

Police Arrested 35 in Connection with Celebratory Gunfire

KABUL - Kabul police have arrested 35 people in connection with the overnight celebratory gunfire after wining cricket match against Zimbabwe.

Kabul police commander said that three persons injured due to the celebratory gunfire and a great disturbance was created for capital dwellers.

"We thought Taliban attacked and Kabul falls into Taliban," said Mustafa, inhabitant of Kabul. Meanwhile, spokesman of the interior ministry, SidiqSidiqi has also said that we will punish those who are causing panic among the people. Afghan residents urge security forces to collect illegal weapons from powerful and irresponsible people. (ATN)



Senior Afghan Taliban Leader Shot Dead in Pakistan

KABUL - A senior leader of the Afghan Taliban group has been shot dead by unknown gunmen in Balochistan province of Pakistan, local media reported.

According to reports, the senior Taliban leader, Mawlawi Mohammad Alam was shot dead by gunmen close to Quetta, the provincial capital of Balochistan.

The incident took place on Thursday evening in Kuchlak area located around 25 kilometres

from the provincial capital. Mawlawi Alam was a senior leader of the Taliban group and was a loyal commander to the newly-appointed Taliban supreme leader Mullah Akhtar Mansoor.

Sources within the Taliban group have confirmed the incident and have said the an investigation has been launched to find out the main motive and those involved behind the assassination. The Taliban group in ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Earthquake Felt in NE. Afghanistan

KABUL - An earthquake of 5 magnitude jolted parts of north and north-eastern of Afghanistan on Friday afternoon, reported local media.

The quake was also felt in Afghan capital of Kabul, local private 1TV Channel said, adding the epicentre of the quake has been the northern Badakhshan province. There were no immediate reports of possible casualties or damages, according to the report. (Xinhua)

First Library Build in Shahr-E-Safa District

QALAT - A cultural institution has opened a library in a remote area of southern Zabul province to induce the young generation to study.

'QalamLar' cultural institution has opened this library in a mud-house in the capital of Shahr-e-Safa District where many children have raised uneducated due to the decades long war.

Chairman of QalamLar said the mud house for the library has been voluntarily provided by a resident of Shahr-e-Safa city.

MatiullahWaisa added that the library currently has 1700 different books but local residents have promised support to it.

Core aspiration of QalamLar is to reopen closed schools but it also establishes libraries which is one of the steps in promoting education and convincing youths to study, said Waisa. The cultural institution has also established libraries in different parts of Kandahar and Helmand ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Afghan Youth Invents Confectionery Devices

KABUL - Mohammad Amin Hassani, a 25-year-old Afghan, has invented several machines, particularly for bakeries, that are reportedly energy efficient - some running on solar energy.

According to Hassani, his appliances are made using very little capital and that they are energy efficient.

Hassani, a recent science faculty graduate from the Kabul University, has also invented a water solarium, using just a few pieces of glass and metal.

He said last year he made



his first water solarium - a device to heat up water. He was then asked by his relatives to build more, for them.

To date he has built five water solariums for his

relatives and the device can boil 20 liters of water in one hour and can also be used to cook bread.

Hassani has meanwhile also invented a grass ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

38 Militants Killed in Army Airstrikes in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD - At least 38 militants were killed when Pakistani army launched airstrikes in the country's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan on Friday, local media reported. Urdu TV channel Dawn said the military backed by jet fighters pounded five hideouts of the militants in Shawal and Datta Khel towns of North Waziristan, a semi-autonomous tribal region along Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Identities of the killed militants have not been



revealed, but the area is believed to be a hotbed of the outlawed group Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan's activity. Friday's airstrikes are

continuation of a military operation in North Waziristan, which was launched on June 15, 2014, aiming at eradication of ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

US Prosecutors May Add Death Penalty in Afghan Bombing Case

WASHINGTON - U.S. prosecutors said that they may add charges carrying the death penalty in a case against an American who they say supported Al-Qaeda and aided a suicide bombing in Afghanistan. The announcement came on January 7 as Muhammad Mahmoud al-Farekh, 30, pleaded not guilty in a New York court to charges that he played a role in helping prepare explosive devices used in the 2009 attack on a U.S. military base in Af-



ghanistan. In court, Assistant U.S. Attorney Zainab Ahmad said prosecutors were considering bringing charges over the death of Afghan nationals in the attack, based

on evidence authorities had been gathering over the last few months.

Those charges could bring the death penalty. Ahmad ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Not all Youths Looking to Leave

KABUL - As thousands of Afghan youths continue to flee the country, there are still some that choose to stay - one of them being Abdul Qadir Aryoubi who has spent 12 years in the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF). Aryoubi, 31, says he faces daily problems but is not ready to leave his country. He said he will stay and defend it with his life.

Aryoubi has in his years of service taken part in dozens of military operations in at least 20 provinces.

