

NDS Claims Nabbing 10 Including Suicide Bombers

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Friday claimed detaining 11 suspected militants, including two would-be suicide attackers. Based on a tip-off, intelligence operatives arrested the militants, one of them a Taliban commander, in eastern Nangarhar province. A statement from the spy service said intelli-

gence agents and members of other security organs were involved in the raids. The bombers planned to conduct suicide attacks in Behsud district. Two suicide vests and a pistol were seized from the men, according to the statement, which said the operations were carried out in Pachiragam district. It added two of the ...*(More on P4)...(19)*



Turkmenistan Sends Humanitarian Aid to Afghanistan

BISHKEK - President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has signed a decree on providing a humanitarian assistance to residents of the border areas of the neighboring country of Afghanistan. The trucks carrying food-stuff and school furniture are on the way, according to the state news agency Turkmenistan. The ceremony of sending the trucks to Afghanistan was attended by the foreign ministers of Turk-

menistan and Afghanistan, the Afghan Embassy in Ashgabat, the elders, representatives of public organizations, the media, students and others. (AKIpress)



Husband Leaves Wife for Giving Birth to a Baby Girl



MAZAR-E-SHARIF - A husband has left his thirty-year-old wife who was paralyzed due to domestic violence after giving birth to a baby girl in northern Balkh, her family claimed. The mother of one, Parwana, told TOLONews that after she gave birth to a baby girl, her husband and his family began violence against her. Graduated from economics faculty, the unlucky mother added she was paralyzed due to stress and violence from her husband's family. There was too much pressure on me both verbally and physically," Parwana said. "I was treated like a slave." She complained that her husband asked her either leave his home or get engaged in immoral activities, something her husband believed is the only work his wife can do to earn for him as she is unable to walk. "My husband told me that he has now another wife and he no longer needs me," Parwana said who got married at the age of 21. "He asked me to leave his home or earn him money through sexual activities." The victim is now living with her parents along with his child. "We took her two times to India for further medical treatments," her father Abdul Wahid said. The human rights officials in Balkh confirm increased violence against women, saying over 600 cases have been recorded so far this year in the northern province. "Women are encountering various types of violence but unfortunately they are ignored in the judicial institutions," said Fawzia Nawabi, regional head of Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC). Despite significant gains made since the fall of the Taliban regime, the violence against women is still on the rise in Afghanistan with child marriage, forced marriages and rape are the frequently-occurred cases in different parts of the country. (Tolonews)

33 New Police Officers Assume Charge in Herat

HERAT CITY - More than 30 new security officials, who were appointed recently in compliance with a presidential decree, took charge in western Herat province on Friday. During a visit to the province a month back, President Ashraf Ghani had sacked 30 security officials. Replacing them, 33 new officers began work today, an official said. Police spokesman Col. Abdur Rauf Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News the appointments had been recommended



by the Ministry of Interior and approved by the president. The new officers include 15 district police chiefs, while 18 have been

tasked with manning checkpoints and other places in the provincial capital. Speaking at an introduction ceremony here...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Swedish Official Says He Smuggled Condemned Man from Kabul

STOCKHOLM - Sweden's former foreign minister says he helped an Afghan student and journalist secretly flee the country in 2009, which saved the man from a death penalty. Carl Bildt says Sayed Pervez Kambaksh was convicted for publishing critical texts about Islam. He was smuggled into

a Swedish government plane at Kabul airport while Bildt waited on board. In an interview with Swedish daily Expressen, Bildt said the operation was coordinated with Kai Eide, the U.N.'s envoy to Afghanistan at the time. Bildt said Kambaksh was pardoned after his escape

and is now likely in the U.S. He described the experience as "nerve-racking" for fear that Afghan security personnel would discover the plan. Bildt tweeted Thursday that the operation was secret, but could now be revealed as all relevant leaders had changed. (AP)

Rates of Crime, Attacks down in Kabul: Police Chief

KABUL - Increased levels of public cooperation with the police and security forces has helped reduce crime and terrorist attacks over the past two months in Kabul, according to Abdul Rahman Rahimi, the capital's Police Chief. "Criminal cases have declined by 58 percent," Rahimi said on Thursday. "With regard to terrorist attacks, our assessments reveal that it has declined by 77 percent." Director of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) Rahmatullah Na-



bil spoke to lawmakers in the House of Representatives on Thursday to discuss new intelligence strategies and programs designed to thwart terrorist attacks in urban

Afghan Mother Killed with Two Children

STOCKHOLM - An Afghan mother and her two children were hit and killed by a train at a railroad crossing only ten days after they arrived in Sweden to seek asylum, the country's officials confirmed. Husnia Quraishi, 31, and her children who were around one and three years old had been moved by the immigration officials from southern Sweden to a small village of City Örnköldsvik, manager of asylum seekers' residence, Patrick Hollinger, has told Aftonbladet, a Swedish newspaper. Quraishi's husband Mohammad Shekeb who is an asylum seeker in Greece also confirmed his ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Afghan National Detained with Large Amount of Hashish

DUSHANBE - A multi-stage operation by officers from the Drug Control Agency (DCA)'s office in Kulob has reportedly led to the seizure of large amount of hashish.

