

Unknown Gunmen Kidnapped 12 Civilians

KABUL - Twelve people have been kidnapped by unknown gunmen in northern Afghanistan. According to reports a group of unidentified gunmen attacked a civilian house in the Bughawya Afghanya area of the provincial capital of Sar-i-Pul and kidnapped 12 guests last night. Reports indicate that two of the twelve kidnapped have been killed by the gunmen while the fate of the ten is unknown. Enayatullah Habibi, security officer of the provincial police headquarters of Sar-i-Pul confirmed the report. He said that there was no information about who the attackers were but added that an investigation was initiated into the incident. (KP)



Suicide Bomber Arrested Along with VBIED



GARDEZ - The Afghan intelligence operatives thwarted a suicide bombing plot in eastern Paktia province by apprehending a suicide bomber. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said Saturday that the suicide bomber was arrested along with a Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED). A ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

Mammoth Rally Held in Support of French Attackers

TARINKOT - Over hundreds of enraged people took to the street in central Uruzgan province in support of two assailants that had attacked the French Charlie Hebdo newspaper office in Paris. The protesters dubbed the attackers as heroes. Last week two armed brothers stormed the offices of French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo which resulted in the killing of 12 employees of the newspaper. Two brothers wanted for a bloody attack on the offices of Hebdo were killed on Friday when police encircled them in northern Paris. Soon after the attack, President Mohamad Ashraf Ghani condemned the attack in strongest words and expressed sympathy with the people of France. The demonstrators in Chori district after Friday prayers took out a rally and denounced the Afghan government for condemning the attack on the news paper office. The demonstrators praised the attackers and called them heroes. They demanded the government to break diplomatic ties with France and shut its embassy in the capital Kabul. Maulvi Mohammadullah, a protester, said the newspaper had published blasphemous cartoons of Prophet Mo ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Balkh Civil Society Condemns Paris Attack

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Civil society activists in northern Balkh province on Saturday condemned the attack on a satirical weekly magazine in Paris. Two brothers attacked Charlie Hebdo office last Thursday, killing 12 employees of the magazine. The attackers were killed on Friday when police encircled them in northern Paris. Civil society members urged the UN to play a role in prevent blasphemous acts against Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) in order to avoid such bloodsheds in future. Gathered in front of the provincial Information and Culture department, the activists said they were against all forms of violence and killing of innocent people. Abdul Shakoor Najafi, an activist, told Pajhwok Afghan News killing was wrong act and so was insulting the Holy Prophet (PBUH). Soon after the attack, President Mohammad



Ashraf Ghani condemned the shooting in strongest words and condoled with the president and people of France. (Pajhwok)

1 Suicide Bomber Dead, 3 Detained

GHZANI CITY - Police on Saturday claimed killing one suicide bomber and arresting three would-be bombers in southern Ghazni province. Brig. Gen. Zarrawar Zahid, provincial police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that police shot dead one suicide attacker and detained three of his colleagues during security operation in Asfandi locality close to Ghazni City, the provincial capital. The detained would-be bombers were being interrogated, he said, adding that the suicide attackers had plans to carryout coordinated attacks on a number of government buildings in Ghazni City. Shafiq Nang, the governor's spokesman, confirmed killing of one bomber and detaining of three ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

Anti-Corruption Court Judge Shot Dead

JALALABAD - Unidentified motorcyclists on Saturday gunned down judge of anti-corruption court in Jalalabad City, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, the governor's spokesman said. Ahmad Zia Abdulzai told Pajhwok Afghan News that the judge was shot dead at around 8:00 am in Maulvi Khalis locality. The attackers managed to flee but po-



lice had started raids to nab the killers, he added. Samiullah, an eyewitness, said that Abdul Mateen, the judge, was heading toward his office when he came under attack. However, no one so far claimed credit for his killing. (Pajhwok)

District Police Chief Killed

SARE-E-PUL - A district police chief was killed Saturday afternoon in the ambush of armed insurgents in northern Sar-e-Pul province, provincial authorities said. The police chief of Sangcharak district, Abdul Hakim Baig, was killed around 2 p.m. when he was in the way from the provincial capital to his district, said Kazim Kanan, a spokesman for the Provincial Police Chief.



"The insurgents fled the area after killing the district police chief," Kanan added. Sangcharak's district governor and a Jihadi leader, who were also with the slain commander, remained unhurt in the ambush, according to local officials. The Taliban, however, have not yet commented in this regard. (Tolonews)

Taliban Torch AWCC Tower, Kill Employee

ASADABAD - Taliban ghan security forces had started investigating the incident and the AWCC communication system was completely disrupted. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for destroying the tower. He said the AWCC had been warned several time to stop functioning because Afghan security forces were utilizing its facilities by locating militants' hideouts. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You might blast ahead with your original plans even though they could lead to more trouble than they are worth. Ironically, your common sense is working fine today; the problem is your inclination to fearlessly overrule reason with your desires. Fortunately, you can minimize the negative impact of your carelessness by repeatedly reminding yourself to slow down and think about what you're doing.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Don't rely on your friends for sound advice today, because they are likely to encourage your dreams, no matter how impossible your goals may be to manifest. Of course, receiving support from an ally feels great, but you might be better off if someone told you that your idea is ill-conceived.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

