

Afghan Security Forces Detain 4 in Drug-Related Crimes: Govt.

KABUL - Four persons were detained by Afghan law enforcement agencies for alleged drug-related crimes within a week, authorities said on Wednesday. "Counter-Narcotics Police of Afghanistan (CNPA) and Afghan security forces have cracked seven drug cases and detained four persons involved in the cases over the last one week," the Counter-Narcotics Criminal Justice Task Force of Afghanistan (CJTF) said in a statement. The suspects were detained in eastern Parwan and western Herat provinces. After initial investigation, the CNPA



has handed over the cases to the Central Narcotics Tribunal (CNT), a special Afghan court for jurisdiction of major drug cases, the statement noted. Over the same period, a special CNPA unit destroyed four illegal drug-processing factories in Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar province, according to the statement. The CNPA and security forces also found and seized 22 kg of heroin, 3,500 kg morphine, 4,300 kg of opium, 180 liters of liquid chemical substance, 900 kg chemical substance and 4,430 kg of hashish ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

3 Young Afghans Stopped in Poland

ATHENS - A Polish official says three young migrants with no documents are being questioned after illegally entering Poland, hidden in a truck trailer. Dorota Kadziolka, spokeswoman for the border guards in Zakopane in southern Poland, said Wednesday the three - aged 10, 15 and 17 - say they are from Afghanistan. They are being questioned through an interpreter of the Pashto language, one of Afghanistan's official languages. They reportedly wanted to get to Germany or to Belgium. A Polish truck driver discovered them in his trailer in cold weather on Tuesday when he stopped for refueling, after driving through Hungary and Slovakia. The three were checked by a doctor and fed and put up for the night by the border guards. Officials are to decide whether to return them to Afghanistan. The ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

4 Students Die in Kabul from Inhaling Gas Fumes

KABUL - At least four students died from inhaling gas fumes in Dasht-e-Barchi in PD13 in Kabul on Tuesday night.

According to residents in the area, the students died while asleep. They said the deceased were four students from Faryab province who had been living in a rented room. Government officials have not yet commented. *(Tolonews)*

2 People Killed over Land Dispute in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - Two people were killed and a third was wounded after residents clashed with security forces over ownership of a government land in central Logar province on Thursday, an official said. Governor's spokesman, Salim Saleh, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the clash took place between security forces and local residents.

"This 1,435 acres of land is located north of Mohammad Agha district where local residents have built homes, but the court recently ruled that the land belongs to the government, so security forces were sent there to implement the court's decision," he said. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

6 Daesh Rebels Killed, 4 Injured in Nangarhar Clash

JALALABAD - Half a dozen Daesh or Islamic State (IS) fighters were killed and four others wounded during an overnight operation in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said Wednesday. Provincial police spokesman, Lt. Col. Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Daesh fighters stormed police posts in Haska Mina district on Tuesday night.

In the ensuing clash, six IS attackers were killed and four others wounded in police retaliatory



fire. Security personnel suffered no casualties in the clash. Mashraqiwal also said police seized 32 kilograms of opium from a car and arrested a person in Samarkhel area of Behsud district. The police spokesman said a civilian taken hostage by Taliban militants was also rescued by police in Pachiragam district. Daesh and Taliban militants have not yet commented about the incidents. *(Pajhwok)*

31 Haqqanis Held in Khost Raids



KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel captured 31 Haqqani Network terrorists in separate raids in southeastern Khost province, a statement from the spy-network said on Wednesday.

The two groups of terrorist were held on the outskirts of Khost City, the provincial capital, the statement said. According to the statement these terrorist were involved in violent activities in the province.

Two explosive-rigged motorcycles, 50 magnetic bombs, 6 hand grenades and other explosive had been recovered during the raids. The statement did not say when the individuals were arrested. *(Pajhwok)*

NATO Dismiss Taliban Claims as Baseless of Shooting US Drone

KABUL - The NATO-led Resolute Support (RS) mission in Afghanistan dismissed the claims by the Taliban group as baseless for shooting down a US Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), drone.

The mission in an online statement posted via its Twitter account said the drone crashed due to technical failure. "More false TB claims. An unarmed U.S. UAV that crashed Monday in Nangarhar suffered engine failure.. It was not shot down," the Twitter post



reads. Taliban posted a picture of a surveillance drone earlier on Tuesday and claimed that it was shot down by the group's fighters. The latest claim by the Taliban comes as the group often claims responsibility for the attacks aimed at the Afghan officials, security forces, and the NATO-led ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Freezing Weather Claims 4 Lives

FAIZABAD - Snowfall and chilly weather have claimed the lives of four persons in Wakhan district of Badakhshan province with Faizabad as capital, said Ahmad Nawed Frotan, spokesman for the provincial government, on Wednesday. "Four people including three women and a man lost their lives due to freezing weather in Pamir-e-Khord area of Wakhan district last night and the rescue team arrived in the area this morning to help the affected families," Frotan told Xinhua. Six more people including three women who have sustained injuries have been shifted to Tajikistan for medical treatment. Heavy snowfall and chilly weather have disrupted the connection between provincial capital Faizabad to nine districts over the past few days. *(Xinhua)*