12 Illegal Arms Sellers Held in Jalalabad

JALALABAD - Police on Thursday detained a dozen of shopkeepers for allegedly selling illegal weapons in eastern Nangarhar province. Nangarhar police chief Brig. Gen. Fazl Ahmad Sherzad told Pajhwok Afghan News the salesmen were detained during an operation in the first police district of Jalalabad City, the provincial capital. He said police confiscated 21 pistols and 130 fire guns from the shops. "Most criminals purchase weapons from these shopkeepers to commit terrorist and illegal acts," he said. Sherzad warned police won't allow anyone to illegally sell weapons and the offenders would be definitely punished. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

If you're seduced by the beauty of your pipe dreams today, confronting an inescapable fact may pull you back into the real world faster than you can imagine. You might not like what you learn, but denying the information won't make it go away. Your persistence won't be enough to avoid a situation that demands your attention now.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

Although you wish your social life was flowing easily now, resistance to your plans may be too intense to ignore. But instead of just giving up, reconsider your basic assumptions and then explore as many options as possible to reach your goals. The issues that are coming to the surface are not really obstacles; they are lessons. Use your common sense when thinking about your next move.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You can usually think fast on your feet, but today you may feel as if you're losing your edge as you try to create a plan to get ahead at work. You might believe that you discovered a brilliant solution, only to be stuck over the execution. Oddly enough, keeping busy every minute isn't in your best interest now. Stepping back and scheduling time to analyze the situation can be just the catalyst you need to figure out where you went wrong.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Someone may rain on your parade today, or you might just feel a lack of support from a person who usually encourages your efforts. However, a minor setback doesn't indicate defeat. A challenge tests you to see if you have the fortitude to stand up to the current resistance. However, it's a mistake to act in a defensive manner before you consider what can be done to improve your plan.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You know you're on the correct path today, yet you can't escape relationship issues that still raise temporary self-doubt. You might begin to question the logic of your thinking if something significant happens now that isn't part of your well-constructed master plan. Narrowing your focus and finishing up old business accomplishes a lot more than chasing dreams.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Unrealistic dreams may crash down to earth today as you try to get a handle on these tumultuous times. Although you might be dazed and confused by your recent trip down Memory Lane, the planetary energy supports your efforts to build a solid foundation. Don't give up prematurely; instead, modify your plans based upon your current experience and then try again.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Although you're often comfortable sitting on the fence, the Sun's cooperative sextile to taskmaster Saturn will likely push you one way or the other today. Unfortunately, you still may regret your decision, no matter which direction you choose. Weigh all the options carefully before making up your mind, but postpone making your final choice until you can't put it off any longer.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

You may feel as if you're witnessing a changing of the guards; one shift is ending, but another one is ready to begin. Although you can see the positive potential ahead, you're not comfortable with all aspects of the transition. You might even think about leaving your troubles behind and retreating into your own private world today.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)

Someone might attempt to convince you to handle a stressful interpersonal dynamic now, but you may prefer to sidestep this kind of unpleasant business. Unfortunately, there's no way to talk your way out of the conflict because you must get to the bottom of the current tension before moving on. Thankfully, your worries are worse than the outcome and your inspired presence can lead to greener pastures.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

You could be flooded with facts that require you to address the limitations of your current approach to managing your daily life. You know the old ways are not working anymore, but you don't have a new plan in mind yet. You might feel as if you're standing between two worlds without a sensible strategy. Although your previous assumptions are still intact, you must replace them with a newer paradigm.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

Indulging in fantasies today motivates you to reach beyond your comfort zone, but you might set your goals so high that you won't be able to attain them. It is healthy to acknowledge that your dreams are so fantastic that reality doesn't even have a chance to live up to them. Nevertheless, you can outmaneuver negativity now by graciously accepting what happens, even if it doesn't match your wildest expectations.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

You might believe that you have found a workable solution to a lingering problem, only to recognize you don't have enough time or energy to execute your plan today. However, eliminating extraneous distractions from your life increases your happiness and improves your chances for success. It's much easier to make thoughtful cutbacks now than it will be once you're already in motion and under pressure.

Across

1. A dish of tomatoes and greens, 6. Deception, 10. Was indebted, 14. Near, 15. Ripped, 16. Blacken, 17. Acculturate, 19. Center, 20. Relating to Moses, 21. Hale, 22. Coffee dispensers, 23. Varieties, 25. Peppercorn, 26. "Wise" birds, 30. Public speaker, 32. Boasted, 35. A short novel, 39. Domestic breed of rabbit, 40. Lowly, 41. Upwind, 43. A movement downward, 44. Environment, 46. Cocoyam, 47. Descendant, 50. Heroic tales, 53. Newbie (slang), 54. Delay, 55. Deadly, 60. Against, 61. Destroy completely, 63. Genuine, 64. Implored, 65. Fool, 66. Being, 67. Bristle, 68. Stairs

Down

1. Fraud, 2. As well, 3. Not a win, 4. Largest continent, 5. To yield or submit, 6. Faster than light, 7. Layabout, 8. Craftsperson, 9. Encounter, 10. Happening, 11. A promiscuous woman, 12. Deservedly receives, 13. Put on clothes, 18. Frozen, 24. Detachable container, 25. Small inlets, 26. Egg-shaped, 27. Diminish, 28. Olympic sled, 29. Skidoo, 31. Hefty volume, 33. Coach, 34. Nobleman, 36. Misdemeanor, 37. Territory, 38. Countertenor, 42. Incapacitate, 43. Excavated, 45. A young eagle, 47. Type of drum, 48. Type of retinal cells, 49. Smidgens, 51. Altitude (abbrev.), 52. Appears, 54. Cuts off, 56. Gait faster than a walk, 57. Rabbit, 58. At the peak of, 59. Focusing glass, 62. Actress Lupino

Yesterday's Solution

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