

70 Suspected Criminals Detained in Herat

HEART CITY - Police on Saturday said they had arrested 70 individuals in 10 days for allegedly committing various crimes in western Herat province.

Police Chief Maj. Gen. Abdul Majid Rozi told reporters here that the detained persons faced charges ranging from terrorism, kidnapping, murder to drug smuggling.

He said the detainees included 13 Taliban fighters and some notorious commanders who wanted to carry out subversive activities in the city.

Police also recovered two arms caches from the house of Abdullah Akbari, a Taliban commander in Guzra district, he said. (Pajhwok)



13 Civilians Dead in Suicide Attack near Kunar Governor's Office

ASADABAD - At least 13 people were killed on Saturday when a suicide bomber blew himself up near the governor's office in Asadabad, the capital of eastern Kunar province. Governor Wahidullah Kalimzai told Pajhwok Afghan News 40 people were wounded as the bomber on foot detonated his explosives 15 metres from the entrance to his office. He said tribal elder Haji Khanjan was among the fatalities. The governor stopped short of blaming any group for the massive bombing. Public Health Director Dr. Ihsanullah-FazliFazli confirmed the casualties, saying 13 bodies and 40 injured civilians -- some in critical condition -- had been brought to the civil hospital. The suicide bombing happened in the Shaheedan Square of the eastern city at 10am, eyewitness Ikramullah said. Several government departments are located close to the site, frequented by people, he added. Meanwhile, the United Nations Assistance ... (More on P4)...(18)

Number of Women Taking Own Lives in Jawzjan Rises to 22

SIBERGHAN - A young woman has allegedly committed suicide in northern Jawzjan province, taking to 22 the number of women claiming their own lives in the province this year, an official said.

Mohammad Raza Ghafoori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the 24-year-old woman hanged herself to death with her shawl inside her house at a time when her other family members were busy doing household chores. Her



corpse was handed over to her family after a forensic examination in Shiberghan hospital. A doctor at the hos-

pital said the shawl knotted around her neck had caused her death. Maulvi Mohammad ... (More on P4)...(16)

NDS Rescue 2 Hostages in Helmand Province

LASHKARGAH - The Afghan intelligence operatives conducted a special military operation in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan to rescue two hostages from a gang of kidnappers. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said the raid was conducted in Lashkargah, the provincial capital of Helmand province.

A statement by NDS said one of the hostages were a 2-year-old child and teenage boy who were kidnapped by the gang from Qala-e-Boost and Safian areas of the city. The statement further added that the kidnappers were demanding a large ransom from the families of the hostages, forcing the intelligence operatives to intervene and secure their release. At least four kidnappers... (More on P4)...(17)

Mostly Poor Hawkers Killed in Kunar Suicide Attack

ASADABAD - Most of the 13 people killed in Saturday's suicide attack in eastern Kunar province were roadside vendors, officials and eyewitnesses said.

Another 40 people, mostly civilians, were wounded in the attack that took place in Shahidan square near the governor's house in Asadabad, the capital of Kunar province around 9:30am.

Governor Wahidullah Kalimzai told Pajhwok Afghan News the attack happened close to the governor's house gate. He confirmed at least 13 civilians had been killed and another



40 wounded in the attack.

The exact target of the attack remained unclear, but a tribal elder and former jirga commander Haji Khan Jan, a resident of Dangam district, who was among the dead, is believed to be the target. Few months ago,

residents of Dangam district, led by Haji Khan Jan, waged an uprising against militants. Haji Sakhi-Mashwani, who represents Kunar people in the Wolessi Jirga, said that the target of the attack was Haji Khan Jan... (More on P4)...(19)

NATO Blitz Kills 11 Insurgents in Paktika

HARAN/GHAZNI CITY - Eleven insurgents were killed in a NATO airstrike in south-eastern Paktika province and elsewhere three civilians were wounded in a mortar fire incident blamed on security forces in southern Ghazni province, officials said on Saturday. Nabiullah Pirkhel, Paktika governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News foreign forces carried out airstrikes in Dad Gul and Jalal Shah localities of Gomal district, killing 11 insurgents.



surgeons' positions. In Ghazni, three civilians were wounded after security forces fired a mortar shell aimed at Taliban militants in Dih Yak district. Karimullah Amiri, the town's

administrative chief, said security forces fire the mortar after coming under attack from Taliban at a check-post. The injured have been shifted to hospital. ... (More on P4)...(20)

Martyred ALP Personnel from Khonyan: United in Life and Death

GHAZNI CITY - United in life and death, 45 Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel from one village of the Qarabagh district of southern Ghazni province have been killed in the past 18 months. They are buried in one cemetery, says ALP Commander Abdul Shakoor, who hailed the 45 men as his best friends since childhood. They were laid to rest in Khonyan village. Afghanistan's national flag waves over the graves of the martyred



ALP personnel. Villagers have placed a variety of handkerchiefs on the tombs as a token of respect for the dead. Pointing to one grave, Shakoor says: "The guy buried here was my best friend and the first ALP member from the village

to be killed. All of them were my chums." The commander adds he really misses his friends and the plight of their children shocks him beyond description. The dead ALP personnel had children and ... (More on P4)...(21)

