

2,000kg of Narcotics Torched in Samangan

AIBAK - Local officials on Wednesday torched more than 2000kg of drugs and introduced 77 suspects to judiciary organs in connection with the narcotics torched in northern Samangan province.

The torched drugs included 965kg of opium, 306kg of heroin, 356kg of morpheme, 112kg of hashish, and 255 liters of acid used in making heroin, four liters of alcoholic drinks. Counternarcotics chief Col. Abdul Khaliq Shirzad told Pajhwok Afghan News the drugs were set alight in



Tash Shorabak locality of Aibak, the provincial capital. He said the drugs had been confiscated by anti-drug officials with the help of police.

He said 77 suspects had been arrested in connection with the drugs and introduced to the judicial organs.

MoI special department chief Maj. Gen. Imamuddin said 541 tonnes of narcotics had been seized with the help of others security organs across the country and 1810 suspects arrested in connection with them and introduced to ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Nangarhar Resident Injured by Pakistani Border Guards

PESHAWAR - An Afghan citizen was injured when paramilitary troops fired at a group trying to sneak into Pakistan, a newspaper reported on Wednesday.

A Khasadar patrol fired the 10-member group trying to cross the border near the Jumagai security check-post, Dawn said. Jan Agha, a resident of Nangarhar province, was injured in a leg.

It added the remaining nine individuals were arrested. The injured man was evacuated to local hospital while the detainees were put in a lock-up for investigations.

Border patrols have been stepped up to check the entry of Afghans into Pakistan without legal travel documents, security officials say. *(Pajhwok)*

BNP-M Seeks Repatriation of Afghans before Census

PESHAWAR - All Afghan refugees must be repatriated before a population census is held in southwestern Balochistan province of Pakistan, a Baloch nationalist party has said.

At a meeting, the Balochistan National Party-Mengal (BNP-M) said it would not accept a census in Balochistan until the four million refugees in the province were sent back to their homeland.

"We will not accept any census in the present circumstances... such an exercise is tantamount to turning the Baloch population into a minority," the party's central committee said in a meeting.

Chaired by Sardar Akhtar Mengal, the meeting said holding a census was a matter ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

Cinema Needs Govt's Attention: Actors

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Cinema film actors in northern Balkh province say the industry needs government's attention and support in implementing plans and production.

Dozens of actors and actresses on Wednesday celebrated the World Cinema Day in Mazar-i-Sharif, the provincial capital.

Talking to Pajhwok Afghan News on the sidelines of the celebration, actor Shafiq Sawarari said he had developed distance with the industry due to a lack of government's attention.

He said they had good plans for making films and other entertainment programs but



they lacked resources.

"The government is guilty of not assisting us. In other countries, their governments cooperate with cinema unlike in our country."

Actress Mah Talash told Pajhwok that most of her family members were in the industry. She said social problems were hurdle in her family's acting.

She said the youth usually harassed her in the street for acting in cinema.

Afghan Film official Sadiq Sarwarzada accused the government of no cooperation and also complained local traders shied away from investing in the field.

Balkh information and culture officials said development of cinema industry was essential but they lacked budget for the purpose.

Deputy information and culture director Atta Mohammad Saho said in practical they had no budget for cinema. However, he said they had helped actors and the industry to increase coordination. *(Pajhwok)*

Afghanistan Loses 5-1 to India in 2016 SAFF Women's Championship

KABUL - The Afghanistan Women's National Football team lost their opening game in the 2016 South Asia Football Federation Women's Championship.

The Afghan team lost the game 5-1 as the Afghanistan Football Federation (AFF) officials are optimistic regarding the result, saying there has been a major improvement in the performance of the women's team as compared to the previous championships.

The Indian team managed to score 4 goals during the first half of the game and hit



another goal in the second half. Afghanistan's only goal was hit during the 87th minute of the game by Fark-

hunda Mohtaj. This was the third appearance by the Afghan women's team against ...*(More on P4)...*(21)

10 Dead, 9 Hurt in Drone Strikes, Offensives

JALALABAD/MEHTAR-LAM - Ten militants have been killed and nine others wounded in US drone strikes and security forces operations in eastern Laghman and Nangarhar provinces, officials said on Wednesday.

Nangarhar Police Spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashraqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News three Daesh rebels were killed in a drone strike in Langar Kandaw area of Achin district on Tuesday.

Governor Spokesman At-



taullah khogyani said two more Daesh rebels were killed and one wounded in a separate drone attack

in Paein locality early on Wednesday.

In Laghman, five militants ...*(More on P4)...*(22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Your thoughts turn to your career accomplishments as the year comes to a close. You feel the fire of ambition growing hotter -- whether your hard work has paid off or you're searching for something new to chase. Rational Mercury joins the illuminating Sun in your 10th House of Profession, throwing the focus on your relationship to the community or public at large.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



It might be incredibly hard to believe that a whole year has gone by and whether you are ready or not, a new one is about to begin. Although you can't control the future, you can control how you react and what you choose to learn. As logical Mercury retrogrades through your 9th House of Higher Education, you may be wondering how you could better expand your knowledge in pursuit of greater success.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Committing to your goals is one thing, but you get an eerie sense that there's a deeper parallel at play now. Your key planet Mercury is taking a backward trek through calculating Capricorn, prompting you to reconsider how to make your objectives more attainable. Take the time to triple-check your plans to give you the best chance of realizing your dreams. Follow the old school of hard work; there's no shortcut to success.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your thoughts grow heavy as you replay the past year in your mind. Relationships are bound to be on the brain while there are so many planets occupying your 7th House of Others. Rethink what it is you want from a romantic partner since you may discover you're not as certain as you thought when it comes to matters of the heart. Are you willing to settle for the sake of security and comfort?

