

Anti-State Radio Broadcasts Heard

PUL-I-ALAM - Logar officials on Saturday said some radios across the border in Pakistan aired anti-Afghanistan broadcasts being heard in the central province's Charkh district. Khalilullah Kamal, the Charkh district chief, said reports reaching them revealed the frequency range of these radios increased after Taliban erected a transmitter they had brought from Pakistan to an unknown location of the district. He said the broadcasts were aimed at provok-



ing Afghans against their own government. "The radio programmes are used to insult and de-

the government and foreign forces," he said. Kamal said he had shared the issue with the governor's house and had asked security organs to locate the equipment the insurgents had installed. "My duty was to convey the issue to security forces and the governor's house. I consider it regrettable that no action has been taken so far." A resident of Pangram area of the town, Syed Baryalai, said Taliban's radio broadcasts were clearly and easily heard in their area.

"I don't know from where these programmes are aired the entire day speaking in support of Taliban and their Islamic Emirate and against the Afghan government. They also air songs praising Taliban," he said. However, the provincial Information and Culture Department expressed unawareness about such radio broadcasts. Mohammad Shafique Popal, the department head, said he had no information in this regard because Charkh was a volatile district, where

they had no representative. However, he admitted it was not a difficult job for Pakistan or any other neighbouring country to transmit programmes through FM signals. He said the Taliban had three years ago activated their FM Voice of Shariah radio in the province. The anti-state radio broadcasts surface at a time when fighters claiming allegiance to the Islamic State (IS) in Charkh district have banned watching TV channels. (Pajhwok)

Insecurity, Crimes on Rise

MAHMOOD RAQI - Insecurity and crimes have increased in the Kohistan-II district of central Kapisa province due to insufficient strength of security forces, residents said on Saturday. The residents said activities of irresponsible gunmen had increased during night time and they could not go out of home in the evening. A resident

of Jamal Agha area told Pajhwok Afghan News gunmen appeared on roads in the afternoon and created problems for local residents. He said the illegal gunmen forcibly took money and other possessions from people, intimidated and assaulted them. Such incidents have lately increased, forcing residents to ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Taliban Blow up School, Clinic

ASAD ABAD - Taliban have blown up a girls' school and a clinic in Naray district of eastern Kunar province, officials said on Saturday. Brig. Gen. Abdul Habib Sayedkhel, provincial police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incidents happened overnight in Sao and Shergul localities. The school building had been damaged almost in the bombing, he said, adding the blast also destroyed copies of holy Quran, books and furniture. The clinic, he said was

also damaged in a similar act in Shergul area but caused no casualties among civilians. Education Director Sayyed Jamaluddin said 250 students had been left without a building to continue with their studies. Dr. Assadullah Fazli, public health director, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants had taken some equipments and carpets with them. A Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid rejected the claims that militants were behind the bombing. (Pajhwok)

Balk-Kunduz Highway Completion to Multiply Economic Activities

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - The completion of the vital Balkh-Kunduz Highway would leave far-reaching positive impact on economic activities and trade in the north and northwestern zones, officials said on Saturday. The governors of Balkh and Kunduz expressed this at a well-attended gathering arranged to view security situation in the two Northern provinces and the important highway. Work on the 120-kilometre long Highway connecting Balkh-Kunduz



provinces, passing through Khulam district, has been started since last five years. The officials, however, said that 50-kilometres road had been completed so far. Munir Farhad, the Balkh governor spokesman, said that a meeting was held to view law and order and security on the Balkh-Kunduz Highway. The governors of the two provinces, Ahmad Shah Wahid, director public works and senior security officials attended the meeting. Balkh Governor Atta Moham-

mad Noor hoped that completion of the road would multiply economic activities in the northern zone. He assured that strategy would be worked out to bolster security of the vital route. Kunduz Governor Mohammad Umar Sapi said that efforts were on to remove obstacles regarding early completion of the road with the help of German government. A military check post, he assured would be established in Kunduz to stabilize security of the highway. (Pajhwok)

1 Dead, 14 Hurt in Road Mishap

PUL-I-KHMRI/AIBAK - One child was killed and 14 others wounded as a result of a traffic accident in the Dushi dis-

trict of northern Baghlan province on Saturday, an official said. The head-on collision between ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

2 Police, 8 Insurgents Killed

KANDAHAR - Two policemen and eight insurgents were killed in the insurgent attack on a security outpost in eastern Nangarhar province on Friday night, local officials said on Saturday. Six policemen and 10 other insurgents were injured in the attack. The attack took place in Ghanikhil district of the province after a number of insurgents attacked

a security outpost and started clashing for several hours, a spokesman for the acting governor, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai said. "The clashes continued for several hours in the area and ended when more security forces arrived," Abdulzai said. However, no insurgent groups including the Taliban have commented about the attack yet. (Tolonews)