Mateen's Wife Charged with Obstructing Justice

WASHINGTON - Noor Salman, wife of Orlando shooting suspect Omar Mateen, has been charged by US federal prosecutors with aiding her husband's attempt to help the Islamic State and obstruction of justice. If convicted on all counts, Salman, who was arrested Monday in northern California and produced before a federal court on Tuesday, faces a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, the Department of Justice said. Salman, who is of Afghan origin, was accused on Tuesday of abetting Mateen's



attempted provision of material support, namely, personnel and services, to ISIL, and the death of multiple victims resulted. On June 12, 2016, Salman obstructed justice by engaging in misleading conduct towards officers of the Fort ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You may be convinced that pretty much anything is possible today. However, it could be tough to balance your outrageous dreams with a more pragmatic approach to life. Frustration can get in the way of your happiness when assertive Mars tangles with excessive Jupiter, forcing you to increase your efficiency and narrow your vision.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Keep your eyes on the ball since precision control of your actions is crucial now that energetic Mars bounces off giant Jupiter. Missteps in matters of the heart, complications with children and glitches in creative projects are possible. Still, you can avoid the unexpected by consciously channeling the urgency you feel into your work.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Themes of expansion and contraction make it hard to find the right mix between too much and not enough. You may be required to temper your excitement about the future because of the demands of a more immediate situation involving your home or family. The most extreme plan can work now if you take it one solid step at a time. Nevertheless, standing on the edge of something big is both thrilling and nerve-racking.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You may rush ahead and take unnecessary risks today, but impulsive actions only remind you that you do better when you consider your words and actions first. Warrior Mars rams into a clunky alignment with bombastic Jupiter, possibly inciting an argument or leading you in the wrong direction. It might not be easy to manage your intensity now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Everything you fix today seems to create new problems, like the mythical many-headed Hydra. Your I-can-do-it attitude may backfire now, even if you have the best of intentions when superhero Mars misaligns with overblown Jupiter. Don't get sidetracked by the immediate effects of your behavior.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Relationships may be a source of irritation today because you can't find enough clarity on the problem in order to resolve it. Something doesn't feel quite right, yet the closer it is to you, the more elusive it becomes. Although you're willing to do almost anything, the solution continues to slip through your hands. Ironically, answers come when you stop asking questions. The simple act of shifting your attention elicits the resolution you seek.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You might feel as if you're dancing in the dark today, uncertain of your next step. You may think you need more time to evaluate your options while reactive Mars creates a nagging aspect with auspicious Jupiter. It seems as if any choice you make now isn't the right one. Fortunately, Mercury in strategic Capricorn comes through with a sound plan that gives you the benefit of the doubt. Trust your dreams, even if the possibilities before you appear limited.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



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Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Managing your energy wisely seems like an impossible task today, especially if you are swept up by a wave of enthusiasm. Nevertheless, armed with a grand idea, you're ready to take on the world as you battle for survival. Unfortunately, self-righteousness could instigate a war of words that prevents you from reaching your goals. Stick to the facts and sidestep unnecessary conflict based upon mere differences of opinion.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Orderly thought and decisive action make perfect sense to a calculating Mountain Goat. However, action-planet Mars crosses paths with indulgent Jupiter, leading you on a wild goose chase or sparking misplaced anger. You may believe that you need to react immediately or things will quickly grow out of control today. Nevertheless, a moment of self-restraint in the midst of an emotional exchange could save you many moments of regret later on.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You may benefit from redirecting your energy today if you hope to find resolution to a lingering conflict. Normally, you're more than willing to attack a complex problem head-on. However, maintaining your focus is difficult when contentious Mars goads boisterous Jupiter, sending you off on a wild ride. Delicately dancing around an argument now reduces tension, saving wear and tear on both you and your relationships.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You're itching for action as your wanderlust continues to grow, but somehow your goals become less specific over time. It's hard to tell today whether you're making concrete plans or just idly watching the clouds roll by. Thankfully, there's no need to struggle now; your best bet is to postpone big decisions until you are clear about your direction. In the meantime, try a bit of escapist fare as purposeful Mars skids into an awkward misalignment with joyful Jupiter.

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Down

- Avoid, 2. Nasal passage, 3. Sleighs, 4. Estimated time of arrival, 5. Son of a king, 6. A German medieval guild, 7. Curved molding, 8. Baby birds, 9. S, 10. Skin disease, 11. A type of finch, 12. Ancient units of liquid measure, 13. Comply with, 18. Tendon, 22. Numerous, 24. Pitcher, 26. Unique, 28. Canny, 29. Region, 30. Back, 31. Not that, 32. A flexible pipe, 33. Cud-chewing hoofed mammals, 34. A nervous wreck, 37. Smudge, 38. Anagram of "Fear", 40. Initial wager, 41. Female horses, 43. Inset, 44. Less difficult, 46. Hag, 47. Page, 48. Not rented, 49. Lascivious looks, 50. Carve in stone, 51. Debauchee, 53. Leave out, 56. Twosome, 57. And so forth.

Yesterday's Solution

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