People may come up with plenty of reasons for you to decline a current opportunity, but you will likely say yes, anyhow. It's tough to see the downside of the current situation today because your hopes are so high and any progress appears to be better than none at all. Just remember that you might face discouragement if you continue to harbor such outrageous expectations.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Normally, your need for emotional security leads you to set boundaries so you don't destabilize your life. Nevertheless, you also like to be as cooperative as possible. Today, these two strategies collide as your optimism tempts you to take on more commitments than you should. Don't let things reach a breaking point before you pull back to protect your heart.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You have big plans on your mind but it doesn't serve you well to lose sight of what's actually possible today. Your extroverted nature usually works in your favor, but you might attract so much positive feedback now that you begin to believe you are invincible. Much to your chagrin, you haven't yet transformed into a superhero, so step back from the excitement and downsize your intentions before they get the best of you.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Managing your mood swings may be a challenging task today because the reflective Moon in your sign puts you in close touch with your changing emotions. However, your innate sense of clarity is tough to find now because you can't help but see amazing possibilities everywhere you look. Keep in mind that you might be better off waiting a day or two before making any life-altering decisions.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Putting on a happy face won't resolve your worries, especially if you discover problems with someone's plans for the day. Instead of covering your concerns with a quick smile, express your opinions as objectively as you can. You may be able to justify your thoughts, but your logical words aren't necessarily without their bias. Thankfully, setting your perspective out on the table might spark an informative conversation.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are socially astute today and intuitively know exactly how much pressure to apply to a situation to get what you want. However, your wisdom could fly out the window once you see some positive results from your actions and you impulsively decide to ask for more. Remember, too much drama can prompt your most valuable supporters to retreat in haste.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You're trying to keep your ambitious goals from taking over your entire day, but bombastic Jupiter may not know how to take no for an answer now. Although a current boost of confidence can help if you're suffering from low self-esteem, it could be too much if you're already bouncing off the walls with enthusiastic anticipation. However, it's up to you to know how to best channel your energy.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your pragmatic approach to managing a rather large project can put you in the driver's seat as others give up before they gain any traction. Thankfully, you know that you're well suited for the job and are ready to give it your absolute best. Be careful; your perceptions are bent a bit out of shape by your desire to succeed, so it's still wise to exercise caution today.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may attempt to simplify complex relationship dynamics today because it's easier to figure out your game plan when everything is neat and tidy. But leaving out the complicating factors just to suit your whim is not an intelligent idea. It's smarter to work with all the facts and be unsure of your next move than to arbitrarily avoid the truth to feed your false sense of security.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You are moving ahead with your new objectives and might even be proud of your significant progress. However, there may be danger lurking in your current optimism. Of course, the power of positive thought fosters success, but it might also prevent you from seeing an important truth if you take your hopeful perspective to an extreme.

Across

1. An alloy of copper and zinc, 6. Manacle, 10. Kind of school, 14. Stud, 15. Hodgepodge, 16. Angel's headwear, 17. Love intensely, 18. Nonexistent, 19. Creative work, 20. Original, 22. Anagram of "Tine", 23. Former Italian currency, 24. Worn away, 26. Contributes, 30. Slice, 31. 18-wheeler, 32. Jump, 33. Part of a foot, 35. Chafes, 39. Belly, 41. Palatable, 43. Not fresh, 44. Boom, 46. Urgent request, 47. Type, 49. Euro forerunner, 50. Skirt lines, 51. Scour, 54. Part in a play, 56. ___ du jour = Meal of the day, 57. Powered by electricity, 63. Hindu princess, 64. Compassion, 65. Draw forth, 66. Therefore, 67. Send forth, 68. Cyphers, 69. Observed, 70. Dash, 71. Amount of hair

Down

1. Fiber source, 2. Go on horseback, 3. Affirm, 4. Slave, 5. Pilfer, 6. Harmonious, 7. Emit long loud cries, 8. Dossier, 9. File cover, 10. Record player, 11. Speedy, 12. Wash out with a solvent, 13. Modelled, 21. Recess, 25. Break in friendly relations, 26. "What a shame!", 27. Money owed, 28. Early 20th-century art movement, 29. Pillaging, 34. White blood cell, 36. Competent, 37. The original matter (cosmology), 38. Oceans, 40. Blend, 42. Grownup, 45. Religious outcast, 48. Custodian, 51. French for "After", 52. Cacophony, 53. Cooktop, 55. Construct, 58. City in Peru, 59. Smell, 60. Naked, 61. Frosts, 62. To tax or access

Yesterday's Solution

bleacher, bluff, boast, cannot, cheek, claim, climax, clown, coast, create, daughter, easter, either, engage, first, floor, loom, invite, night, organ, peat, pill, plastic, project, prove, really, right, roses, roving, saint, save, smell, soar, stand, tales, think

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GLOOMBLUFFBSC
ENGAGEBSELATN
FFXREALLYOXAI
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CLIMAXEASOEH
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