 58. Garden tool, 59. Illuminate, ,

Down

- Typographical error, 2. The side of a bed, 3. Half of a pair, 4. Territory, 5. Countertenor, 6. Summon to return, 7. Hard wood, 8. Match, 9. NNNN, 10. Genuine, 13. Rant, 14. Beige
15. Ancient Greek marketplace, 16. Determinedly, 19. Large black bird, 22. Reprimand, 24. Creasing, 26. Hens make them, 27. Tiny, 30. Morsels, 32. Hotel, 33. Melded, 34. Go without food, 35. Half-naked
38. Cloddish, 39. Shoulder board, 40. Marsh plant, 42. Neuro-muscular blocking agent, 44. Regretted, 45. Washed-out, 48. Tropical American wildcat, 49. Egg-shaped, 50. Short skirt, 53. Tear, 55. 18-wheeler, ,

Yesterday's Solution



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