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You begin to feel very positive about improving your health as the year comes to its conclusion. Although you're determined to overhaul your entire diet and fitness routine, take the time to reevaluate what is realistic versus what is unattainable. Analytical Mercury implores you to reconstruct your plan as he retraces his steps through your 6th House of Habits.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



While others might already be stressing about their personal resolutions, you secretly love this time of year because you're naturally adept at making lists. Sorting through the details and creating a comprehensive plan for the immediate future is right up your alley. However, this year is a little different due to mischievous Mercury's retrograde, which means that developing a practical plan may take longer than you wish.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



The rush of the holidays may be dissipating, allowing you to turn your attention to more personal issues. Whether you plan to change residence, do some remodeling or just improve family dynamics, you're anxious to get the show on the road. However, retrograde Mercury might be telling you to think again before you make your move. Prior to committing to a new path, do some real soul searching first.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Although it's been a long year full of ups and downs, you may still be wondering where the days went. You're ready to get a firmer grip on your schedule so you don't lose more time due to idle distractions or poor planning. Ironically, Mercury's retrograde could be scrambling your thoughts and messing with the very strategy you created.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



The holiday season may have already taken a toll on your wallet, prompting you to budget your resources, or if necessary, work yourself out of debt. But Mercury's retrograde through your 2nd House of Money delays the information you need to create an effective plan. Instead of making any radical changes today, continue to reevaluate your situation with a cool head. While contemplating your fiscal condition.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Now that the holiday hullabaloo is settling down, you can get back on track with your lofty dreams of success. The Moon's return to your ambitious sign almost feels like you're being given a new and improved outlook on life. Although you hope to get started right away, it's better to be a tortoise than a hare today. Cerebral Mercury joins the regal Sun, encouraging you to shine a bright light on your plan and illuminate any flaws before forging ahead.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You likely haven't had much time alone recently, but you are getting a chance now to reacquaint yourself with your own thoughts. The Moon moves into your 12th House of Spirituality to merge with messenger Mercury, putting extra emphasis on what's going on beyond the physical dimension. You are driven to do something big, but you can't put your finger on how to proceed.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



The year is almost over and you are more resolute than ever to make your dreams come true. The industrious Capricorn Moon joins three other planets in your 11th House of Long-Term Goals, reminding you that hard work and perseverance will carry you all the way to the top. However, it's unwise to hurry the process along; in fact, you may find that you must go back to the drawing board later if you start too soon.

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1. Dash, 5. A type of cold water, 10. East Indian tree, 14. Dwarf buffalo, 15. Extraterrestrial, 16. Alleviate, 17. Allowable expense, 19. Naval jail, 20. Beer, 21. Rental agreement, 22. Cougars, 23. Answer, 25. Keno, 27. Estimated time of arrival, 28. Hard brittle cake, 31. Indian prince, 34. Vocalization, 35. Nigerian tribesman, 36. "What a shame!", 37. A long narrow estuary, 38. Flat-bottomed boat, 39. Japanese apricot, 40. An evil spirit, 41. Tribes, 42. Transparent, 44. "Eureka!", 45. Herbaceous plant, 46. Flight attendant, 50. A woody place, 52. Cars, 54. Regret, 55. Attraction, 56. Indifferent, 58. Terminates, 59. Inscribed pillar, 60. College girl, 61. Toward sunset, 62. Plateaux, 63. Makes a mistake.

Down

1. Radiolocal, 2. Anoint (archaic), 3. Cyphers, 4. French for "Water", 5. Series of connected ideas, 6. Homeric epic, 7. Brothers and sisters, 8. Notoriety, 9. In song, the loneliest number, 10. Expose while ridiculing, 11. Mouth organ, 12. Largest continent, 13. Small casks, 18. Fabric, 22. Rate, 24. Legumes, 26. Every single one, 28. Hollowed out, 29. Black, in poetry, 30. Not highs, 31. Incline, 32. Away from the wind, 33. Criminals, 34. Self-appointed law-bringer, 37. Central points, 38. Shredded cabbage, 40. Shrub, 41. An ancient board game, 43. Most recent, 44. Makes amends, 46. Grave marker, 47. Pergola, 48. King, 49. Accomplishments, 50. Took flight, 51. Graphic symbol, 53. Applications, 56. Belief.

Yesterday's Solution

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ADORE RAIN HALE
IDOLS AREA ARTA
CONSORTIUM ESAR
THE GAITHS
EVOLVE PURSE
AERIE ARREARAGE
TREE UPEND BULL
SITOUTNISE TORUS
THUDS DEKATATE
JOEYS BOT
MORN ANSWERABLE
OKRA BONA AMOUR
VEIN LOOP TIARA
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