

Vehicle Packed With Explosives Seized in Kabul

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security says militants planned to take the explosives to Parwan province - north of Kabul.

The National Directorate of Security (NDS) operatives seized a vehicle packed with explosives in Kabul's PD8, the security agency said in a statement on Tuesday.

The statement said at least two tons of explosives were loaded in the vehicle.

"Terrorists wanted to take the vehicle and the explosives to Parwan province - in the north of Kabul," the NDS statement said.

The NDS said the militants wanted to use the explosives to make suicide vests and roadside bombs for terrorist groups, the statement added. (Tolo news)



Afghan Worker in Australia Wins \$2m in Compensation

KABUL - An Afghan refugee living in Australia has won nearly \$2 million in compensation after he suffered a back injury, a news report says.

Rahmatullah Baig injured his back working at a meat factory in July 2010 - just a month after starting work. The injury left him unable to do manual work.

With his slipped disk blamed on employer's negligence, Baig sued Teys Australia Central Queensland and labour hire firm AWX in the Rockhampton Supreme Court. The man from the minority Hazara



community found his way to Australia in 2009 by boat, Daily Mail reported.

After spending some days in jail, Baig reached Rockhampton in Central Queensland... (More on P4)... (14)

Border Forces Can Respond to Pakistan Rocket Strikes: MoD

KABUL - Afghanistan's border forces are capable of giving a tit-for-tat response to Pakistan's rocket strikes, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Tuesday.

Pakistani forces have once again fired around 200 rockets into different parts of the eastern province of Kunar, leaving four civilians injured.

Maj. Gen. Dawlat Waziri, spokesman for MoD, told Pajhwok Afghan News the border forces of the country could

respond to shelling from Pakistani troops without permission from the central government.

He said the Afghan forces would respond to aggression in any part of the country. Pakistan was in a bad situation, standing isolated as a result of international pressures, the spokesman believed.

"Pakistan has come under international pressures due to positive policies and efforts of the Afghan government. With such... (More on P4)... (15)

Jamia Omar Mosque's Construction to Resume Soon

KANDAHAR CITY - Construction work will be resumed soon after long years to complete the grand mosque named after Hazrat Omar bin Khetab (RWA) in the capital of southern Kandahar province.

The mosque "Jamia Omar" famously known as "Omar Bin Khetab Grand Mosque" was founded during the Taliban regime but was left incomplete after the fall of the Taliban.

However, in 2011 construction was resumed and the mosque was 80 percent completed in one year.

On Tuesday (Feb 6), a delegation from capital Kabul arrived in Kandahar City to assess the mosque before once again resuming construction work to complete the remaining 20 percent part.

Kandahar Governor Zalmi Wesa told Pajhwok Afghan News that construction for the 20 percent incomplete part of the mosque would begin soon after the delegation's assessment.

He said 80 percent work on the mosque had been completed in the past years but the work had to be suspended due to a lack of budget and some technical problems.

Wesa said the governor's house had discussed the mosque project with the municipality and it was assured work on the incomplete part of the mosque would be started soon.

The governor said building for a Darululum (seminary) and a market were also part of the mosque project, but for now only the mosque part would be constructed. The first part of the mosque construction cost \$3.5 million paid by former president Hamid Karzai, the Kandahar municipality and a number of traders of the province.

According to the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), Omar bin Khetab Grand Mosque is designed in three storeys on 1.5 acres of land. The total cost is estimated at \$18 million funded by the Kandahar municipality, traders and the government.

The mosque has special worship areas for both men and women and would contain 150 bathrooms, four minarets, a tomb built of copper, a marbled ground and surrounding walls, the Internet and other modern facilities.

The mosque is constructed in an area where the only cinema of Kandahar was situated which was torched by Mujahideen during the Soviet Union invasion of Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

All Private Clinics in Kunduz Operating Illegally

KUNDUZ CITY - All private clinics in northeastern Kunduz province are operating without licences from the government, an official claimed on Tuesday.

Provincial council deputy head Safiullah Amiri told Pajhwok Afghan News a number of private clinics were recently opened in Kunduz without obtaining permits from the government.

"Eight private clinics are active in this province but seven of them treat patients without having legal documents," he said. The unlawful clinics were closed by them but they were reopened a day later.

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Taliban Leader Mawlawi Nik Mohammad's 10 Insurgents Join Peace Process

JALALABAD - At least ten insurgents belonging to the Taliban group leader Mawlawi Nik Mohammad joined peace process in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

The provincial government media office in a statement said the militants led by Ismail alias Fawad joined the peace process due to the ongoing peace efforts of the provincial National Directorate of Security.

