

5 Khost Policemen Detained Over Escape of Criminal



KHOST CITY - The security personnel in southeastern Khost province have arrested five policemen in connection with the escape of an inmate from a police station. Last week, provincial police headquarters reported they had arrested a group of armed criminals

allegedly involve in robberies and other criminal activities. Police spokesman Abdul Basir told Pajhwok Afghan News one of the detainees escaped from the police station on December 28. He said an investigation had been launched in

this regard. Police conducted a search for the fleeing detainees. Qamar Ali Lakanwal, a public representative, expressed concern over the increasing activities of armed gangs in the city. He alleged some (More on p4 (14)

Police Officer Released from Taliban Captivity in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - A police officer kidnapped by the Taliban in the Yafal-i-Paen district of northeastern Badakhshan province has been freed against 300,000 afghanis ransom money, an official said. Col. Tash Mohammad, police chief of the Yafal-i-Paen district, said the Taliban kidnapped Serg. Mahbobullah, police chief of Arghanjkhwa district, three days back from the Sokhta Koh area when he wanted to go home. He said with the help and continued efforts of elders and local influential people the officer was freed on Friday against 300,000 afghanis. He did not say who paid the Taliban the amount. Tash added: "The Taliban on daily bases patrol in the villages of Yafal-i-Paen district and take people doubtful to them. Most of the army and police personnel who want to go to their homes had been detained by the Taliban." (Pajhwok)



Taliban Hang Helmand Man to Death on Murder Charges

LASHKARGAH - The Taliban insurgents have hanged a man to death on murder charges in the Nawzad district of southern Helmand province, the militant group said on Saturday. Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, the Taliban spokesman, said the slain individual named Mohammad Dawood had killed two men, one of them Mohammad Ewaz, and wounded a woman. He said based on a decision by the group's judicial commission, the convict was publicly hanged on Friday. Government officials expressed unawareness about the incident. But he police spokesman, Lt. Abdul Salam Afghan, said they had received informal information about the hanging. Sher Mohammad, a resident of Nawzad district, said the hanging verdict was issued after Friday prayers. He confirmed Dawood had sneaked into a house for theft and killed the house-owner and a guest and wounded a woman. The insurgents sentenced several individuals to death a few months back in Farah and Helmand provinces. (Pajhwok)

Ten Taliban Killed in Uruzgan Clash: Police

TRINKOT - Khas Uruzgan police said dozens of Taliban had attacked a police check post, killing one soldier. A local security official in Uruzgan province claimed on Saturday that at least 10 Taliban members were killed in a clash with security forces. Mullah Abdul Samad district police chief for Khas Uruzgan district said security forces thwarted a Taliban attack on security check posts in the district. Samad said that on Friday dozens of Taliban attacked security check posts in Shikha area of the district. During the attack ten Taliban were killed and eight others were wounded. The Taliban then fled the area, Samad said.



During the clash one army soldier killed and two army and five police soldiers were wounded, Samad added. Taliban has not yet commented. (Tolonews)

Two Students and a Teacher Rescued from Kidnappers in Wardak

KABUL - Two students and a teacher who were abducted on Thursday on the Maidan Wardak highway have been rescued by the Afghan police, local security officials said. The three people were on

their way from Ghazni to Kabul when they were abducted in Pul-e-Sukh area of Maidan Wardak province by armed men who took them to an unknown place, Wardak police said. According to the Wardak police

after the incident police started investigations and rescued the hostages in a night operation. Wardak police said that before the police could reach the kidnappers they fled the area. (Tolonews)

Afghan Student Caught for Impersonation in Gujarat

KABUL - An Afghan citizen, an engineering student, has been detained in the Ahmadabad city of India's Gujarat state, a newspaper reported on Saturday. Samiullah Rehmani, a semester four student at Vasad Engineering College, was appearing

in the 'Basics of Mathematics' exam for semester one of the BBA course. The Times of India said the Rehmani was taking the exam as a proxy for his compatriot Ismail Niyamatullah at the Narayanaguru College on Satellite Road. (Pajhwok)

