

22 Individuals Detained on Drug-Smuggling Charges: CJTF



KABUL - Twenty-two suspects have been detained on drug smuggling charges in various part of the country, an official said on Wednesday. Ahmad Khalid Mowahid, spokesman for the Criminal Justice Task Force (CJTF), told Pajhwok Afghan News the 22 individuals were arrested

in Kabul, Nimroz, Takhar, Nangarhar, Faryab, Ghor and Parwan. Cases against the detainees have been referred to security organs. Eight of the smugglers were arrested at the Hamid Karzai International Airport with 6,491 kilograms of heroin.

More than 46 kilograms of heroin, 33 kilograms of opium, 34,531 kilograms of hashish, six kilograms of chemicals, more than 23,290 afghanis, \$6,100, 16,000 Indian rupees, two weapons, 24 mobile phone sets and six vehicles were seized. (Pajhwok)

Winter Operation Launched To Secure Power Lines

KABUL - The first winter military operation was launched in Maidan Wardak province - in the west of Kabul - after the imported electricity transmission lines were cut by militants. Local officials claimed that a number of powerful figures and groups from the capital, Kabul, are involved in the problem including the Taliban. "Salar, Patanak, Mashin Qala and Watali vilages in Sayed Abad district were the areas from where convoys were attacked and motorists were stopped," said Fahim Qayim, Wardak Police Chief. Two days ago, the power company repaired eight kilometers of power cables to reconnect the transmission lines, ...*(More on P4)...*(17)



Key Taliban Leader Detained by NDS Agents in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - Intelligent operatives have detained a key Taliban figure in Shiberghan, the capital of northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Wednesday. The deputy police chief for Jawzjan, Col. Abdul Hafiz Khashe, identified the detainee as Mohammad Hussain Fidai -- a resident of Shor Aragh village. Fidai was loyal to the Mullah Zahid group. Fidai was allegedly involved in terrorist and disruptive activities against government on the Shiberghan-Sar-i-Pul highway and other part of the province. Khashe said the detainee had killed police officer Mohammad Usman. The militant is currently in custody of intelligence agents and his case would be referred to the justice department soon. Meanwhile, residents expressed happiness over the arrest of the Taliban leader and urged security and justice organs to award him deterrent punishment. (Pajhwok)

Night Raids Effective in Uruzgan: Officials

TIRINKOT - Joint nighttime raids by Afghan and foreign forces targeting Taliban leaders have been effective in central Uruzgan province, local officials said on Wednesday. The foreign forces joined Afghan counterpart in nighttime operations in Uruzgan following an uptick in Taliban activities. Uruzgan governor Mohammad Nazir Kharotai said foreign forces were not only cooperating with Afghan forces in night raids but they were also practically taking part in targeting locations where Taliban leaders were hidden. He said few days back security forces conducted a night raid in



Sarkholez area, killing six Taliban commanders. He added foreign forces were planning to establish a permanent military base in Uruzgan and would soon launch a widespread military offensive in all areas of Uruzgan. Uruzgan security officials also termed night raids as effective. Police Chief Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Sediqui said tens of militants had suffered casualties in night operations. He said they stressed on prevention ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Prisoners Flee Balkh Jail after Gunbattle with Security Guards

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Five political prisoners have fled the main prison in northern Balkh province, a well-placed source revealed on Wednesday. A security official, who did not wanted to be named, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took

place on Tuesday night. Without going into details, the official said the prisoners managed to escape after a gunbattle with security guards. Police spokesman Sher Jan Durrani confirmed the incident. However, he did not provide further information. (Pajhwok)

Man Who Forcibly Married 2 Sisters Jailed for 17 Years

JALALABAD - The appellate court in eastern Nangarhar province has sentenced a man to 17 years in prison for forcibly marrying two sisters at once. Months ago, the convict, Wilayat Khan, married Marwa in Khewa district of Nangarhar, but he accused his wife of losing virginity before their marriage and forcibly married his sister-in-law next morning. Marwa and her family had accused Wilayat Khan and his 14 family members of the forced marriage and had demanded justice. The verdict in the case was handed down a day earlier at a hearing in the appellate court headed by the court head Justice Abdul

Wali Qazizada, the court said in a statement. Journalists had not been invited to the hearing. The statement said the three-judge panel also including Justice Gul Sharif and Justice Abdul Matin convicted Wilayat Khan to 17 years in jail in the forced marriage case. Defense lawyers, the attorney concerned, judicial officials and parties in the case were present at the hearing, the statement said. The jury also sentenced Wilayat Khan's father Rassoul Dad to 16 years in jail and another person, Ghulam Nabi aka Junbish 16 years in jail in the case. The imam, Mullah Abdul Rahman, who performed the nikah while he was not ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

5 Bodies Found Dumped Near Ghazni School

GHAZNI CITY - Taliban militants have killed five young men whose bodies were found dumped near a school in the capital of southern Ghazni province, an official said on Tuesday. Mohammad Arif Noori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the bodies

were found in Arezo area of the city near a school. Noori said the men had been killed by insurgents and that police had reached the scene to remove the bodies. The victims were yet to be identified. Mohammadullah, a resident of the area, said the victims were young men whose bodies re-

mained in the area for a long time. Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban's spokesman, said the slain men were soldiers from Paktika province. He said the men were en route to Kabul from Paktika and were killed in retaliation after they opened fire while being chased. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

