



Corruption Redux: Truckers Forced to Pay Bribes in Torkham

JALALABAD - After a break of several months, the border police personnel are once again extorting truckers in the Torkham border town of eastern Nangarhar province, Pajhwok Afghan News has learnt. Last year, Pajhwok published a report about truck drivers alleging that the border police personnel in Torkham forcing them into paying bribes. Trucks loaded with goods were forced to park for days in the township and stopped from crossing the border. If drivers refused to pay bribes, their vehicles would not move.

After the release of the report last year, a team of the Interior Ministry raided different offices in Torkham to prevent corruption, but the border police commissar, his deputy and a number of other officials escaped. The deputy commissar was sentenced to five years in jail.

On October 2, 2018, Governor Hayatullah Hayat made an inspection trip to the town and 12 individuals were detained for illegally taking money from truckers. The level of corruption subsequently fell.

But truck drivers are once complaining that the police personnel are extorting them. Since the money thus received is not documented, it is difficult to authenticate. However, Pajhwok has obtained videos showing policemen take money from truckers.

There are reports about the amounts of bribe but drivers are said to pay 3,000 to 30,000 Pakistani rupees in bribe per vehicle. Based on official information, on average, around 500 cargo trucks move into and out of Torkham port. *...(More on P4)...(13)*

168 Afghan Cadets Undergoing Training in Turkey



KABUL - Around 170 Afghan women cadets are undergoing training in Turkey's central province of Sivas, a media report says. Turkey and Afghanistan have signed an agreement on the training and capacity-building of the Afghan National Police (ANP). Under the memorandum of un-

derstanding, 168 Afghan women cadets are currently being trained at the Police Vocational Education Centre in Sivas.

According to Daily Saba, 3,353 Afghan cadets, including 1,212 women, have completed their training in Turkey. The women cadets are thus enabled to establish close relations

with Turkish women police officers. The cadets are being trained law enforcement, modules of Afghanistan's constitution, human rights, combating corruption and terrorism, explosive substances, domestic abuse and crime scene investigation. Fatih Inal, vice president of Turkish National Police *...(More on P4)...(11)*



Protest Camp Removed as Vote Recount Begins

KUNDUZ - A number of unsuccessful Wolesi Jirga candidates in northern Kunduz province have removed their protest camp with the start of recounting votes cast at some polling stations.

Earlier, the Independent Election Commission (IEC) had announced initial results of the parliamentary polls from Kunduz, where seven men and two women were declared successful.

Subsequently, the losing candidates and around a thousand supporters erected the protest tent in front of the election commission's office. They demanded votes cast in the Oct Wolesi Jirga elections in Kunduz be recounted.

Pajhwok Afghan News released a series of reports about the protesting candidates and the IEC decided later on to recount the votes in Kunduz province.

Ghafoor Hotak, one of the losing runners, told Pajhwok that they had removed the tent after the commission decided to recount the votes cast at some polling stations.

"A delegation, which has arrived from Kabul, will recount the votes in the presence of our observers based on our demand," he added.

He warned of disrupting the presidential elections if the vote recount *...(More on P4)...(12)*

Questions Raised As Badakhshan IEC Chief 'Disappears'



An election observer organization and parliamentary candidates cast doubt on the head of Independent Election Commission (IEC) in Badakhshan province as he has left the country for 20-day leave but he has not returned so far.

Marwa Amini, a spokesperson for Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan (FEFA), said it is believed that Sayed Rohullah Musawi has "escaped".

"They (IEC) said that he (Musawi) is on leave, but his leave is over and the commission has not been accountable in this regard. In addition, head of Kunduz's commission has also disappeared," Amini said.

Musawi had asked the IEC secretariat in a letter to approve his leave from December 22, 2018 up to January 10, 2019. *...(More on P4)...(14)*

Senior Daesh Member Killed in Coalition Airstrike



KABUL - A senior member of the Islamic State, also known as Daesh, has been killed in a drone strike in eastern Nangarhar province.

Qari Naqibullah was killed in a coalition strike in the Chaparhar district of the province, a Daesh

stronghold, the governor's office said on Friday.

The raid was conducted late on Thursday night in Aghez area. Naqibullah had been involved in destructive activities in the province for the past several years. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Today you could feel a rush of sensual passion and desire, Aries. You may want to get together with a love partner in the evening, but not be able to do it right now. Other responsibilities could get in the way of what you want to do. Perhaps it's best to schedule a meeting of some kind, even if it's very late in the evening. You will need the comfort if nothing else.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Some problems might arise with equipment that you use at home or with the structure of the house, Taurus. Appliances might go on the blink or the plumbing or electricity could require repairs. This could be a drag. It might involve staying home to wait for help. Still it must be done.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

- Some disturbing news could come today, Gemini. This isn't likely to concern you directly. It's apt to be something about the world situation that might eventually reflect indirectly on you. It could be gossip about someone you know. Whatever it is, check it out before accepting it as fact. The information could be garbled. The situation is probably more positive than it seems.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

A rise in your income could lead to a transformation in your values, Cancer, particularly where business is concerned. You could be opening up to the vast potential for prosperity that exists now. This is definitely something you should explore. Take care that you don't lose sight of what really matters. Money is meant to enhance the other departments of life, not consume them.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

