

Ghor Records 45 Human Trafficking Cases this Year



FIROZKOH - Human trafficking cases have increased in western Ghor province where 45 such cases were recorded this year, the provincial justice department chief said on Tuesday. Abdul Jabbar Raji told a seminar "Awareness about human trafficking" in Firozkoh, Ghor's capital, that

negligence on the part of the government in preventing human trafficking was of great concern. He said all the cases in Ghor were resolved by local residents and local tribal elders and the local administration and police had no role in capturing human traffickers or rescuing the victims. Provincial informa-

tion and culture director, Fakhruddin Aryapor, also expressed concern about the increasing human trafficking incidents and said militants were involved in most of such cases. "Militants traffic children most of the times to train them in internal or foreign countries for terrorist activities", he said. (Pajhwok)

Religious Scholar Gunned Down in Nangarhar



JALALABAD - Unidentified gunmen shot dead a religious scholar after briefly kidnapping him in the Rodat district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News two motorcyclists killed Qari Hijratullah on Monday evening. Hijratullah was imam of the mosque in Sheikh Ahmad village. A manhunt was underway to arrest the killers, Khogyani added. Lal Gul, a resident of the area, said "Hijratullah had no link with anyone and was Imam and a teacher in a seminary, and people were so pleased with him." No group has so far claimed responsibility for the targeted killing. (Pajhwok)

Iranian Detained with 3kg of Heroin in Farah

FARAH CITY - Border police have detained an Iranian citizen in western Farah province for allegedly smuggling drugs to Iran, an official said on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Iqbal Bahir told Pajhwok Afghan News the detainee was smuggling three kilograms of heroin in a tanker type vehicle to Iran.

He said the Iranian citizen was held in Shekh Abu Nasar port by border police who acted on an intelligence report.

The detainee was transporting merchandise in his transit vehicle between Afghanistan and Iran through Shekh Abu Nasar port, one of Afghanistan's importing ports with Iran. (Pajhwok)

2 Herat Customs Officials Arrested Over Graft Charges



HERAT CITY - Intelligence officials on Tuesday arrested two customs department officials over financial corruption charges in western Herat province, an official.

Jilani Farhad, the Herat governor's spokesman, said the two individuals had allegedly embezzled more than one million afghanis and were finally nabbed by National Directorate of Security (NDS) members today.

He said cases of the detainees had been sent to judicial organs for investigation. More details would be shared with the media. (More on P4)...(16)

Teen Married Girl Forced to Eat from Dog's Plate

FEROZKOH - A married teenage girl under treatment at a private clinic in Ferozkoh, the capital of western Ghor province, says her in-laws daily subjected her to violence and hard labor.

The 17-year-old, Gul Hazar, was brought to the clinic of Dr. Mirajan Ahmadi by one of her relatives for treatment. The teenager said she had been facing violence at the hands of her father-in-law who gave her leftover food from his dog's plate.

With signs of torture and injuries visible on her face and other body parts, Gul Hazar faced nothing expect torture and abuse at her husband's house.

A frightened Gul Hazar told Pajhwok Afghan News her father-in-law named Saleh daily sent her to the mountains for collecting woods. After spending days and nights in the mountains to collect enough wood, she would return home where she was offered food what the father in law's dog left uneaten.



"He used to give me a bag and said go collect the woods. I would stay for three nights in the mountain and on return, he would not allow me to burn the wood for warming myself. I had to eat the food remained from his dog. He warned me to eat it as there is nothing else for eating."

Gul Hazar said she was often beaten by her mother and sister-in-laws. "They

even decided to kill me," she said. Mullah Sakhi Dad, one of the girl's relatives, said her father-in-law and husband once penetrated a stick in her sexual organs. He said the signs of torture, burn marks and beating were visible on her body. He demanded the government investigate violence against the girl and punish the perpetrators. Doctors at the private clinic of Mir Ajab. (More on P4)...(14)

Afghan Forces Destroy Drugs Factory in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Afghan forces destroyed a narcotics processing factory in Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Sherin Aqa Faqiri, the spokesman for 201 Selab Military Corps in the east, told Pajhwok Afghan News the drugs factory was destroyed during a joint operation of Afghan forces.

The factory was discovered in Pirkhel area and all materials, including hashish, opium, acid and others were destroyed in the operation.

However, no one linked to the factory could be arrested, said Faqiri, who claimed the facility belonged to militants because it was located far away from residential areas. The army spokesman said a joint operation codenamed "Operation Number-4-9" was underway in Khogyani district of Nangarhar.

He said four Daesh militants were killed and five others wounded during the operation in the past 24 hours. Afghan forces launched the operation in Khogyani after clashes. (More on P4)...(15)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries Your wildest fantasies are like carrots dangling at the end of a stick today. You want to experience something new and different as adrenaline drives you forward. Although your dreams of life on the edge are quite titillating, you might not be able to pursue your heart's desire now if you're already locked into a set of circumstances.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus A sudden windfall may surprise you with unexpected money or love. However, you must be open to receiving the cosmic goodies or they could pass you by unnoticed. Enjoy the fleeting pleasures as electric Uranus harmonizes with your key planet Venus, zapping your 8th House of Regeneration.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini Turning down social invitations isn't something you want to become a regular habit. Nevertheless, you can spread yourself so thin that it feels like you aren't able to be present anywhere at all. Paradoxically, limiting your holiday celebrations today could actually lead to more fun, not less. When it comes to expending your energy, choose quality over quantity.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