The statement further added that the militants joined peace process in Khogyani district and also handed over some weapons... (More on P4)... (17)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries Everyone has a role to play in your grand plan today. But you may begin to catch hints that all isn't necessarily unfolding according to the script you imagined. Thankfully, open rebellion is not likely, yet someone could begin to question your assumptions and suggest other routes to your chosen destination.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus Your persistence can turn a difficult encounter into a wonderful opportunity, but you must remain open to negotiation if you want things to improve. Unfortunately, being stuck on one course of action is limiting and prevents you from seeing other alternatives. You can help your cause by clearly explaining your current position.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini Receiving the cooperation of your peers may be more important than succeeding on your own today. Unfortunately, assistance comes with a price tag now, and you must be willing to pay for it one way or another. Buying support with promises of preferential treatment may be a necessary evil, but don't offer anything that puts your values into question.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer It really doesn't matter how young or old you are now, your inner child is poised and ready to rise to the occasion. However, people expect you to meet your obligations before heading out to the playground for a self-declared recess. Nevertheless, you could get away with a well-timed escape if you plan it in advance.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Your smile effortlessly puts people at ease. You intuitively know the right things to say that encourage others to shine brightly. But organizing fun events might also be an easy way to distract everyone's attention, including your own, from a deeper malaise that you want to keep private today.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo There are so many thoughts and feelings swirling around inside your head today that you don't know where to begin. You need to get them out into the open, but finding someone worthy of your trust now can be an uphill climb. Naturally, writing in a journal could be extraordinarily helpful, but it's not enough.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You might feel like you're living proof of Isaac Newton's theories of motion. If no one interferes with your work, you'll continue on your way with your current momentum. You are enthusiastic about your trajectory and appear to have an exact destination in mind.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio You are sure that you're on the right track, but may begin to doubt yourself if others keep questioning your wisdom. At first, you simply dismiss the feedback you're receiving from people who wonder if you're capable of delivering on your promises. But you grow annoyed if someone thinks you should abandon your plans.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You want to maintain your positive outlook today, but discouragement may set in when you realize how much work there is yet to do. Your natural tendency is to hide your uncertainty, but negative emotions gain power if you bury them. Contrary to common sense, talking about your feelings of inadequacy actually helps you rebuild your confidence now.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Your friends may ride to your rescue today, especially if you committed to accomplishing more than is humanly possible. But instead of letting anyone down, acquaintances and coworkers start showing up with food, good vibes, and time to volunteer. At first, you are overwhelmed with gratitude, but old "shoulds" rise to the surface now, reminding you that you can do it all yourself.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

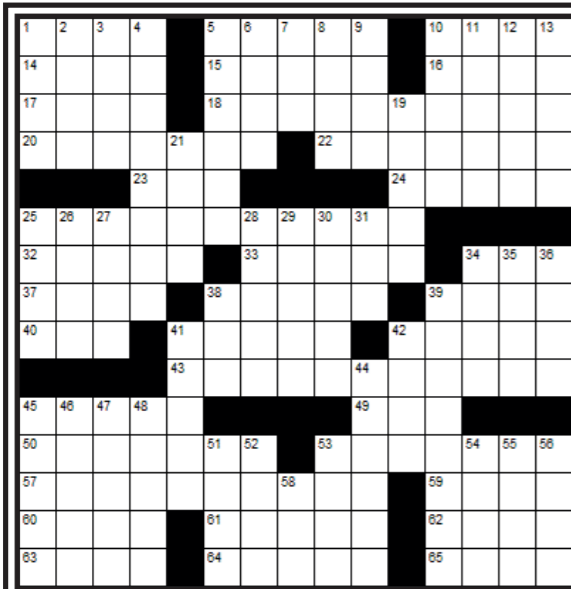


Aquarius You possess an abundance of positive energy today and, fortunately, can put it to good use at work. You naturally gravitate toward an authoritative role because your upbeat attitude sets a tone that provokes others to believe in themselves. Rather than building up someone's self-esteem through words of encouragement, you help people acknowledge their potential.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You might attempt to keep your silence today, but only for so long. There is dynamic conflict between your logical head and your irrational heart that won't settle down and the distraction can get in the way of your productivity. Although you realize the fastest way out of your dilemma is to talk about it, you're not eager to share your unresolved issues with anyone now.



Across

1. Corroborates (archaic), 6. Smooch, 10. Church alcove, 14. Turning point, 15. Behold, in old Rome, 16. Sailing ship, 17. All excited, 18. Wild hog, 19. Pout, 20. A superficial person, 22. Hotels, 23. Weep, 24. Nuzzled, 26. First-rate, 30. Beers, 32. Beautify, 33. Bright, 37. Corporate image, 38. Radiant, 39. Grizzly, 40. Sunny, 42. Incline, 43. Fights, 44. Very small, 45. Russian emperors, 47. Zero, 48. College girl, 49. Lesbian, 56. Part of an ear, 57. Midmonth date, 58. A type of cold water, 59. South American country, 60. 3 times 3, 61. Layers, 62. Sun, 63. Wildebeests, 64. Factions,

Down

1. WW1 plane, 2. High fidelity, 3. Wicked, 4. Be dressed in, 5. Type of hat, 6. Souvlaki, 7. Computer symbol, 8. Leave in a hurry, 9. In a calm manner, 10. Permissible, 11. Communication device, 12. Noise, 13. Female sheep (plural) 21. Not bottom, 25. A wise bird, 26. After-bath powder, 27. False god, 28. Jump up and down, 29. Minstrel, 30. An alloy of copper and, inc, 31. Edges, 33. Red vegetable, 34. Age, 35. Short sleeps, 36. 3, 38. " _____ bride", 41. To make a fool of (archaic), 42. Chooses, 44. It is (poetic), 45. Astronomical visitor, 46. Striped equine, 47. Snouts, 48. Mugs, 50. Norse god, 51. List of options, 52. 13 in Roman numerals, 53. Utilized, 54. Unit of land, 55. Not a win,

Yesterday's Solution



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