National Team off to Bangladesh for South Asian Golf Event

KABUL - The National Golf Team on Saturday left Kabul for Bangladesh to attend the South Asian tournament. More than 100 athletes from seven countries will participate in the 33rd Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championships. Bangladesh will host the event. The Afghan squad is comprised of three golf players and two coaches. The event will kick off next year in January 3. The directorate of physical education and sport said in a statement that the national team members are fully prepared for the competition. This year in January, the Afghan national golf team returned home



with one gold and one bronze medal from the 32nd Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championships. Apart from host Bangladesh, golfers from Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Malaysia will compete in the four-day event. (Tolonews)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries You may be doing your best to contain your energy, but your enthusiasm overshadows your common sense. Oddly enough, there is not one particular thing fueling your excitement; it's the combination of so many options that brings a smile to your face. At this moment in time it doesn't even matter whether any of your imagined scenarios come true.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus You like it when there are alternatives on the menu, but it can be overwhelming when there are too many choices. You want to narrow your field of options, but don't know where to start today. It may be helpful to visualize what your ideal situation might be in a year. Don't worry about the details yet since you can fill them in later.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini You are thrilled now that you are in the proud possession of a cosmic ticket to ride. The only problem is you have a pair of destinations in mind and they are in opposite directions from one another. However, the Moon's shift into dualistic Gemini puts you in familiar territory where you are comfortable holding two positions at once.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer There is a lot of mental activity cooking behind your bright eyes, but you won't likely share many of your thoughts today. People around you appear pleasant, but it seems as if they are containing their emotions and expect you to do the same. You can feel the dissonance between your inner restlessness and your outer restraint.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo You might be revving up for a night of merrymaking and mischief, getting yourself into the mood to celebrate with friends. However, you can't shake off a feeling of concern that makes you wonder if you really want to be with lots of people now, or if this is the year to lay low.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Virgo The end of the calendar year is an artificial deadline, but there still may be plenty of projects at home that you would like to finish. Although your approach is very methodical, people might think that you are scattering your energy and wasting your time. As long as you can make the most of your current creativity and productivity, you will feel good about the choices you make today.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra You might set your hopes on embarking on an adventure today, either with others or on your own. However, the idea of expending energy by going somewhere sounds less appealing as the time to leave the house approaches. Maybe the weather is a showstopper, or perhaps you just feel lazy and crave some cozy downtime.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio Your schedule seems to have filled up today with a series of commitments. It may have started with something special you wanted to do, but then you added one activity after another, and in the process entangled your agenda with those of others. You might be annoyed at yourself for trying to get too much done at once, but now it's too late to back out because you don't want to let anyone down.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sagittarius Often, you are the one who is running around in a flurry of activity as others try to keep up with your ambitious pace. However, the tables are turned today and it's hard for you to understand why everyone else seems to be moving so fast while you are content staying put. It's a bit disconcerting to watch people come and go while you take a more laid-back approach to the day.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

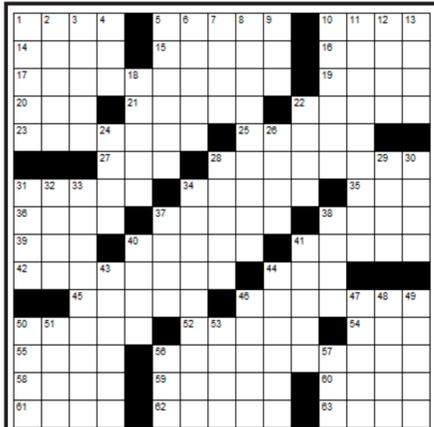
Capricorn Normally, there's something very reassuring about approaching the end of the year. Perhaps it's just that you Capricorns are particularly fond of structure and the fundamental measurement of time is something that can't be denied. You like to judiciously review the previous year and then formulate your goals and resolutions for what comes next.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius Perhaps you are trying to make up for lost time, but your energy has shifted from wanting to be alone to saying yes to every invitation you receive. In the final analysis you still could go either way, but it's healthier to be in the company of others now instead of withdrawing from the social scene. When in doubt, honor your heart and enthusiastically embrace the love the cosmos is offering you now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces Your friends and family are a big part of your life and you happily anticipate spending quality time with them this weekend. You prefer to engage in meaningful dialogue with those closest to you rather than losing yourself in large crowds of people. However, a harmless conversation could touch on a sensitive topic that takes you down an emotional rabbit hole or on a metaphysical journey.



Across

- 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

- 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,

Yesterday's Solution

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