



Gunmen Attack, Vandalize Nuristan Radio Station

JALALABAD - Unidentified gunmen attacked a local radio station Alina in eastern Nuristan province and damaged its equipment, local officials said Sunday.

The incident happened in Noorgram district on Saturday night, said Sahibdad Hamdard, director of the radio station.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News about 10 attackers stormed the building of their radio station when a program was being aired. The assailants first blew up the antenna with explosives and damaged it partially and later they tried to torch the office.

The office did not catch fire but the attackers broken a number of computers and damaged some parts of the building.

Hamdard said one of their workers, Seddiqullah Seddiqi, was taken hostage but later released. He said he and his workers had not received any threats prior to the attack and they did not know who were involved.

Alina radio has stopped broadcasting after the attack. Pajhwok tried to contact the Nuristan governor and police about the incident, but failed.

However, a police official in Noorgram district, who wished to go unnamed, said police were quick to reach the incident area and saved the building from being burnt.

He said the attackers partially destroyed the antenna of the radio station and sprayed fuel on the office to torch it but police stopped the fire.

No group has so far claimed responsibility for the incident. Alina is the only private FM radio station in Nuristan province. (Pajhwok)

Afghanistan-Pakistan Trade Volume Shrinks by 20 Percent

KABUL - Ministry of Industry and Commerce says the trade and transit volume between Afghanistan and Pakistan valued at least \$1 billion in the past nine months. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce on Saturday said the trade and transit volume between Afghanistan and Pakistan has decreased by 20 percent this year.

Spokesman of the ministry, Musafir Qoqandi, said statistics from the first nine months of this year show that Afghanistan and Pakistan's trade and transit valued at least \$1 billion this year, while it was \$1.5 billion last year.

According to the ministry, Afghanistan's exports to Pakistan valued at least \$280 million this year while the imports from Pakistan valued \$800 million.

"Our trade volume has decreased with Pakistan against previous years. But our exports have increased. We want good trade rela-



tions with all the nations, but we will be focused on our trade balance," Qoqandi told TOLONews. Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) meanwhile ... (More on P4)...(14)

3 Civilians Killed, 2 Injured in Helmand Explosion

LASHKARGAH - At least three civilians have been killed and two others wounded in a roadside bombing in Nawa district of southern Helmand province, officials said Sunday.

Governor's spokesman, Omar Zwak told Pajhwok Afghan News that a civilian vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb in the outskirts of Nawa district around 11am today.

He said that three civilians were killed and two children including a girl wounded in the incident. The Taliban had planted the bomb on road, he added.

A doctor in Lashkargah Emergency Hospital confirmed receiving two injured from the incident area.



The Taliban did not comment yet about the incident. Nawa is one of unstable districts of Helmand. The Taliban once captured the district two years ago but Afghan forces retook its control. (Pajhwok)

Eight Taliban Militants Killed in Herat Clash

HERAT - An army official said the clash happened in Obe district in Herat.

At least eight Taliban militants were killed in a clash with security forces in Herat province on Saturday, local officials said Sunday.

Commander of the First Brigade of the 207th Corps in Herat Ziarat Shah Abed said the clash occurred in Shayan village of Obe district in Herat when a group of Taliban militants attacked an army outpost. He said 15 insurgents were wounded in the clash.

According to Abed, there was no casualties among Army forces and civilians in the clash.

Taliban is yet to comment about the clash. (Tolo news)



Takhar Civil Order Police Commander Killed in Militants Attack

KABUL - Takhar police said the attack on the Civil Order Police commander happened in Kunduz province.

A commander of the Afghan National Civil Order Police in Takhar province, Shah Tawoos, was killed in an ambush by Taliban in Kunduz province on Sunday, Takhar police confirmed.

Takhar police chief Abdul Bashir Rashid said commander Tawoos was on his way from Takhar to Kunduz when he faced Taliban ambush in Charoot area in Kunduz.

Rashid said two guards of the commander were also killed and four others were wounded in the attack. Taliban has not commented on the incident. (Tolo news)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Your artistic side likes to mingle with people who are a shade off normal. You call them eccentric - other people call them crazy! From your viewpoint, the crazier the better! You feel such people add interest to the lives of anyone they come in contact with. Take a look in the mirror. You may see that you're such a person.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You're conscientious where your health is concerned. You're one of the rare few who exercise and eat nutritious meals. Today you might want to expand your repertoire of medical remedies. If you've been struggling to shake a cold or allergy, consider some alternative medicines. They're moving more into the mainstream.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



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Cancer (June 21-July 20)