"I am a trainer. I have given six-month training programs, which are now nine months and I also train new recruits," he said. Aryoubi who lives with his mother, son, wife and nephew in a rental house and said life was extremely difficult for him and his family. He said his brother died due to illness so he is now the family's sole provider. "As long as I am alive I ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Teenager Killed by Gunfire as Afghanistan Celebrates Cricket Victory



KABUL - Afghan National Team won one-day cricket series over Zimbabwe has inadvertently claimed the life of a teenager who was killed by celebratory gunfire. The cricket minnows won the deciding game of the five-match series in Sharjah, cementing their place in

the top 10 one-day teams. Celebrations broke out in Afghanistan and a teenager was killed by gunfire in the south of the country while several others were also injured. The gunfire came despite warnings from President Ashraf Ghani, Kabul police and cricket authorities. (Agencies)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Giving someone the cold shoulder isn't nice, even if you want to send a message of disapproval today. Withdrawing support isn't helpful if your response is actually based on your current fear of the unknown. It's more productive to engage in an honest discussion about the cause of your concerns without throwing any blame around. However, don't expect the tension to dissipate immediately.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It's no fun feeling like you're being left out of all the action today. It's as if there's an emotional chill in the atmosphere now that affectionate Venus is burdened by the weight of karmic Saturn. Although you might push back against the resistance at first, the smartest way to turn an uncomfortable situation into a sweet one is to let go of control.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may be required to make a tough choice today, especially if you're not one to sign on to a commitment easily. You could be quite convincing now as you reveal your desire for greater intimacy in a relationship, but you might still feel the urge to run for the hills if someone gets too close to your heart. Thankfully, you're not doomed to repeat the same old patterns just because you're worried about getting hurt.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Gaining support from a coworker is tricky business today, but you won't know what you might receive unless you ask for it. Even if you can't imagine that anyone will actually go the extra mile on your behalf, taking a calculated risk could turn out in your favor. Don't scare yourself by assuming the current situation demands an all-or-nothing approach.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

It could be awkward to engage in a casual conversation today because your feelings might be exposed, and you're worried that you won't get what you want. Ironically, your unspoken concerns could manifest into a self-fulfilling prophesy, especially if you choose to withdraw from social interactions. Luckily, you have the resolve to overcome the negativity of your own fears.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

It may be disheartening if you don't receive the respect you deserve from a loved one as vulnerable Venus bumps into judgmental Saturn in your 4th House of Home and Family. You've done everything right, yet your ego can trick you into believing you should be more appreciated than you are today. Don't waste your time dreaming about receiving accolades and standing ovations.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Too much resistance from a friend or coworker doesn't give you an excuse to sulk and brood today. Don't isolate yourself from your companions just because you think that everything isn't copasetic between you. It may be tempting to hide your feelings from those closest to you, but this avoidance tactic is not a satisfying solution. Confronting the shortcomings of a relationship might put you back in touch.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're not inclined to put too much effort into sharing your feelings today. In fact, you're quite practical when it comes to allocating your time and energy now that resourceful Venus joins forces with austere Saturn in your 2nd House of Resources. You may be very straightforward about cutting back on frivolous pleasures to assure you will have what you need on a rainy day.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

The time has come to make a crucial decision about how to spend or save your money. But this choice goes much deeper than being a simple cash flow problem because the underlying issue is more likely about your self-esteem. When you realize all the skills you have to offer, your earning power could grow beyond your current expectations. Don't fall into the trap of thinking that you're worth any less than you actually are.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

There's no reason to suffer in silence today if you're willing to face an old fear with a fierce new attitude. Your emotional isolation is probably more voluntary than you care to admit now that the sobering Venus-Saturn conjunction influences your 12th House of Invisibility. It helps to acknowledge that the current situation is not the same as what happened in your past.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Don't rush to the conclusion that your friends are putting you down today when your limited perceptions may be contributing to your worries. In fact, you could be so sensitive now that you imagine trouble where there isn't any. Unfortunately, it might be too late to sidestep a dance with discomfort. Nevertheless, it's not necessary to project your previous failures onto others.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Unfortunately, there's no room on your busy schedule to surrender to your desires now. Instead, you must maintain an emotionally cool and competent presence at work while flirty Venus hooks up with responsible Saturn in your 10th House of Career. There's no time to waste energy complaining about what you're missing as you strive to achieve your long-term goals. Seeking personal satisfaction can wait.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-68.

Across: 1. Chocolate source, 6. Poems, 10. Space, 14. Sporting venue, 15. Thorny flower, 16. River of Spain, 17. Dispense, 19. A Star Wars hero, 20. Less difficult, 21. Prohibit, 22. Applications, 23. Gave out, 25. Blatant, 26. Weight to be borne, 30. Weak, 32. Side by side, 35. Unhappiness, 39. Countenance, 40. A breed of hound, 41. Artist's workshop, 43. Half man and half horse, 44. Inuit, 46. Border, 47. The male reproductive cell, 50. Anagram of "Paste", 53. Skirt lines, 54. Trot, 55. A "cord" used in sewing, 60. "Sure", 61. Particularly, 63. 57 in Roman numerals, 64. Anagram of "Ties", 65. Follow as a result, 66. Cry of pain, 67. Adolescent, 68. Originates in.

Down: 1. An abandoned calf, 2. Diva's solo, 3. To tax or access, 4. Against, 5. Rowed, 6. Sphere, 7. A two-base hit, 8. Demesnes, 9. Observed, 10. Make younger, 11. Overweight, 12. Law and, 13. Slightly wet, 18. Fury, 24. Abaft, 25. Bygone, 26. Magma, 27. Death notice, 28. Backside, 29. Car franchise, 31. Baseball great, Ruth, 33. Discrimination against the elderly, 34. Search, 36. Quaint outburst, 37. Strike heavily, 38. Arid, 42. Rejoinder, 43. Small portable bed, 45. Noisy bird, 47. Timidly, 48. Annoy, 49. Electronic letters, 51. And so forth, 52. Startles, 54. Joke, 56. Deliver a tirade, 57. If not, 58. Astringent, 59. Colors, 62. Poetic dusk.

Yesterday's Solution: agent, always, cover, drive, envelope, environment, guest, happen, honey, image, incredible, lean, loose, mister, month, nest, nominate, observe, outdoors, people, reset, saving, scare, season, seep, stake, start, sullen, theory, there.

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