

Pakistan Loses 70pc of Afghan Transit Trade to Iranian Ports



1 Killed, 3 Injured in Taliban Attack on Wedding Ceremony

LASHKARGAH - One individual has been killed, three were wounded and six others captured by Taliban in an attack on a wedding ceremony in the Nad Ali district of southern Helmand province, an official said on Saturday.

Mohammad Gul Hashimi, the district's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the militants attacked the wedding ceremony in 31-Gharbi area late on Friday night.

One individual was killed, three were wounded and six others snatched by the rebels, he said, adding that the wedding ceremony was for a policeman's relative.

Hashimi said all the six individual captured by the rebels were civilians and the dead person belonged to a Taliban splinter group led by Mullah Rassoul.

An eyewitness, speaking on the condition ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

PESHAWAR - Seventy percent of Afghan transit trade goods have been diverted to Iranian seaports due to lack of action by the Pakistan Railways, a business leader said on Friday.

Ziaul Haq Sarhadi, chairman of the Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Railways/Dry Port Standing Committee, said the trade diversion was inflicting huge losses on Pakistan.

Sarhadi said: "It is because of the lack of actions by the Pakistan Railways that 70 percent of the goods under the Afghan transit trade have been diverted to Bander Abbas and Chabahar seaports in Iran."

The Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement had not been reviewed in the last eight ...*(More on P4)...(9)*



43 Rebels Killed, 7 Injured in Kapesa Operation

MAHMOOD RAQI - Over 40 militants have been killed in the Najrab district of central Kapesa province and several areas cleared, an official said on Saturday.

Security forces launched clearing operations in the area from the past three weeks which was underway and progressing.

Police Spokesman Saroush Kohistani told Pajhwok Afghan News 43 militants were killed, seven injured and eight arrested during the operation.

Army, police, intelligence personnel, local police and local uprising members had been taking part in the offensive.



Kohistani said the areas cleared of the insurgents were being protected with the deployment of police and local security ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



ACB Picks 50 Players for Training Camp Ahead of Ireland, WC Gams

KABUL - The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) on Saturday announced the names of 50 players who will participate in the training camp in India ahead of the Ireland series and World Cup.

Chief Selector Dawlat Ahmadzai while announcing the names of players said preparations for the global event was underway from the past one year.

For this purpose, he said a training camp was launched for the players in India's Chennai City. In addition, he said over 10 Afghan players have been taking part in global private leagues around the world.

Hailing Afghan players performance, the chief selector said Afghan spin bowlers and all-rounders held No. 1 spots in the global ranking.

Ahmadzai said fast bowler Dawlat Ahmadzai was fit and joined the national team.

He said the 50-member team would travel to Bengaluru City where they would conduct training and a 20-member quad from them would be announced to play against Ireland.

He claimed youngsters would be given more chances so they could learn more from senior players in the training camps.

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Woman Among 4 Shot Dead in Taliban-Controlled Area

MAIMANA - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead four people, including a woman, in a Taliban-controlled area of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Saturday.

Mirwais Syedzai, Khwaja Sabzposh district's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the victims of the Friday night shooting included 70-year-old Ghulam Sakhi, 30-year-old Jan Mohammad and a young woman.

He said unidentified gunmen had shot dead Shaheen in Ghazar area, which is under Taliban's control, on Thursday night. He blamed the rebels, saying they wanted to spread



fear among people. A security source told Pajhwok on condition of anonymity that Afghan and coalition forces conducted an operation in Ghazari area, killing 30 militants and destroying Qari Tajuddin's hideout. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Be the star of your own movie and proud of the role you play, Aries. You might find yourself taking on many different characters, depending on your mood of the hour.

There's a special gleam in your eye that you should share openly with others. Don't feel rushed to get anywhere. You've already arrived. Enjoy yourself in the company of those you love.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Take a break from your daily routine and get off the treadmill today, Taurus. The world will turn without you for one day, so tune out for a while. Remember that whatever path you take is the right one. Regret is a useless emotion. Don't even bother with it. Enjoy the present day and all the small joys it has to offer.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

- Things are flowing your way, Gemini, and you should find a great deal of pleasure in the company of others. There may be an element of fantasy about the day that causes you to lose track of time and space. Don't bother connecting to reality if you don't have to. Go to an art museum or attend a dance performance. See a movie and go out to your favorite restaurant.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Don't try to nail down any answers today, Cancer, because you will probably end up feeling frustrated. The less you try to force your will on others, the more you will find that things just automatically go your way.

