

Taliban Bomb-Making Facility Destroyed in Balkh: NDS

KABUL CITY - The Taliban's bomb-making facility has been destroyed in security personnel raid in northern Balkh province, the intelligence agency said on Tuesday. In a statement the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said its personnel conducted a raid on a tip off it received about the bomb making centre of the Taliban. Magnetic bombs, remote control bombs which could be operated from a long distance and suicide jackets were made in the facility,



the statement said. The NDS personnel seized 395 remote controls, as many remote control plates, 15 different types of landmines, 800 of electric capsules, 18 antennas of walkie-talkies. The Taliban militants had planned to use the captured mines and vests in the north and northeastern parts of the country in terrorist attacks, the statement added. Taliban militants have not yet commented about the incident. (Pajhwok)

16-Year-Old Girl Raped and Killed in Faryab

MAIMANA - A 16-year-old girl was raped and killed in Balcheragh district of Faryab province, local officials said Tuesday. The governor's spokesman Abdul Karim Youresh confirmed the incident and said the girl, Haiza, was raped by at least two men and strangled with her scarf. One person has so far been arrested in connection with the crime but investigations are underway, said Youresh. Health officials in Faryab also confirmed the rape and murder. The victim's mother said that on Monday evening her daughter went out to feed the cattle when she was raped and murdered. The mother has accused two neighbors. The mother said when Haiza failed to return home the family went out looking for her. After a long search they found her body in a haystack. According to her, police have so far arrested one suspect but the second is on the run. She said the family does ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

63-Year-Old Graduates with Pashto Language Degree

KABUL - Abdulwadod, a 63-year-old teacher from Ghazni, has graduated from the Pashto language faculty of the Burhanuddin Rabbani Education University - making him one of the oldest people to graduate in the country. He said his graduation day was the "greatest day of his life". According to him, he finished school in 1972 but because of financial problems was not able to continue his education. Two years ago he enrolled for the Pashto language course and has now graduated. Abdulwadod has ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

Istanbul Reina Nightclub Attack Suspect 'Trained in Afghanistan'

ISTANBUL - The man suspected of carrying out the New Year's Eve attack on a nightclub in Istanbul was trained in Afghanistan, the city's governor says. Vasip Sahin said the man, named earlier as Uzbek national Abdulkadir Masharipov, was believed to have entered Turkey in January 2016. Mr Sahin said the suspect had confessed to the attack and that his fingerprints matched those found at the scene. Thirty-nine people died in the attack on the



Reina club with dozens wounded. Citizens of Israel, France, Tunisia, Lebanon, India, Belgium, Jordan and Saudi Arabia were among the victims. Who were the victims? So-called Islamic State (IS) said it was behind the attack, saying it was revenge for Turkish military involvement in Syria. Police detained the man on Monday evening in a raid on an address in the Istanbul suburb of Esenyurt. Initial reports said a Kyrgyz man was also held but Mr Sahin said on Tuesday that a man of Iraqi origin and three women of Egyptian and African origin were detained. A picture of Abdulkadir Masharipov taken shortly after his arrest showed him being held by the neck by an officer with his face bruised and bloodied. (BBC)

Afghan Detainee Suffers Setback in Army Detention Case

KABUL - An Afghan national who was detained by British forces for more than 100 days has suffered a setback in his attempt to win damages from the UK government. Serdar Mohammed was arrested in Helmand in 2010 but argues his subsequent detention breached his human rights. In 2014, the High Court ruled UK forces had unlawfully detained Mr Mohammed before handing him to Afghan police. However, the UK's Supreme Court has now allowed the Ministry of Defence to appeal against



that ruling. Mr Mohammed was seized on 7 April 2010 in the Kajaki district of Helmand province, Afghanistan, as he fled along a road where a rocket-propelled grenade launcher had been found after a fire fight. He was detained by British troops until 25 July 2010, ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