 Aries You might be caught off guard by how quickly the magic dissipates and everything returns to normal. Of course, normal isn't what it used to be, yet you are secretly happy that the pace is not so hectic. Setting realistic goals enables you to feel good about your accomplishments by the end of the day.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

 Taurus You are in your element today and can carry nearly any load with grace. Rather than being called stubborn, people will praise your unrelenting determination. You command authority now, but not because you're telling anyone what to do. Instead, others want to follow your lead since you appear to know where you are, where you are going, and how to get there.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

 Gemini Beneath your easy-going surface, you are solid like the rock of Gibraltar today. You can charm people with your lighthearted approach, but they quickly realize you are a force not to be trifled with now. You may not be completely forthcoming, and it's obvious you know more than you care to admit. Keeping some of your observations to yourself adds to your power and your mystique. Silence conveys wisdom.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

 Cancer You're a pleasure to be around today, unless someone pushes you too far. Your sensitivity to other people's feelings endears you to them, increasing your popularity. However, your external sweetness hides your immovable inner core. You may appear to be flexible now, but your long-term goals are not up for negotiation.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

 Leo No one has any doubt about where you stand today because you freely make your position known. Thankfully, you're not likely to make an error in judgment as long as you stick with the facts. However, your lack of diplomacy creates trouble as soon as you venture into the subjective realms.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

 Virgo Although there may be no such thing as a perfect day, you have a wonderful opportunity to creatively express yourself and progress along your chosen path. However, you might feel emotionally pampered as if you are being taken care of today, enabling you to relax in a state of contentment. Unfortunately, you could easily lose your chance to get ahead if you embrace the comforts of the status quo instead of pushing yourself to new heights of success.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

 Libra A current wave of nostalgia anchors you in the past while your sentimentality mellows your personality and adds to your current charm. Most folks like being around you because your emotions are innocently transparent. However, more complicated desires are hiding behind a wall of simplicity.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

 Scorpio You want to be fair in your dealings with people, yet your emotional rigidity may be worrisome for those within your sphere of influence. You are thinking big these days and can sweep someone up into your grand plan before they realize what happened. Your single-mindedness might be misinterpreted as selfishness today, but the well-being of your community is high on your list of concerns.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

 Sagittarius Although you tend to be philosophical in nature, your practical understanding of your world is strong today. If you are currently considering enrolling in an educational program, you're probably doing it to get ahead rather than to study something purely for the sake of learning. Anything you undertake at this time is likely done for a calculated reason.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

 Capricorn Karma is working in your favor now, setting you up for the sweet rewards you deserve. Although you may court material success, acquiring worldly goods will not satisfy your spiritual needs. You are determined to create positive change in your life and for those you love. Don't settle for second-best; set your goals high and make the world a better place for everyone.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

 Aquarius Your career goals seem less important now as your emotional and spiritual life move to the front burner. Although financial riches have their place, developing your soul's potential is more important than anything else. However, you won't likely shout your metaphysical mastery from a mountaintop; you are content to seek enlightenment and find peace in the privacy of your own sanctuary.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

 Pisces Your meticulous plans for the day are a departure from your recent excursions into the Land of Uncertainty. You love getting lost in your dreams, but must work on remembering when to wake up. Although you are highly aware of your own visions, you need to be careful about discerning the information that comes through your senses from the images created by your imagination.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-63 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across
1. Bishop of Rome, 5. Habitual practice, 10. 6th Greek letter, 14. Unit of land, 15. Parts portrayed, 16. Egg-shaped, 17. Image breaker, 19. Nobleman, 20. Gist, 21. Specter, 22. Heaps, 23. Latticework, 25. Vibes, 27. Hankering, 28. Barbarity, 31. Strange, 34. Unable to see, 35. Mineral rock, 36. Adept, 37. Small songbirds, 38. Be cognizant of, 39. Website address, 40. A village outside a castle, 41. Throws away, 42. Nastiest, 44. Mug, 45. Hiding place, 46. Maybe, 50. Carnivals, 52. Caramel-topped desserts, 54. Bleat, 55. Balm ingredient, 56. Officer, 58. Diminish, 59. Delete, 60. Feudal worker, 61. Where a bird lives, 62. Put off, 63. TTTT,
Down
1. Applied to a wall or canvas, 2. Come to pass, 3. Investigate, 4. Poetic dusk, 5. Mischievous city child, 6. Flies alone, 7. "Oh my!", 8. Being pregnant, 9. Eastern Standard Time, 10. Astrological constellations, 11. Acts of forcible extraction, 12. Give and ____, 13. Beers, 18. Leered, 22. Goad, 24. Stringed instrument, 26. Coffee dispensers, 28. Watchful, 29. Gait faster than a walk, 30. Evergreens, 31. Wail, 32. River of Spain, 33. Prestidigitations, 34. Wildfire, 37. Troubles, 38. 11th Hebrew letter, 40. Partiality, 41. Expletive, 43. Avenue, 44. Middle, 46. Interrupt temporarily, 47. Humble, 48. A fabric resembling velvet, 49. Satisfies, 50. A young deer, 51. Wings, 53. Foliage, 56. Directed, 57. Mesh,

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NATAL TRIQU FEW
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FRAT RESTAURANT
LATE ISLE ROMEO
OVER SPAR NOTISY
POINT TYPE STATS
above, attic, casual, chain, chit, choice, choose, complicated, cradle, curs, daffodil, fence, first, gleam, hammock, hedge, heed, idiocy, kneel, large, lunch, niche, nullify, on-line package,

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