

Baghlan Public Rep Killed Along with 3 Guards

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Unknown gunmen on Thursday killed a provincial council member along with his three security guards in northern Baghlan province, police said.

Another four guards of Alam Jan Mujahid were wounded in the attack that took place on Thursday afternoon in Hussainkhel area of Pul-i-Khumri, the provincial capital, Baghlan police spokesman Zabihullah Shuja told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said the public representative was on his way from Pul-i-Khumri to Qand Fabrika area when came under attack from unknown assailants. The police



official said the attackers were yet to be identified but police were investigating the incident.

A shopkeeper in the area, Hamid Gul, said: "I saw a vehicle that stopped and gunmen inside opened fire at the car of Alam Jan who was killed along with some guards." Another resident of Hussainkhel area, Ghulam Sakhi, said: "I was home when I heard gunfire, when I came out of home, I saw Alam Jan Mujahid and his guards laying on the ground. Then police came and took them to hospital." The resident said it was a barbaric incident which ... (More on P4)...(19)

Paktia Police Chief Dies of Heart Attack

GARDEZ CITY - The police chief for southeastern Paktia province, Brig. Gen. Qader Gul Zadran died of heart attack on Thursday, an official said.

Deputy provincial police chief Col. Mohammad Ayoub Wardak told Pajhwok Afghan News that Zadran lost his life to a massive heart attack today noon at his home in the capital Kabul. He said Zadran was immediately ... (More on P4)...(20)

Senior IS Commander Killed in Operation in Afghanistan

KABUL - A leading commander of Islamic State (IS) militant group has been killed following a joint operation in Afghanistan, the country's Interior Ministry said on Friday.

"Qari Moneb, a prominent commander of Daesh (Arabic acronym for IS), has been killed during an anti-terrorism joint operation carried out by Afghan National Security and Defense Forces and (NATO-led) Resolute Support troops," the ministry said in a state ... (More on P4)...(210)

Kapisa, Paktika IDP Families Distributed Aid Items

MAHMOOD RAQI/SHARAN - Tens of Internally Displace People (IDPs) have been provided assistance in central Kapisa and southeastern Paktika province, an official and a statement said on Friday.

Mohammad Qasim Malakzada, director refugees and repatriation department in Kapisa, said hundreds of families had been displaced due to recent clearing operation in Tagab district.

He said 184 displaced families had been distributed



aid items provided by different welfare organizations.

Khairullah, a displace person, said he left his home due to ongoing operation and was Separately, 37 families in Paktika had been provided with food and other necessary items. The families had been dis ... (More on P4)...(22)

Bomb Attack Injures 2 in Eastern Afghanistan

MEHTARLAM - Two people were wounded after a bomb struck a police vehicle in Mehtarlam, capital of Afghanistan's eastern province of Laghman on Friday, the provincial government said.

The blast took place at around midday after a sticky Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attached to the moving police vehicle was detonated along a main road in the city, 90 km east of national capital of Kabul, it said in a statement. The injured were shifted to a hospital, the statement said, adding that "The affected persons, a civilian passerby and a traffic police officer, did not receive life-threatening wounds. No person aboard the vehicle was hurt but the backside of the police van was damaged by the blast."

The statement blamed enemies of peace and stability, ... (More on P4)...(23)

Afghanistan 1400 Initiative Depicts the Horror of the War

KABUL - Afghanistan 1400, a political movement of the country's new generation, on Friday held a public event to highlight the record numbers of civilians killed last year.

Organizers of the event poured red dye into Kabul River to depict a river of blood - so as to show the horrors of the war.

Organizers of the movement said that by depicting a river of blood, they were showing the reality of the situation but also calling on



the warring parties to stop killing innocent civilians and bring an end to the war.

According to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan's (UNAMA) latest report, in 2016 nearly 3,500 civilians were killed and 8,000 others were wounded, including women and children. (Tolonews)

Work on 100-Metre Long Bridge Underway in Laghman

LAGHMAN - A 100-metre long bridge was being constructed at the cost of 40 million afghanis on Kabul River in the Qarghayio district of eastern Laghman province, an official said on Friday.

Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman, said the bridge was being constructed in the Shahidano locality with funds provided by the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MoRRD).

He said the 100 meters long and 9 meters wide bridged would have foot-path and one kilometre



road would also be constructed to facilitate the people.

Governor Abdul Jabbar Naeemi on Thursday observed the ongoing work on the bridge and asked the construction company to give priority to the quality of work and complete the much needed bridge in time.

He said the bridge would ... (More on P4)...(24)

Returnee Says Happy Despite Problems

JALALABAD - A large family that recently returned from Pakistan after four decades says they are happy in their own country despite struggling with numerous problems including a lack of shelter.

The family has erected 10

Kabul Addicts Using Drugged Dogs to Keep Warm

KABUL - Drug addicts living under the Pul-e-Sukhta Bridge in Kabul claim to give feral dogs in the area drugs so that they sleep next to them at night as they try to stay warm.

Addicts say they spend between 500 Afs and 800 Afs a day on drugs, using money earned in any way possible.

Doctors have warned however, that this practice is extremely unhealthy as ... (More on P4)...(26)

6,500 Rounds of Ak-47 Ammunition Seized in Nangarhar

KABUL - The Afghan security forces have seized at least 6,500 rounds of Ak-47 rifle ammunition in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

According to the local security officials, the ammunition packs were professionally placed inside a vehicle and was confiscated from Torkham-Jalalabad highway.

The provincial police commandment in a statement said the ammunition was seized in the vicinity of Bati Kot district.

The statement further added that the driver of



the vehicle managed to escape the area and an investigation is underway in this regard.

It is yet not clear to which group the ammunition was being delivered but the anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating in some remote districts of Nangarhar.

Militants belonging to ... (More on P4)...(27)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

If you've allowed pressure to build up inside, the release valve is pulled today. You may engage in a childish foot-stomping display of emotion as the theatrical Leo Full Moon is eclipsed in your 5th House of Self-Expression. Prevent an embarrassing spectacle by tapping into the objectivity of Mercury in Aquarius, whose friendly connection with amicable Venus inspires you to stay calm.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Finding balance between your professional life and your personal life is tenuous at best today, and you may just want to throw your hands up in the air and walk off the job early. It's impossible to ignore issues at home while the dramatic Leo Lunar Eclipse shakes your 4th House of Foundations. It could be time to call a family meeting and address everyone's concerns.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your big ideas don't fit into the space of a daily conversation, yet you're grappling with how to share them with others. Although you're speaking straight from the heart, your unrealistic ideals become painfully clear as the expressive Leo Full Moon is eclipsed in your 3rd House of Speech. Fortunately, a friendly link between artful Venus and brainy Mercury facilitates organized articulation of your ideas as long as you slow down long enough to think before you talk.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Where you spend your resources is always your choice, and those choices are now clearly laid out in front of you. Sometimes it's easier to invest in others rather than yourself, but the Leo Lunar Eclipse is centered in your 2nd House of Self-Worth and there's no hiding from the realizations it illuminates. You cannot truly give to those you love without being emotionally whole yourself.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're ready to roar and you don't care who hears you today. The loud and proud Leo Lunar Eclipse magnifies your 1st House of Personality, centering all your thoughts on your personal ambitions and your rightful place in the world. You're correct in believing that you shouldn't let anyone dim your candle just because they're uncomfortable with your brightness.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may want to slip into your own private fantasy world where you are admired and respected for all your hard work. However, dreams only come true when you possess the courage to bring them to reality. The warm Leo Lunar Eclipse rattles your 12th House of Secrecy, pointing out where the real you is hiding. Meanwhile, mental Mercury sketches out a plan to infuse more authenticity to your daily life. Small changes in habits add up to big transformations.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You could be so invested in being a part of something that you haven't noticed your personality adapting to fit in. Everything changes when the animated Leo Lunar Eclipse casts the spotlight on group dynamics in your 11th House of Friends. If people aren't encouraging you to shine brighter, it could be time to ask yourself if you're being genuine or just putting on a show to please everyone.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Moderation hasn't crossed your mind today because your brain is running on overdrive with a full plate of hearty ambition. The boastful Leo Full Moon emphasizes your 10th House of Status, demanding the recognition you feel you deserve. You're willing to ruthlessly claw your way to your goals if that's what it takes.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You're ready to throw yourself into your quest as the passionate Leo Lunar Eclipse burns in your 9th House of Vision. You can see yourself soaring above everyone else when you close your eyes, but a bird's eye view is only one way to look at the world. Spare some of your enthusiasm for the smaller details that will support your grand goals. Your faith is unstoppable; now you need to pack all the necessary provisions before rushing out the door to meet your dreams.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