This isn't a day to make firm commitments, Cancer, especially concerning relationships. Today's atmosphere highlights unification and reconciliation, but don't take this as a sign that you're now bound for life. Proceed carefully before making any long-term decisions. If you're about to take a big step at work or in your personal life, try to delay your decision until your thoughts are clearer.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You're so upbeat and optimistic by nature that it's difficult for you to accept certain failures. That may be what you're thinking today as you reflect on recent humanitarian efforts. Try not to take such a short-sighted attitude. You're making a difference, even though it may not always be apparent. Continue on this path. Ultimately, you will see how worthwhile the journey is.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Tension may run high today as things come to a great emotional climax. It might seem as if everyone is out to get you, Virgo, but more than likely this paranoia is a figment of your imagination. Don't get carried away with crazy scenarios that have no basis in reality. People may be acting irrationally, so don't be surprised if reason and logic are nowhere to be found.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You have strong psychic vision, Libra. Some people might say that you're prophetic, but your gift is a combination of creativity and intuition. You can use this to benefit others, and in fact have often done so. You're known for your good advice. Have some restraint today. People are listening closely to what you say.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



The element of water predominates today. You will likely be aware of it by the strong tides of feeling in your household, Scorpio. Some family members may be unhappy. They may need more independence or look to you for more attention and affection. It's hard to strike the right balance, as you will discover. Do your best to satisfy everyone, making sure that your own needs don't get overlooked.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



There's a carefree, almost childlike atmosphere to today that suits you just fine, Sagittarius. You've been working extraordinarily hard lately and need to relax and unwind a bit. This is a day for doing cartwheels across an open field. You aren't the only one who feels this way - it's positively contagious. Make the most of this wonderful feeling. This is a day for play not work.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



This is a day for rest and relaxation, Capricorn. Take advantage of the calm atmosphere to center yourself and focus on what's important in your life. You've been going at full speed, and it's possible that your family feels somewhat neglected. Spend some quality time with loved ones. They miss you and will welcome your company.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

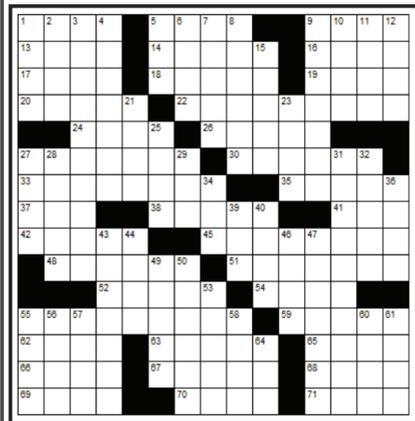


- You're on top of the world today, Aquarius. Enjoy the view! You're unstoppable. Friends and family alike revel in your good mood. You're materially and spiritually generous, and by day's end people could be lined up to partake of the bounty. Try to curb your enthusiasm and use some discretion. It would be better to give more to a worthy few than give less to many.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



this dreamy day is tailor made to your sensibilities. You may find it hard to focus on the daily issues when you're caught up in your fantasies. Go ahead and give in to the day's dreamlike state. Write in your journal or spend some time rummaging around in the attic. You'll be amazed at what you find. Expect to spend hours looking through scrapbooks and reliving your childhood.



Across

1. An amount of medicine, 5. Eastern discipline, 9. Flying saucers, 13. Rectum, 14. Deservedly receives, 16. Central area of a church, 17. An enclosed conduit, 18. Scrimp
19. District, 20. Academy award, 22. Type of dog parasite, 24. French for "State", 26. Plant life, 27. Armory, 30. Apparition, 33. Gabbed, 35. Style, 37. Buffoon, 38. Maxim
41. Clunker, 42. Short low gruff noise, 45. Fretting, 48. Tastelessness, 51. Frightened
52. Inuit boat, 54. Russian parliament, 55. Pretenses, 59. A stomach exercise, 62. Lion sound
63. Wish granter, 65. Kid, 66. Emanation, 67. Cunningly, 68. Always, 69. Express in words,
70. Satisfy

Down

1. Rabbet, 2. Burden, 3. Prospering, 4. Demesnes, 5. Aye, 6. Pledge, 7. Sorrow, 8. Record, 9. Oblivious, 10. Casino game, 11. Not under, 12. Where two pieces meet, 15. Razor sharpener,
21. Hindu princess, 23. Trigonometry (abbrev.), 25. The thin fibrous bark, 27. Curious, 28. Lion sounds, 29. Directed, 31. Suggestive, 32. Main stem of a tree, 34. One of the tribes of Israel, 36. Jittery, 39. Defraud, 40. Quaint outburst, 43. Having no personal preference 44. Docile,
46. Wildebeests, 47. Not excessive, 49. High-pitched buzzing sounds, 50. Artists' workstands,
53. East African country, 55. Buttocks, 56. Debauchee, 57. Nobleman, 58. Sediment, 60. Hawaiian strings, 61. Benefit, 64. Center of a storm,

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TAIL AERO SOUSE
ESNE TROM EGGED
analysis, arena, beautiful
better, close, coach
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drool, formal, groan
halo, horse, housing
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overhead, peace, price,
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