Afghan Boy Saved from Death, Eyes Reunion with Family

KABUL - Samer Zaheri was only nine years old when he was saved from certain death in eastern Turkey last year, after he was left behind in freezing temperatures by the group of illegal immigrants he was traveling with. After receiving treatment at a local hospital, Zaheri was enrolled in school and the young boy has finally put the grueling journey and drama behind him. ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

2 Men Caught While Selling Weapons to Taliban

SHEBRGHAN - Police in northern Jawzjan province have arrested to people who selling weapons to the Taliban, an official said on Tuesday. Police Chief Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Turkistani told Pajhwok Afghan News Nasrullah and Inayatullah were arrested red-handed at around 11:00am while shifting weapons to the Taliban for purchase. He said the two accused bought the weapons from government officials. "These men arranged



four weapons including a rocket launcher, a machinegun and two Kalashnikovs for selling them to the militants," he said. He added the men purchased the weapons from government officials in a neighbor province of ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Unmanned Plane Crashes in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - An unmanned plane of Afghan security forces crashed in Bati Kot district of the eastern Nangarhar province, a local official said Tuesday. The unmanned plane crashed on Monday afternoon while attacking anti-government militants' positions, according to the official who declined to be named. Meanwhile, spokesman for Nangarhar provincial governor Attaullah Khogiani said the unmanned plane crashed due to technical problems. Taliban militants, however, claimed responsibility and told media that they shot down the unmanned plane on Monday. The unmanned plane is largely used against militants elsewhere in Afghanistan. (Xinhua)

Taliban Claims Responsibility for Downing US Drone

MOSCOW - The Taliban movement has claimed responsibility for the downing of the US unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) in the eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar, local media reported Tuesday, citing an anonymous security official and a Taliban spokesman. According to the Pajhwok news agency, the official said that the US drone crashed on Monday in the Taliban-controlled area of Nangarhar, and the Islamists had seized its wreckage. The radical movement's spokesperson said that Taliban had shot the UAV in the Second Farm area of Nangarhar's Batikot district, according to the media outlet. Afghanistan has been experiencing significant political, social and security-related instability for decades, as radical extremist organizations, including the Taliban, continue to stage attacks against civilian and military targets. (Sputnik)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

A minor argument at work can develop into a messy situation that ultimately has very little to do with a real difference of opinion. You might overreact to something that's said because your feelings are hurt. In fact, your subjectivity could prompt you to respond with an overly emotional defense that throws gasoline onto the smoldering coals of disagreement.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You are highly attuned to your coworkers today and try to do everything in your power to meet their expectations. Thankfully, you are motivated by your need to be of service to others, so your focus is pretty straightforward. Although you could fall into the trap of thinking too small, it's prudent to develop more visionary strategies now. Don't be afraid to take a risk.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are out to demonstrate your strength of purpose, which runs counter to everyone's expectations today. Unfortunately, you might feel disappointed if you can't find someone to match your depth. Instead of waiting for the right person to show up and wave a magic wand, jump in and start cultivating an existing relationship by building bridges instead of walls. Theologian James Freeman Clarke wrote, "Strong convictions precede great actions."

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're not very interested in going out to change the world today. In fact, if you had your druthers, you would have the world come to you. However, you might end up feeling isolated if you sink deeper into your emotional safety zone. But don't waste this opportunity to reflect on your personal life or even look back over larger reaches of family history.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Communication is not based upon factual information now; instead, stories are invented by each of the involved parties. Fortunately, you bring a perfect balance of intrigue, character and drama to the show. Although you might receive a healthy dose of cosmic support, others still seem to remain unconvinced today.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

It appears as if you're on a mission today, so it's crucial to make sure you know exactly where you are heading. For all intents and purposes, you cannot begin your journey until you have a specific destination in mind. Although you may be driven by spiritual pursuit, your goals might be less lofty. In fact, attending to mundane matters like shoring up your finances is a good place to start. Avoid making decisions of any kind based solely on your emotions.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may open your heart wide today, yet you're also emotionally demanding of others. One thing is clear: your subjectivity can get in the way of making the most sensible choices. Unfortunately, discerning a common goal is complicated if neither party wants to compromise. It's one thing to have strength in your convictions, but quite another to be arbitrarily stubborn. Motivational speaker Jim Rohn said, "Adopt the attitude that everything is negotiable."

