

Power Problems in Baghlan, Nangarhar Provinces Delinked

JALALABAD - Officials of eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday spurned reports that power supply from the Naghlu dam had been diverted to Kabul.

Over the past few days, power supply has been cut off to the eastern province. There have been reports that after the destruction of a pylon in Baghlan, power supply from the Naghlu dam has been diverted to Kabul. Director of Energy and Water, Mohib-ur-Rahman Momand told Pajhwok Afghan News power cables in the Padpakh district of Laghman province had been cut due to the



technical problems in line insulators. "Technical teams have been sent to the area to repair the insulators of the three power lines," he said, rejecting the reports regarding the diversion of power supply to the capital.

A resident of Jalalabad, Shamsur Rahman, said over the past four days there had been no electricity in the provincial capital, creating problems for the people.

"Ordinary people can't afford to purchase fuel to run generators. I request the government to permanently..." (More on P4)...(14)

JBLM Ranger Recovering from Wounds Sustained in Afghanistan

TACOMA, Wash. - An Army Ranger from Joint Base Lewis-McChord is recovering at Walter Reed Military Medical Center after being shot four times during a firefight in Afghanistan.

The News Tribune of Tacoma reports that Sgt. Oliver Campbell was medically evacuated Jan. 16 after an attack in eastern Afghanistan's Paktika province.

The 22-year-old member of JBLM's 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment had a bullet lodged close to his heart after the attack.

His mother, Carol Campbell of Kansas City, says he is doing very well.

In a letter to friends and family, Campbell thanked his teammates for keeping him alive after the attack and the flight surgeons and nurses who tended to him.

He also thanked actor Leonardo DiCaprio, whose performance in the survivalist movie "The Revenant" helped motivate him. (AP)

Taliban Hampering Repair of Power Pylon: Baghlan Police

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Local security officials on Saturday accused the Taliban impeding the repair of a power pylon that was blown up during a clash in northern Baghlan province.

Power supply from Uzbekistan to Kabul was snapped as a result of the Taliban attack on the tower in Dand-i-Shahabuddin area on the highway connecting Pul-i-Khumri with Kunduz province last Tuesday.

Baghlan's deputy police chief, Col. Abdur Rashid, told Pajhwok Afghan News the security forces were in an area close to the site, but militants were preventing them from reaching the pylon.

He claimed the insurgents had planted bombs on the way to



the pylon and were firing from nearby villages. The technical team of the BreshnaShirkat that arrived in the area fled after militants opened fire on it. Bashir said security forces, including the Afghan National Army (ANA), were cooperating with the technical team in repairing the tower.

Meanwhile, BreshnaShirkat Business Director MirwaisAlami urged the security forces to ensure the team's safety for at least nine hours that the repairs...

2 Afghan Nationals Detained in Kohat Search Operation

PESHAWAR - Two Afghan refugees were detained during a search operation in Pakistan's northwestern garrison town of Kohat on Saturday.

Police said the security forces took the suspects into custody during operations in Jurma, Suwar, Gul and areas adjacent to the Kohat University.

The detainees were shifted to unknown location for investigation, a police spokesman said, without giving further details about the detainees. (Pajhwok)

14 Taliban Captured in Takhar

KABUL - A total of 14 members of Taliban militant group have been captured in Darqad district of Takhar province, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said on Saturday.

"A Taliban shadow judge named Najib-ul-Rhman and Mullah Shukrullah Taliban's shadow mayor for Darqad district have been captured along with 12 other militants following a recent military operation carried out by NDS personnel in the district," NDS, the country's national spy agency, said in a statement. One AK-47 rifle, a machine gun and 12 rounds of Rocket Propelled



Grenade (RPG) were among other ammunition seized in the raid, the statement said.

The district has been the scene of sporadic clashes between the Taliban and government soldiers since Jan. 10 when Afghan security forces recaptured the district bordering Tajikistan. The Taliban ran over the district in October last year. (Xinhua)

1,300 Criminal Cases Recorded in Balkh Last Year: Official

KABUL - As many as 1,300 criminal incidents were recorded in northern Balkh province over the past year, said a security official.

General Abdul RazaqQaderi, security chief at the Balkh police headquarters, said that police in the province have made 1,342 arrests in connection with the incidents.

But he said the crime rate had dropped compared to the previous year. "Last year, there were 1,418 criminal incidents and this year there are 1,359



incidents," he said. According to police headquarters in the province, 255 cases of robbery and eight cases of kidnapping had taken place in the province last year. Some 193 people were arrested in connection with the robberies and 11 people in connection with kidnappings. ... (More on P4)...(16)

Turkey to Treat Woman who Lost Nose in Domestic Violence Attack

KABUL - Afghan doctors have said that Riza Gul, whose husband cut off her nose, needs complicated surgery, which Turkish medical doctors have offered to do.