Armed Robbery Bids Irk Residents

PARAKH - The residents of Rokha district in central Panjshir province on Saturday complained about a rise in armed robberies in the district and accused that officials concerned did not take steps to reverse the tide. Over the last three weeks many houses and stores have been looted but the officials were unable to control the situation,

they said. "Some days back robbers looted my shop. They even steal cars' number plates and then demanded money," said Baba Jan, a local resident. Three persons were arrested for stealing vehicle number plates but two of them were released who were said to be underage. Qari Hafizullah, another ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Forces Capture Taliban Bastion

KANDAHAR Afghan security forces after three weeks of heavy operations have liberated Band-e-Timor area, a Taliban bastion and poppy hub in the southern Kandahar province, a senior security official in the province, Sultan Mohammad, said Saturday. "Our security forces after three weeks of operations have entered Band-e-Timor and established government control there after 14 years, forcing Taliban militants to flee," Mohammad told Xinhua. Located

in Maiwand district, the densely populated Band-e-Timor had been a Taliban bastion and center of poppy production, heroin lab and trans-

Smuggler Held with 288kg Drugs

GHAZNI CITY - Security officials detained an alleged smuggler with 288 kilogram of opium on Kabul-Kandahar road in southern Ghazni province, an official said on Saturday. Deputy Police Chief Asadullah Ansafi said the illicit substance was concealed in secret

compartments of a truck but recovered by police on Friday night. Habib Rahman, the alleged smuggler, wanted to smuggle the contraband to foreign countries through Iran. He is the resident of western Farah province. Police had been ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Spring Tree Plantation Drive Kicks off

JALALABAD - With the arrival of spring, a tree plantation drive in eastern Nangarhar province was kicked off on Saturday, with the governor urging people to pay special attention to protect the environment. "The agriculture department has set the target to plant three million saplings in the spring season across the province," the Governor Attaullah Ludin told a ceremony arranged to begin the sapling plantation campaign in Jalalabad,



the capital city. He urged people to plant one or two sapling to help protect the environment from degradation. Agriculture Director Hamidullah Nazir told Pajhwok Afghan News his department would

plant 10,000 saplings and the rest 200,000 would be planted by locals. Eng. Ziarat Gul Raheel, the canalization project director, said 334,000 fruit saplings would be planted in spring season. (Pajhwok)

Police Killed, 3 Injured in Attacks

KANDAHAR - In two separate suicide attacks in southern Kandahar province on Friday night a policeman was killed and three others injured, local officials said on Saturday. The first suicide attack took place around 7:30 p.m. local time after a su-

icide bomber detonated his explosive near a police check post in the ninth district of Kandahar City, a spokesman for Kandahar Police Chief, Ahmad Zia Durani said. "The bomber wanted to enter the police check post, but was identified by ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

You try to please others today, but even your best intentions are not good enough if your behavior seems abrasive. Your emotions may run so deep now that it's healthier to err on the side of caution than to reveal your feelings to others. Although you can wait until tomorrow when everyone is less sensitive, you could begin to open up right away as long as you remember to move slowly.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

Managing relationship dynamics is more complicated than you expect today. Although you might be able to tell there's a lot going on beneath the surface, finding your way through potentially explosive emotional landmines could be tricky business. Don't stick with an agenda that isn't working; instead, respond to each situation as it develops.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your underlying motives might not be as altruistic as they seem, even if you go out of your way to put others at ease now. However, there's nothing wrong with your desire to be admired by someone you like, especially since you're more productive when you feel appreciated. You fall into the communication flow when there's a healthy balance of give and take.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Even if you believe everything is unfolding naturally today, someone close to you may still think you're too controlling. But any manipulative behavior is probably motivated by your fear of someone taking advantage of you. However, there is some truth to both sides; if you can become comfortable with any outcome to the current situation, the need for power struggles dissipates.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You may obsess about what you're going to do today, but over-planning is likely a waste of time. You could misread the dynamics of a situation and make a faulty assumption by relying on wrong data. Or, perhaps, the circumstances might change without warning, turning your entire schedule upside down. It doesn't matter whether or not you were ever really in charge.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

There is no need to overreact if someone makes unreasonable demands of you today. Your best strategy is to push back with a firm but gentle touch. Mischievous Mercury is still backpedaling in your 6th House of Routine, so misunderstandings might easily creep into the picture if you respond too quickly. Take your time and consider the feelings of others before creating ripples that will spread on their own.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It might seem as if your friends are not being very supportive of your goals at first, but your worries could be unfounded. You may have too much on your mind and too many leftover chores weighing on your shoulders to be objective. But don't expect everyone to rush to your rescue now, just because you're under pressure. Luckily, sticking to your initial plan will actually help you handle your personal obligations on your own.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