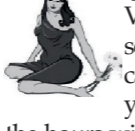
Cancer You're eager to cash in your chips today, especially if you see a fast way to make money. Although the financial odds might be in your favor, the question is how much are you willing to risk. Weigh the pros and cons of your current choices, but keep in mind that your chances for success increase in proportion to your investment of time and energy.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You're pleasantly surprised that everything seems to be falling into place now, and you're willing to accept the synchronicity with a smile and a nod of appreciation to the universe. However, you're not one to passively sit around waiting for something special to happen. Naturally, you would rather be the lightning now than be struck by it.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo Enjoying peace and quiet at home sounds like a brilliant idea now, but you can't avoid the noise that seems to follow you around. Whether you're whiling away the hours with friends on the phone or lost in someone's online melodrama, there's a part of you that would actually miss the chatter if it was gone. Thankfully, your relationship with your social network is not an all-or-nothing proposition.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra People may let you down now as they unexpectedly walk away from their obligations. However, you can't find fault in their actions because they are juggling their own needs alongside the needs of everyone else. Ironically, once you have a few minutes to blow off your annoyance, you slowly realize that you're free to pursue the very same dreams you were thinking about.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Your values might be called into question today by events occurring at work. It's not that you're being asked to do anything shady. It's just you take deep pride in maintaining total integrity and you don't want to be a part of an activity that could compromise your stringent principles. You are being presented with a chance to reassess your core beliefs.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



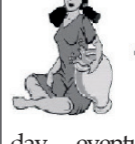
Sagittarius Love is in the air today but somehow your feet manage to remain on solid ground. You are exceptionally charming now as unconventional Uranus forms a smooth trine to beautiful Venus in your 1st House of Self. However, others may wonder what you're going to do next. You can keep everyone peering over the edge of a cliff now as they anticipate the magic you are about to make.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You may be so attached to your dreams today that you can't just let go of them on command - even if they are no longer serving your best interests. In fact, your imagination is so wired by an electrical Venus-Uranus trine activating your 12th House of Soul Consciousness that you can't wait for the rest of the world to catch up to your fantasies.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

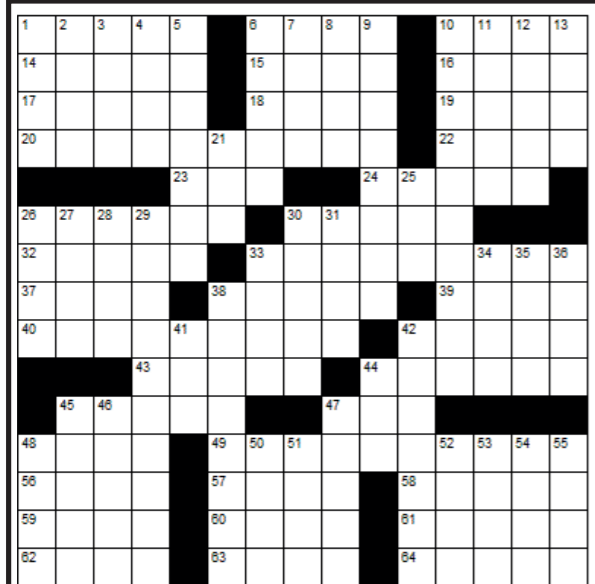


Aquarius Dreaming about the future is one of your favorite pastimes, but the Law of Diminishing Returns is about to catch up to you. It's like fishing in the same small pond every day - eventually, there's going to be less fish available to catch. You have already explored every possibility and there's little reason to run through your list one more time. Although your friends are ready to assist you if needed.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You may be unexpectedly recognized by your peers today for your ongoing contributions to a project at work. You might not see anything different about your current participation, since you always do the best job you can. Nevertheless, the waves of admiration are revitalizing and lift your spirits above the humdrum of the mundane world. Don't minimize the accolades in the name of humility.



Across

- Radiolocation, 6. Something that bulges out, 10. Wanes, 14. Humor, 15. Historical periods, 16. Wisecrack, 17. City in France, 18. City in Peru, 19. Constellation bear, 20. Excessively dramatic, 22. God of love, 23. Vulpes velox, 24. A worker of stone, 26. A small earphone, 30. Holdup, 32. Knot, 33. Student grants (British), 37. Departed, 38. Puke, 39. Ancient Peruvian, 40. Wise, 42. Decorative, 43. Moves briskly, 44. Detects, 45. Kind of alcohol, 47. Carriage, 48. By mouth, 49. Satisfactory, 56. Go fly a _____!, 57. Western tie, 58. Homeric epic, 59. Does something, 60. Give temporarily, 61. Clear, 62. Cheers, 63. Shade trees, 64. Manicurist's board,

Down

- Awestruck, 2. Nursemaid, 3. Harsh or arduous, 4. Largest continent, 5. Relaxing, 6. Spiral, 7. Relating to urine, 8. Mother, 9. King David, 10. Horseman, 11. Donkey, 12. American buffalo, 13. Resorts, 21. 16 1/2 feet, 25. An Old Testament king, 26. Hens make them, 27. Dwarf buffalo, 28. Telephoned, 29. Gasp, 30. A thick spread, 31. Goddess of discord, 33. Car trunk (British), 34. Hotels, 35. Behold, in old Rome, 36. Articulates, 38. Capable of being violated, 41. Weep, 42. Prolific, 44. Take in slowly, 45. Genus of heath, 46. Shabby, 47. Long times, 48. Alright, 50. Not hot, 51. Burrowing marine mollusk, 52. Astringent, 53. A pale blue pigment, 54. Den, 55. Countercurrent

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