Gul, the 25-year-old woman, lost her nose in a domestic violence incident earlier this month.

The Faryab woman's husband allegedly ran off and joined the Taliban after cutting off his wife's nose.

"With the joint cooperation of the ministry



of interior and ministry of public health, we will soon receive her passport and send her to Turkey for medical treatment," Faryab governor Sayed Anwar Sadat said.

Gul's husband is still on the run. Her family have however called on government to find him and bring him to justice. (Tolnews)

Emergency Ward Inaugurated in Jamhuriat Hospital

KABUL - The emergency ward was inaugurated and equipped with sophisticated technology in the Jamhuriat Hospital, the Ministry of Public Health said on Saturday.

The ward, having 50-bed were provided with modern medical and non-medical equipments to provide quality services to the citizens, the minister of public health, Dr. FairuzuddinFairoz said in a statement.

Fairoz insisted on the positive changes and reform in the health system, saying they could not get rid of the current challenges, if necessary changes were not brought to the health system. According to the statement, equipping the emergency assistance wards in the hospitals was one of the pledges of Fairoz he did while taking charge of the ministry. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Pursuing your career goals may take up a lot of your mind power today, leaving little energy left over for your regular weekend activities. But it's nearly impossible to separate the realistic objectives from idealistic fantasies. Nevertheless, you're more concerned with your own dreams than with the opinions of anyone else. Unfortunately.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Although you might have plenty of great expectations about completing all your chores today, it's smarter to finalize your plans now than to actually execute them. Your intuition is telling you to move outside your normal routines and try new things, but it's crucial to fall back on your unwavering common sense whenever you feel any doubt.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's oddly annoying when something comes along in your life that is profound enough to anchor you to a single spot for a while. Although your mind is on the move, you might not know your final destination while your heart is still sitting on the fence. Don't let your thoughts wander far because reality has an important lesson to teach you now. Concentrate on your feelings, even if it requires effort to integrate them into your life.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

The sooner you recognize that your current commitments may interfere with fulfilling your own emotional needs, the better. Be responsible and set aside your personal desires for a few days while you do whatever is expected of you. Your efforts to stabilize your personal and business relationships can bring you more happiness in the weeks ahead than anything you do for yourself now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Pack up your toys and pull out your toolbox; there are chores to finish and you may as well take your work seriously. Although you might be annoyed by all the arduous tasks on your to-do list, tackle each job willingly with determination and a positive attitude. A couple of days of extra effort should be enough to free you up to enjoy some relaxation and recreation.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You don't take kindly to anyone telling you how to do your job, especially people removed from the front line of action. Meanwhile, your ideas of the best way to approach a task will work just fine. However, you could miss the opportunity to experience special connections with those you respect today if you're not willing to receive constructive feedback.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You feel the stress creep in as you attempt to balance your chores with the emotional needs of friends and family. Although you can't just walk away from your previous commitments, a family drama may demand your immediate attention. Scheduling your time in advance enables you to divide your efforts between the things you want to do and those you have to do.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Everyone around you seems to be paying particularly close attention to every word you say today. Nevertheless, it's wise to focus on the integrity of your actions at all times, making absolutely certain they are consistent with your beliefs or you could end up in a rather difficult position. However, the current emphasis is on producing tangible results now.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

An uncharacteristic bout with low self-esteem may get in the way of your actions today while you struggle against the limitations of your job. Unfortunately, your current frustration isn't likely a new one. Old issues continue to resurface now as outside pressures build. If you're financially stressed, consider how your sense of self-worth might be impacting your bank account. Don't wait any longer to reassess all you have to offer the world.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

The power of your imagination can work for you or against you now, but your fantasies may be running out of steam. You're approaching what might appear to be the end of a road, leaving you uncertain where to turn next. Even if you're eager to take on the world, unfinished personal business still must be completed before you can see around the bend.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your dreams may be so vivid now that you can barely distinguish them from reality. Your inner voice reminds you of the beauty inherent in a spiritual approach to life. Nevertheless, you can't avoid the hard facts of your present situation. Don't ignore your social responsibilities, even if you want to be alone with your thoughts now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your family and friends place so many demands on you now that it may be nearly impossible to find any time away from the noise of social interactions. Nevertheless, it's crucial to show up and let your feelings be known today, even if they differ from everyone else's. However, once you state your position, be prepared to go along with the pack.

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Yesterday's Solution

adjust, auxiliary, beige, brake, breakfast, buds, bust, caring, chill, cots, cries, crown, , enmesh, focus, fronds, gest, ghost, glows, gumbo, hash, hire, honey, house, lowest, patch, prince, right, scream, seer, shark, shrill, sign, snarls, spin, spoil, stables tannin.

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