Afghan Army Thwart IED Attack Plot in Kabul

KABUL - The Afghan armed forces thwarted an attack plot by anti-government armed militants involving Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in Kabul province. According to 111th Division of the Afghan National Army (ANA) forces in Kabul, the militants had planted two Improvised Explosive Device (IED) on a roadside in Moosahi district of Kabul. A statement by 111th ANA division in Kabul said the two IEDs were discovered and defused while the Afghan army forces were patrolling in the area. No further details were given if any suspect was arrested in connection to the attack plot with the anti-government armed militant groups yet to comment regarding the report. Taliban militants group and ... (More on P4)...(22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You may face the consequences of your desires today. On the positive side, your process can deepen a relationship, enabling you to become more emotionally intimate with another person. It might be uncomfortable, but magic happens when you push past your normal safe limits. On the negative side, difficulties could arise if you blast through resistance without taking the time to acknowledge.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Nothing seems simple now as powerful emotions impact your connections with others. Your current inclination to methodically peel away the layers of the onion to discover what's hidden below is a rare opportunity to take a relationship to the next level. But you might experience a personal dissatisfaction that leads to renegotiating a partnership agreement or even ending it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Tasks that you thought were already finished might require another round of attention now. Expect to put more effort into a project today if you rushed through it the first time. Make the most of this cosmic energy by working on some home improvements even if you're not very excited about the idea at first. A little spring cleaning can bring emotional satisfaction if you pick one job and stick with it until it's done, rather than spreading your energy too thin.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Intensity is your keyword today and there's no way you just want to kick back and relax. A combination of power and passion brings fulfillment if you're willing to take a risk with your heart. The relationship dynamics may be complex; fortunately, life doesn't have to be simple now to be good. Romance is shining brightly on your horizon.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



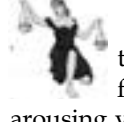
Encountering issues of power and control is unavoidable today, especially when it comes to family dynamics. You may see a potential conflict as an unstable situation that you prefer to ignore, but it can also be a rare chance to break through unconscious patterns that limit your choices. Be fearless and know that greatness comes from addressing the toughest issues with frank openness.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



There are times when strategically revealing a secret is quite useful, but you can also be treading on dangerous ground. The risk is that while you grow closer to someone special today, you could lose the trust of others who are not included in the conversation. The good news is you might receive objective insights from an ally who maintains a clear perspective on the issues at hand.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your diplomatic skills enable you to make the best of a tough situation today. The reflective Moon is hanging out in your sign, arousing your emotions -- and you can use your subjectivity to your advantage now. Ironically, covering up your feelings produces the opposite effect of what you expected. Express your desires openly and let the events of the day flow wherever they lead.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Although differences of opinion are normal, you don't need to escalate any of them into an outright conflict today. Of course, you are the passionate type who doesn't take a half-hearted approach to anything. You can rely on your own strength of vision when things get tough, but your intensity might also trap you in an extreme position now.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



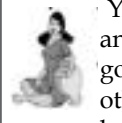
"Live and let live" might be your motto, but you could misplace your easygoing attitude today. Even the simplest conversation can build in emotional intensity until tempers grow out of control. Of course, you have a right to your own opinions, but nothing is gained by upsetting anyone now. Keep the conversation on friendly terms or just drop the subject for a while. Be smart and make a peaceful exit from the scene before blowing your cool.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



People seem to make interpersonal communication more difficult today, especially if you're inflexible in your attitude. You prefer to stick to your plan but should prepare to make adjustments anyhow if you want to prevent discord among your peers. Don't use force or guilt to get your way; instead, step back and try to understand the opposing viewpoint. You may not agree with every idea you hear now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You're a great believer in personal freedom and individuality because you see the two going hand in hand. Exerting power over other people might not interest you, but you have responsibilities that require you to step up to the plate today and be a strong leader. Working within the agreed-upon guidelines will succeed if everyone shares your enthusiasm for the cause.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Someone may ask for your emotional support today, but all you can bring is a wider perspective and a friendly shoulder to lean on. Your spirituality helps create a larger context to balance a sense of loss. Although a situation might seem hopeless, your innate wisdom is comforting to those in need. Trust in your ability to reduce pain and suffering, even if you feel like you're not doing all that much now.

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating the starting positions for the clues.

Across: 1. Aqualung, 6. Ringlet, 10. Constellation bear, 14. Twangy, as a voice, 15. Dwarf buffalo, 16. Newbie (slang), 17. Drome, 18. Defrost, 19. At the proper time, 20. Autocratic, 22. Prima donna problems, 23. Chocolate cookie, 24. Exit, 26. Gangster's gal, 30. Biblical boat, 31. Uncooked, 32. Hodgepodge, 33. Desire, 35. Browned bread, 39. Strong and proud, 41. Superimpose, 43. In shape, 44. Identical, 46. Deficiency, 47. A parcel of land, 49. Martini ingredient, 50. Apollo astronaut Slayton, 51. Moving, 54. Computer symbol, 56. Baking appliance, 57. Appraisal, 63. Whimper, 64. Tailless stout-bodied amphibian, 65. Wild dog of Australia, 66. L L L L, 67. Despise, 68. Annoyed, 69. D D D D.

Down: 1. Break, 2. Concern, 3. End, 4. Curse, 5. San Antonio fort, 6. Cat breeding places, 7. Detaches, 8. Lion sound, 9. Attorney, 10. Hades, 11. French for "Red", 12. Flies alone, 13. Pit, 21. Shrimp-like decapod, 25. Way in, 26. Exuviate, 27. Margarine, 28. King of the jungle, 29. Solitariness, 34. Murders, 36. Wings, 37. Big bag, 38. Kid, 40. False god, 42. Animal toxin, 45. Fret, 48. Grow teeth, 51. Acted gloomily, 52. Small egg, 53. Young woman, 55. Lowest point, 58. Saturate, 59. Novice, 60. Writing fluids, 61. Curved molding, 62. Gestures of assent.

Yesterday's Solution: basic, bays, beach, black, clear, control, cues, d e - fense, dwindle, electric, family, hover, intellect, , nock, length, malfunction, money, often, opinion, , parse, people, philosophy, pops, purity, quirk, rout, rumbles, science, senile, smaller, staff, suit, tore.

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