- Stress, strain, and a little conflict within a business, romantic, or creative partnership could have you toying with the idea of ending it, Leo. Don't do anything rash right now. Wait a day or so and then think about it. This is likely to be a temporary situation. If you break it off now you will probably regret it tomorrow.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Today, Virgo, you might feel a little insecure about your state of physical fitness. You could decide to make up for any lack of exercise over the past few weeks. This is fine, but take it slowly. This isn't the day to push yourself. Strained muscles and exhaustion could result, and that won't do you any good. Work out, but pace yourself.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

A friend may be going through some pretty big changes, Libra, and come to you for a sympathetic ear. The problem is that you might be a little stressed yourself and not feel much like hearing about someone else's troubles. Show some compassion. Try to listen for a little while. You might need a shoulder to cry on at some time in the future.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Too many demands placed on you by others could have you feeling used, abused, and stressed, Scorpio. You might come close to losing your temper. That isn't necessary. All you have to do is learn to say no. It might not be easy, since you tend to want to please everyone, but you have to look out for yourself. Help when the request is urgent and postpone the rest.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Today you might have thoughts of expanding your horizons, perhaps on a monumental level, Sagittarius. You might consider traveling or even moving to a distant place. Returning to school for an advanced degree could also be a possibility. Your mind could be on expansion less for financial gain than for personal growth. This is good, because the latter often leads to the former. Go for it.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

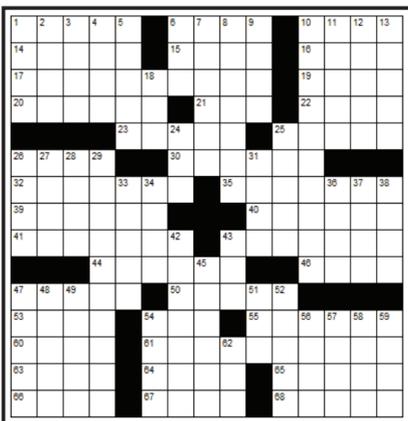
Today you may receive some information about how to increase your income in a short period of time, Capricorn. This information may or may not be valid. Be cautious. Check out the facts before committing, wait a few days, and then check them again. Great opportunities abound and should be explored, but what you hear about today might not be one of them.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Relations with partners of all kinds - business, romantic, creative - might be somewhat strained today, Aquarius. You and the other parties involved may have been under a lot of stress, and you could be snapping at each other. It might be a good idea to keep contact between you to a minimum. If you can't, try to be cordial and cooperative even if you don't feel like it.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Stress due to overwork might be causing your energy to flag somewhat today, Pisces. You might even feel a little under the weather. This is a great day to stay home and recover. Stay out of stressful situations and do things on your own, preferably routine tasks that you can do without thinking. In the evening, order a pizza and watch TV. Don't make more work for yourself by cooking.



Across

- 1. Seminal fluid, 6. Algonquian Indian, 10. Unwakened state, 14. Hackneyed, 15. Not difficult, 16. Not under, 17. An organized rebellion, 19. Not stereo, 20. Occupy, 21. Knave, 22. Add, 23. A single-masted ship, 25. Jagged, 26. Wings, 30. Scoop shovel, 32. Gland secretion, 35. Hearing range, 39. Break out, 40. Covet, 41. Savior, 43. Sidelong, 44. Domed roof, 46. A small wooded hollow, 47. Part of the large intestine, 50. Cougars, 53. Corridor, 54. Cool, once, 55. Andean animals, 60. District, 61. Buff, 63. Thin strip, 64. Bluefin, 65. Long-winded, 66. Feudal worker, 67. Killed, 68. Chip dip,

Down

- 1. Blend, 2. Sea eagle, 3. A young lady, 4. Decorative case, 5. Geeks, 6. C, 7. Resentment, 8. Fugitive from justice, 9. Gave the once-over, 10. Compacted, 11. Convex molding, 12. Lists of dishes available, 13. Got up, 18. Hair goop, 24. Lyric poem, 25. Heron, 26. Throat-clearing sound, 27. Fail to win, 28. Circle fragments, 29. Cstrate, 31. Slang for Father, 33. Codeine source, 34. Half-moon tide, 36. Employ, 37. By mouth, 38. Express in words, 42. Optimistic, 43. Flee, 45. Wolf-like, 47. Pursue, 48. Noblemen, 49. Tidy, 51. Anagram of "Ail", 52. Decelerates, 54. Derbies or berets, 56. Dwarf buffalo, 57. A crumbling earthy deposit, 58. Contributes, 59. Kind of bean, 62. Bird call,

Yesterday's Solution

SPEED BROCK SASH KILLO BADIE ANTE INUNDATION LAIR MUD GEMENS DALES SPECTLES ENEMY SLEND IDOLITIZED USING ADOBE TBO RENIT SPEWIS SNOG GAS GLEAT STIGNS EMPERORS BEN CAREID UPENING VII EMIRA BROADSWORD DING REEVE ALEE EDGY AISTER DOISS abbot, attentive, budget business, catastrophe cloud, crowd crunch expedition, finance, generous golden, grape, guffaw hair individual, lavish, light, meat plant, point, revenue

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