Your energy reserve may be on empty today, making you feel rather frazzled if you can't establish a steady work pace. Something slipped just slightly out of alignment and it could take a conscious attitude adjustment on your part to snap your thinking back into place.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)

Saving your pennies isn't your idea of fun, but you wouldn't have to pay attention to your finances today if you took care of your personal business yesterday. You wish you could kick back and fantasize about the unrealized potential in your life and concoct long-term plans, but an immediate cash flow problem demands that you handle it right away. Don't put off the inevitable; the sooner you get started, the sooner you can return to manifesting your dreams.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

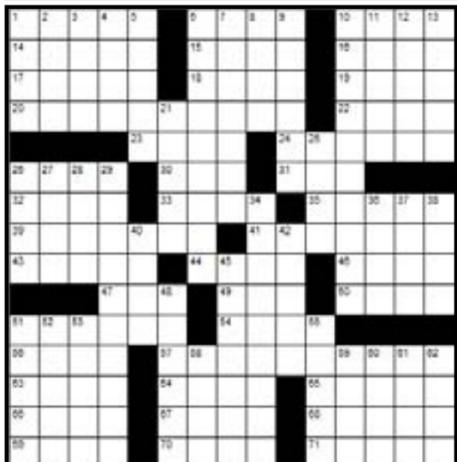
You can't decide whether to push ahead more forcefully now or if it's smarter to temporarily retreat. Frustration sets in if you wish you took a different course of action. But what you do next might not matter so much; rest assured there isn't any right or wrong way to go from here. Either way, your path may be temporarily obscured. Your wisest strategy is to bide your time until you receive a clear sign from the universe that tells you which direction to take.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

Your dreams contain messages, whether you remember them as soon as you wake up or if they return as fragmented images throughout the day. However, it's wiser to proceed with caution because your fantasies seem so real that they can lead you on a wild goose chase. Don't just assume that you have enough information now to discern the difference between fact and fancy.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Your intuition is operating on warp drive now, making you even more attuned to other dimensions. In fact, you might even feel as if you're living your life within a dream. However, something weird happens that wakes you up today, reminding you to be more practical when it comes to your priorities.



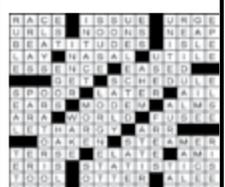
Across

- Tortilla chip, 6. Balcony section, 10. Cushions or mats, 14. Perpendicular to the keel, 15. Nameless, 16. Found in some lotions, 17. Look closely, 18. Russian emperor, 19. Swing around, 20. A moderately quick tempo, 22. Informed, 23. Emanation, 24. Wiggle room, 30. Henpeck, 31. Chemist's workplace, 32. Violent disturbance, 33. Delight, 35. Noise, 39. Bad-mouth, 41. Cardigan, 43. Cubic meter, 44. Information, 46. Unusual, 47. S, 49. Disencumber, 50. Sailing ship, 51. Polished, 54. Dogfish, 56. Sourish, 57. A diplomat of the highest rank, 63. Unrestrained revelry, 64. Entice, 65. Climate, 66. Jump, 67. Scottish hillside, 68. Made of oak wood, 69. Feudal worker, 70. Cravings, 71. Inclination

Down

- Nil, 2. Cain's brother, 3. Mobile phone, 4. Possess, 5. Alpha's opposite, 6. Passed sideways, 7. Performing, 8. Satyr, 9. Enlist, 10. Composition board, 11. Permit, 12. Birthing coach, 13. Squalid, 21. Steps of a ladder, 25. Alleviate, 26. Historical periods, 27. Enumerate, 28. Easy gait, 29. Mental representation, 34. Guesses, 36. Salt Lake state, 37. Roman emperor, 38. Sketched, 40. A musical pause, 42. Gulleys, 45. High-spirited horse, 48. Worn, 51. Filched, 52. Female horses, 53. Keyboard instrument, 55. Cravat, 58. Filly's mother, 59. Winglike, 60. Water barrier, 61. Por-tent, 62. Cleave

Yesterday's Solution



about, after, alley, arcade, better, brother, carry, cheek, clown, comma, daddy, dead, doctor, dress, garden, gypsy, herd, horse lane, loose, lonely, mare, mystery, never, people, pretty, cel, roam, rucs, shade, shoulder, soldier, steal, stones, tear, think

