

# Terrorist Group Commander Arrested

## Explosives Smuggled from Pakistan Seized



KANDAHAR CITY - Officials said on Tuesday that 52 bags of explosives that were being smuggled from neighbouring Pakistan had been seized in southern Kandahar province. The explosives transported in a tractor were recovered in Riga area of Dand district by police, Samim Khpalkwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said no one had been arrested in connection of the smuggling but an investigation was underway. In the past too, police have seized explosives smuggled from Pakistan to Kandahar province. (Pajhwok)

KABUL - A commander of the Mahaz-e-Fedaiyan terrorist group was arrested following an operation by the Afghan intelligence operatives in Kabul city. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said the detained militant commander was identified as Noorullah who was also well known as Farooqi and is a resident of Shamshatoo camp in Peshawar city. A statement by NDS said Farooqi was arrested along with another mili-

tant following an operation in 12th police district of Kabul city. The statement further added that the militants were deployed by Mahaz-e-Fedaiyan leader Haji Najebullah to carry out terrorist attack in the city. According to NDS the Afghan intelligence operatives also confiscated two pistols, two hand grenades and a gun silencer from the detained militants. Mahaz-e-Fedaiyan terrorist group was involved in attack which

led to the assassination of former Logar governor Arsalan Jamal. Jamal was killed on the first day of Eid in mid October 2013 following an explosion in Pul-e-Alam district while he was delivering a speech to mark the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha. The group following a statement said that the explosives were planted under the stage inside the mosque where governor Jamal was delivering speech. (KP)



## 9 Held, Weapons Recovered in Kabul & Baghlan

KABUL/PUL-I-KHUMRI/FAIZABAD - Six robbers and three smugglers have been detained in Kabul and Baghlan provinces, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said on Tuesday. A statement from the spy service said the men wanted to smuggle seven Kalashnikov assault rifles and 40 different kinds of pistols in a car from eastern Nangarhar province to Kabul. It added the detainees planned to sell the weap-

ons to militant groups, but intelligence operatives foiled their attempt. Elsewhere, the Taliban governor and two of his guards were wounded during a clearing operation in Baghlan, while police separately arrested six robbers in the Tala Wa Barfak district of the same province. Police chief Aminullah Amarkhel said the robbers had been held following a tip-off from locals. ... (More on P4)... (19)

## Road-Building Firm Accused of Bribing Insurgents



PUL-I-ALAM - The administrative chief for Charkh district in central Logar province on Tuesday accused a construction company of giving thousands of dollars to Taliban to let it implement a road. Khalilullah Kamal said the company also offered work opportunities to insurgents on the ongoing 34-kilometre road project. "We have investigated and confirmed that Bashir Ludin Construction Company provided cash and wages to Taliban in return for allowing construction work on the road," he claimed. The district chief said security officials could protect development projects and the company should not offer bribes to insurgents. The road contract is worth \$20 million.

However, the official did not reveal how much amount had been paid to Taliban. Kamal demanded an extensive investigation to unearth more facts. A tribal elder wishing to go unnamed said the construction company given \$60,000 to the Taliban governor for Charkh. He claimed a number of Taliban fighters had been hired by the company on daily wage basis. Meanwhile, acting Governor Niaz Mohammad Amiri said he

would investigate the issue and the Bashir Ludin Construction Company would be treated in accordance with the law. But Ludin, the company chief, rejected the allegation of bribing insurgents. He insisted the project was going ahead in line with contractual obligations. Ludin confirmed road passes through Taliban strongholds and problems were resolved amicably through mediation by tribal elders. (Pajhwok)

## Two ANA Soldiers Killed

MAIMANA - Two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed in a roadside mine blast in northern Faryab province on Tuesday, according to military officials. Three other ANA soldiers were injured in the blast. The incident

took place on Almar-Qaisar highway after their vehicle struck a roadside mine, killing the two soldiers on impact, the 209th Shaheen Corp said. No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the blast so far. (Tolonews)

## Unidentified Gunmen Kill 2 Brothers in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Unidentified gunmen on Tuesday gunned down two brothers in the Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province, the governor's spokesman said. Ahmad Zia Abdulzai told Pajhwok Afghan News gunmen sprayed the pair with bullets in Jatu Kala locality of the district in front of their home. The slain brothers, Muhammad Zamin and Malik Muhammad Amin—a leading tribal elder—had no personal enmity in the area and



both had good reputation among people. Police, he said had started investigation to nab the killers. (Pajhwok)

## Uprising Group Seizes Explosives-Laden Vehicle

BAMYAN CITY - An uprising group in the Sheikh Ali district of central Parwan province has claimed seizing an explosives-laden vehicle. Muhammad Yasin Subhan, commander of the group, told Pajhwok Afghan News his men impounded a vehicle full of explosives in the Danarkh locality of the district. Three people including Zalmi, Muhammad Noor and Matin, travelling in the vehicle, had been detained, he added. The vehicle was



parked at Kabul-Bamyan Highway before being handed over to the security forces. (Pajhwok)

## Car's Plunge into River Leaves 6 Dead in Wardak



MAIDAN SHAHR - At least six people died when a car skidded off a bridge and fell into a river in central Maidan Wardak province, an official said on Tuesday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in the Ghani Khail area of Chak district late

Monday. Six people including the driver, a woman and a child were killed when the Corolla car passing a bridge fell into the river. The locals pulled out the victims' bodies from the river. Khogyani said the victims were travelling from Kabul to Ghani Khail village. (Pajhwok)

## Outlook Horoscope

### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

An inflexible attitude can create problems today, especially if you get into a disagreement about something that's important to you. You're confident about your point of view, but you might feel as if someone is conspiring to change your mind. Avoid escalating a passionate discussion into unnecessary conflict.

### Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

Although you reserve the prerogative to change your opinion often today, don't expect your friends to keep up with your uncharacteristic mood swings. The Moon's current visit to your pragmatic sign reassures you that your emotions make sense and no one else has the authority to tell you how to react.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You might not be interested in expressing your emotions today while the Moon squares talkative Mercury from your 12th House of Privacy. If you do choose to share your feelings, your words may be misconstrued as more aggressive than you intend. Wait until tomorrow when the reflective Moon enters your sign before telling everyone what you think.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You are at your best today when you're involved in a community project or part of a team at work. However, you might not be able to assume the identity that's necessary for you to fully merge with the rest of the group. Your current resistance to assimilation encourages non-conforming behavior, but don't be afraid of stepping into the center of the circle—even if you believe you would be more comfortable standing on the edge.

### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You may be asked to pitch in and help someone out now, even if you're weary of putting your needs second. But your generosity of spirit prevails because the Moon's presence in your 10th House of Public Responsibility indicates your need to assist others in reaching their potential.

### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your efficiency is challenged by people around you today as they make their dreams sound fascinating enough to distract you from your path. However, the determined Taurus Moon goes a long way toward keeping you on track. Nevertheless, you still need to pay attention to the boundaries of your coworkers (or the lack of them) if you want to feel good about your accomplishments by the end of the day.

### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You prefer to keep things light and easy now, but could get drawn into intense discussions about your feelings, anyhow. You might be annoyed with this emotional detour today while the sensible Taurus Moon visits your 8th House of Deep Sharing. But don't try to hide your feelings behind a friendly smile. Let others know that you are available to partake in an uncomfortable conversation as long as it's constructive, but you're not willing to feed into any negativity.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

You may have an encounter with a friend or a lover today that temporarily turns him or her into an opponent rather than an ally. However, it's not in your best interest to acquiesce too quickly because some things shouldn't be negotiable. Your current nemesis might appear to be quite determined, but will likely give in under your persistent pressure.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)

A simplistic approach to your life is a healthy antidote today to your hectic schedule. Instead of seeking the peak experiences of inspiration, you're motivated to meet your responsibilities in a timely manner because you don't like the heaviness of unfulfilled promises weighing on your mind. Although it goes against your nature, you could benefit greatly now by letting go of the big picture and concentrating on the details one item at a time.

### Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)

You have a magical touch now and can transform the most mundane chores into fantastic opportunities for personal fulfillment. But don't let financial considerations stand in your way; it should only take a few days to resolve any stressful money issues. Luckily, you can achieve personal satisfaction even while working today because the earthy Taurus Moon assists you in a practical manner while traveling through your 5th House of Love and Creativity.

### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

You can sense a shift in the cosmic energy as beautiful Venus leaves your sign for the greener pastures of your dreams. You might feel a bit disoriented if your needs don't align with where you seem to be heading now. Unfortunately, the more you try to find your way back to the basics, the more complicated everything becomes.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

You could become singularly focused in your quest to accomplish your goals today because you might be trying to justify taking time off later. But this strategy is ineffectual if you have already overloaded your calendar with so much to do that it will be a miracle if you can meet your own expectations. Instead of dreaming about a possible escape in the future, embrace the beauty of the present moment.



**Across**  
 1. Melancholy, 6. Backside, 10. Exam, 14. Audio communications, 15. District, 16. Fully developed, 17. Alter, 18. Tab, 19. Doing nothing, 20. The B in the NBA, 22. Legumes, 23. Timid, 24. Female reproductive organ, 26. Refinement, 30. Waste conduit, 32. Sarcasm, 33. Fascinating, 37. Nothing (British), 38. Acted presumptuously, 39. Bright thought, 40. Holds sacred, 42. Pifer, 43. Remove the pins from, 44. Afternoon nap, 45. Plateaux, 47. Martini ingredient, 48. Sandwich shop, 49. Sin, 56. Operatic solo, 57. Hawkeye State, 58. A green fabric mixture, 59. Offers, 60. Brusque, 61. Swelling under the skin, 62. Flower stalk, 63. Lock openers, 64. Basic belief

**Down**  
 1. Seize, 2. Tibetan monk, 3. Poems, 4. Pig sound, 5. Propriety, 6. A type of cat, 7. Murres, 8. Peddle, 9. Sanctified, 10. Three-party, 11. Duck down, 12. Spread out, 13. T T T, 21. Your (archaic), 25. Animal doctor, 26. 3 times 3, 27. Weightlifters pump this, 28. Domesticated bovine animals, 29. Zeal, 30. Femme fatale, 31. Nights before, 33. Hindu princess, 34. Midmonth date, 35. Tidy, 36. Big party, 38. Fluid level gauge, 41. Ribonucleic acid, 42. Undershirt, 44. Female sib, 45. Excellence, 46. Leave out, 47. Mosquitoes, 48. Applies lightly, 50. Debauchee, 51. Askew, 52. Was a passenger, 53. Not odd, 54. Identical, 55. Immediately

**Yesterday's Solution**

about, agree, boulder, bring, carry, cease, chat, corner, cuss, destiny, event, father, fellow, great, hire, house, hover, kissed, later, least, level, march, minute, money, nourishment, overdo, point, quiet, right, role, sass, seer, sets, shell, shift, shine, shore, slump

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