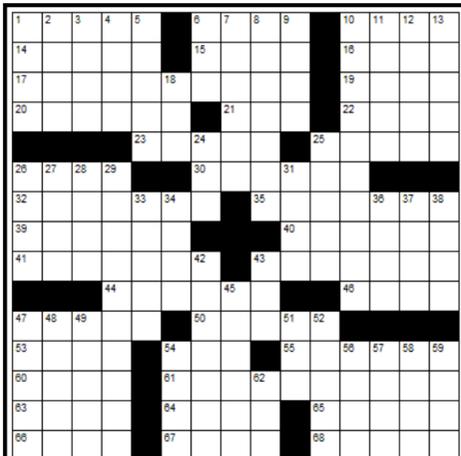
You're all business on the outside, but the desire for deep connection is ignited within you. The loyal Leo Full Moon is a Lunar Eclipse in your 8th House of Intimacy and you feel almost obsessive about strengthening the bonds of your closest relationships. If your search for affection is driven by a fear of not being loved, it's best to address these questions of self-worth honestly rather than ignoring the problem.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

It seems like there's not enough space for one more ego in the room today as the bombastic Leo Lunar Eclipse grandstands in your 7th House of Others. People may be putting on a show, expecting you to be the adoring audience, but you have your own opinions that you wish to make heard. Fortunately, a favorable aspect between charming Venus and chatty Mercury sweetens your words.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You want to do what's best for the greater good, but you're feeling left out today, as if no one sees how devoted you are to doing what's right. The melodramatic Leo Full Moon rocks your 6th House of Service, emphasizing all the little things you do for those around you. You may feel a tinge of resentment if you aren't receiving praise for your contributions, but remember that loyalty doesn't require sacrifice.



Across

1. Treaties, 6. At a distance, 10. Applies lightly, 14. More or less, 15. Fail to win, 16. Leer at, 17. Treacherous, 19. Relating to urine, 20. Acid neutralizer, 21. Explosive, 22. Not straight, 23. Ceased, 25. Sleights, 26. Resorts, 30. Conceive, 32. Not excessive, 35. Rampaging, 39. Brute, 40. Rye grass, 41. Physical examination, 43. The easing of tensions, 44. Straight, 46. Being, 47. Finger or toe, 50. Gulf, 53. Send forth, 54. Brassiere, 55. Be against, 60. Hindu Mr., 61. Not segregated, 63. Matured, 64. T T T T, 65. Overgrown with ivy, 66. Thorny flower, 67. At one time (archaic), 68. Small lizard.

Down

1. Dad, 2. Cain's brother, 3. Stopper, 4. A soft porous rock, 5. Attendance counter, 6. Anagram of "Ail", 7. Paid for something, 8. Apart, 9. A musical pause, 10. Crossbar on a wagon, 11. Gibe, 12. Unable to see, 13. Religious splinter groups, 18. Cacophony, 24. Accomplished, 25. Brown ermine, 26. Shut, 27. A coniferous tree, 28. Among, 29. Likeness, 31. Assistant, 33. Implied, 34. Dash, 36. Hotels, 37. Catches, 38. Delight, 42. Student, 43. Not wet, 45. Decreases, 47. Prohibit, 48. Insect stage, 49. Agrees, 51. Soak, 52. Bit of parsley, 54. Chomp, 56. Cover with asphalt, 57. Ear-related, 58. Search, 59. Cocoyam, 62. Eastern Standard Time.

Yesterday's Solution

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