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You don't need a second invitation when the cosmos tells you it's time to go on a mini-retreat to reinvigorate your creativity. At first, you might receive nothing but negativity when you share your plans with people who should be your best supporters. But don't pause long enough to feel hurt.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You could easily live up to your reputation as a social animal today. People may be distracted by your outgoing personality and your willingness to say yes to nearly any fun idea that pops up now. Nevertheless, your internal stress tells a different tale. You might be arguing with yourself as you try to reach the most sensible conclusion. Fortunately, your popularity will not suffer if you have the courage to say no.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

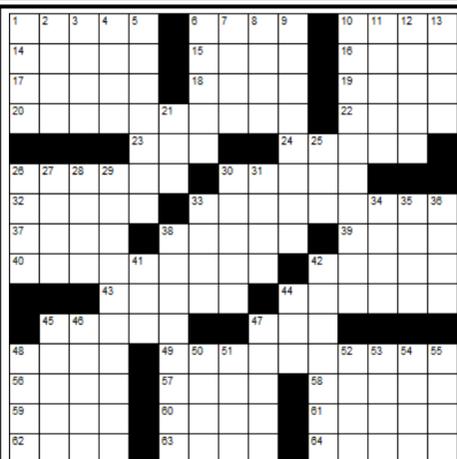
It's as if you're living in a glass house and everyone in the neighborhood is watching you every move. But you don't really have time to talk to every passerby about the secret parts of your life. Unfortunately, people seem to focus on what you do, rather than who you are. Break through the old ways of relating to one another by starting a conversation where each person reveals something about his or her own heart.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Although a new friend might walk into your life today, you must remain open to how the relationship develops. If you're not careful, your preconceived notions may be enough to ward off a potential interaction before it even occurs. But you are exploring new territory now, and could lack the confidence you possess when you're standing on more familiar ground.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're torn between scheduling activities with your friends and isolating yourself so you can get back to work to meet your obligations. But you're not happy with either of these choices today and may strive for something right down the middle. Unfortunately, following a more moderate path conveys to others that you can't make up your mind. However, this isn't about being wishy-washy. Avoiding both extremes might be a difficult decision.



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1. Place, 6. Badgers, 10. Skin irritation, 14. Hostel, 15. Dwarf buffalo, 16. A landlocked African republic, 17. Of a pelvic bone, 18. Hindu Mr., 19. Trudge, 20. Superman's city, 22. Debauchee, 23. Anagram of "Bid", 24. Spy, 26. Charm, 30. Heroic tales, 32. Meted out, 33. Rise to power, 37. A song for 2, 38. Fathers, 39. Hawkeye State, 40. Sixfold, 42. Showered with love, 43. Jagged, 44. 2nd largest country, 45. Charred, 47. Dawn goddess, 48. Netting, 49. A lively whirling dance, 56. Wings, 57. Colored part of an eye, 58. Expect, 59. Indian music, 60. 1 less than 10, 61. Backward-looking, 62. Gave the once-over, 63. Spurs, 64. Nightmare.

Down
1. Slender, 2. Lacquered metalware, 3. Modify, 4. Food thickener, 5. Deciphered, 6. Wealthy man, 7. A Freudian stage, 8. Mongolian desert, 9. Wieners, 10. Opinion, 11. Claw, 12. Influence, 13. Conceal, 21. A sizeable hole, 25. Petrol, 26. Contributes, 27. Pout, 28. Gorse, 29. Stationery, 30. A sloping mass of loose rocks, 31. Breeze through, 33. Afflicts, 34. Greek letter, 35. Was indebted, 36. Nil, 38. Blotting, 41. A large vase, 42. A despicable coward, 44. Bamboozle, 45. Fasten, 46. Habitual practice, 47. Relieves, 48. Filly's mother, 50. Operatic solo, 51. Peel, 52. Pitcher, 53. Tardy, 54. Former Italian currency, 55. "Smallest" particle.

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