Today isn't about finding solutions to problems. It's about enjoying what you've already learned and accomplished. Keep things light.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Let your childlike side come out and play today, Leo. Your dreams are in full force, so let them lead the way. Enjoy lighthearted conversations with friends about the latest movies or novels. You might want to go shopping or get a haircut. This is a good day to improve your general appearance. You have a much keener eye for style on a day like this.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Take a break from the routine and get off the beaten path, Virgo. This is a day to forge ahead with ideas and dreams rather than commitments and answers. Question things and debate the facts. Have fun whatever you do. This is the perfect day to go out and fly kites with your friends. All group activities are strongly favored. You can't go wrong chatting about the latest events in your life.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It may feel like something has suddenly clicked into place for you today, Libra, because you've found the missing piece of a puzzle you've been working on.

The answers may be subtle, but they're there. Fantasy and a playful attitude will lead you to them effortlessly. Spread your ideas to the world, and encourage others to join in your daydreams.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

- Things may seem surreal today, Scorpio, so don't take other people's chatter too seriously. This is a day to reach out and touch someone, so pick up the phone. It's a good day to share your dreams, no matter how farfetched they sound. Others may look at you as if you have three heads, but as long as you're being honest with yourself, there's no reason to be shy about sharing.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You may find it hard to take a realistic approach to your emotions today, Sagittarius. A sensitive issue may pull on you, leaving you feeling like you're out in left field in the way you relate to others. You might want to consider letting someone else take the lead for once, allowing you to regain your equilibrium before the next decision needs to be made.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

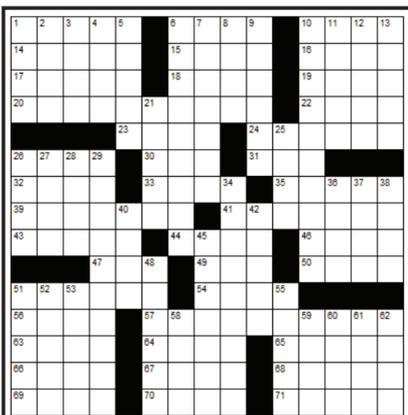
Question the validity of anything you come in conflict with today, Capricorn. You might find that people act on incomplete information, and that they're falsely accusing you of something you didn't say or do. Work to bring harmony to the situation by getting to the truth and helping to make the real motivations known.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Today is a great day for you. You should enjoy a great deal of playful conversation, Aquarius. Fantasy is likely to play a big role in events, and you may daydream as you walk down the street. Don't bother with reality if you don't have to. You're much better off keeping the tone light and playful. Enjoy your fantasy world and feel free to invite others into it.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

There may be a rather confusing element to the day, Pisces. You feel tempted to act, but some of the pieces seem to be missing. It could be hard to make a decision, since you don't have the whole picture in front of you. You're better off spending this day outside with a group of friends rather than trying to make any major life decisions or commitments.



Across

- Hillocks, 6. Hats, 10. Ancient Peruvian, 14. Admit, 15. Competent, 16. Lion sound, 17. Tropical vine, 18. Snare, 19. Jewelry, 20. Restriction, 22. Brother of Jacob, 23. Grasped
- Artists' workstands, 26. Vipers, 30. Pig, 31. Pair, 32. Boor, 33. How old we are, 35. Leave out, 39. Germ, 41. Grueling, 43. Streamlined, 44. Learning method, 46. 2 2 2 2
- Genus of macaws, 49. Regret, 50. Lack of difficulty, 51. A paved surface, 54. Boats
- A Freudian stage, 57. The climax of a drama, 63. Hubs, 64. Way out, 65. Stadium, 66. Biblical garden, 67. Blackthorn, 68. Intended, 69. Arid, 70. Transmit, 71. Analyze syntactically, ally,

Down

- After-bath powder, 2. Hodgepodge, 3. Custard dessert, 4. A large amount, 5. A path or strip
- Librarian, 7. Digest, 8. Scheme, 9. 7 member group, 10. Indecisive, 11. Clamor
- Artificial waterway 13. A giant with 100 eyes (Greek mythology), 21. Rehabilitation, 25. Blown away, 26. Charity, 27. Dirt, 28. Brownish purple, 29. Contour, 34. Filled completely
- Hawkeye Slate, 37. Twosomes, 38. Existence, 40. Gumbo 42. Stinks, 45. Speech
- Entry, 51. Stories, 52. Positive pole, 53. Formula 1 driver, 55. Postage, 58. Spindle, 59. District
- Char, 61. Hotels, 62. Satisfy, ,

Yesterday's Solution



rhyme, scans, sect sense, stay, think this, tote, touch, voice ,wonder, destruction, emotional, establish farce, flavor fulfill, harsh, metal never poetry, policy punishment, reveal

