

Foreigners Among 20 Militants Killed in Zabul Explosion

QALAT - More than 20 Afghan and foreign militants have been killed and several others wounded as result of a bomb explosion in the Arghandab district of southern Zabul province, an official said on Sunday. Gul Islam Sayal, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion took place inside a house in the Bagh Bazaar locality of the district on the night between Sunday and Monday.



He said the house belonged to militants, who were making bombs. One of the explosive devices went off, killing more than 20 fighters and wounding several others Sayal added. A security official, who wished to go unnamed, confirmed the incident but had no specific casualty figures. The Taliban have not yet commented about the blast. (Pajhwok)

3 Dead, 20 Wounded in Ghazni Bus-Trailer Crash

GHAZNI CITY - At least three people were killed and another 20 sustained injuries on Monday when a passenger bus crashed into a trailer in southern Ghazni province, officials said. Ghazni traffic department head Mohammadullah Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News the collision between the trailer and the 303 public transport bus took place on the Kabul-Kandahar highway in Krosai area of Qarabagh district in the afternoon. Drivers of both the vehicles and one passenger were killed and 20 passengers sustained injuries. The wounded had been evacuated to hospital and they were said to be in stable condition. A shopkeeper in Krosai area, Jan Mohammad, said: "The passenger bus was moving fast so it crashed into the trailer, causing casualties." Some of the wounded and dead bodies of the passengers were transferred to Qarabagh's local hospital while others to the civil hospital in Ghazni city. A doctor at the civil hospital, Noorullah, said they had been delivered 12 wounded people and their injuries were not life-threatening. (Pajhwok)

2 Uprising Commanders Treat Addicts at Personal Expense

MAIMANA - Several drug addicts have been rehabilitated at the personal expense of two uprising commanders in the Balcheragh district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Monday. On the other side, Faryab police collected more than 80 addicts from different parts of Shiberghan, the capital of northwestern Jawzjan province, and kept them in a shelter. Faryab Public Health Di-

rector Dr. Maroof Samar told Pajhwok Afghan News that uprising commander Abdul Ghafoor had funded the treatment of 50 addicts in Balcheragh. Another uprising commander, Naqibullah Toofan, treated the same number of addicts in Garziwan district. He said that 60 of the addicts, including 40 from Balcheragh and 20 others from Garziwan, had recovered their health and joined their families. The



addicts were treated in consultation and care of health centers of the concerned districts. However, Samar warned the rehabilitated individuals might replace if they ... (More on P4)...(13)

Afghanistan A Team Defeats Zimbabwe A by 55 Runs

KABUL - Afghanistan's A cricket team on Sunday beat Zimbabwe A by 55 runs in the second of five One Day International (ODI) matches. On Friday, Afghanistan made a fine start by beating Zimbabwe A by five wickets in their first match of the Afghanistan Development Squad tour to Zimbabwe. Afghanistan, on Sunday meanwhile, scored 208 runs from 47.3 overs but

the target was reduced to 182 runs as per the Duck and Lewis method after the game was interrupted due to rain. Zimbabwe had won the toss and put Afghanistan A in to bat first - a move that left Zimbabwe unable to chase the given target. They lost all their wickets after scoring 126 runs from 27.5 overs. Shafiqullah, from Afghanistan's team, scored the highest number of runs on the batting side



for his team and notched 50 runs off 53 balls. The next match of the series takes place on Tuesday at the Harare Sports Club. (Tolnews)

Six Heroin Labs Destroyed in Military Crackdown

KABUL - Officials say six heroin laboratories have been destroyed in the south of Afghanistan, a country that is not only a world leader in producing drugs, but also a leading consumer. The Ministry of Interior said the laboratories were destroyed during a special military operation late on Saturday in Bando village in Helmand province. The ministry said 1,090kg of morphine, 15,175kg of ammonium chloride and 2,000 litres of liquid opium, which



is used in making heroin, were also destroyed. "The crackdown on these labs are part of efforts to fight drug addiction in Afghanistan," Zabihullah Dayem, a senior adviser to the counter-narcotics minister, told Al Jazeera. (Aljazeera)

Herat: 3 Women Killed; Rapist Held after 4 Years

HERAT CITY - Three women have been killed in a firing incident in western Herat province, where an alleged rapist has been arrested by police, officials said Monday. Ghulam Jilani Farhad, the provincial governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the three women were shot dead in Adarskan district late on Sunday night. He did not provide more details but said 11 suspects had been arrested in connection with the incident and they were ... (More on P4)...(14)

79 Afghans Trying to Sneak Into Iran Arrested

PESHAWAR - Pakistan's paramilitary personnel on Sunday detained scores of Afghan citizens in southwestern Balochistan province for trying to sneak into Iran illegally. A local news outlet reported that Frontier Constabulary officials, acting on an intelligence tip, arrested 79 Afghans during an operation in the Mashkail area of Chaghai district. A large number of unregistered Afghan refugees living in Balochistan often attempt to cross into ... (More on P4)...(15)

Shaheen Asmayee Set to Face Tajikistan's Hosilot FC

KABUL - Afghanistan's Shaheen Asmayee FC team, who are last year's winner of the Afghanistan Roshan Premier League (APL), is hard at practice ahead of their match against Tajikistan's Hosilot FC in Dushanbe on Tuesday. Shaheen Asmayee arrived in Tajikistan last week for pre-match training sessions. "The team's morale is very high, it is fully prepared technically and tactically to compete in the match; our analysis from Hosilot team shows



that our boys will perform very well in the game and we should win the match," said Shaheen Asmayee coach Mujtaba Faiz. Meanwhile, Shaheen Asmayee players have said they are sure their team will bring home a win. "The boys are well-prepared, they continue their regular exercises ... (More on P4)...(16)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

The week has just started but it could feel like you're already running out of batteries. You prefer to recharge while the Moon wades through transient Pisces and connects with dreamy Neptune in your 12th House of Privacy. You don't need to conquer the world today, but choosing to give up and hibernate isn't a wise choice either.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It almost seems like if you keep your eyes closed, the exotic resort you're imagining will materialize. Experience proves that this isn't the case, but that doesn't stop you from wishing with all your might for an escape from the mundane. The nebulous Pisces Moon tries to talk brainy Mercury into planning your dream getawa.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's as if a sonic frequency is vibrating all the pieces in your personal puzzle, moving things when you're not looking until suddenly everything has shifted. The watery Pisces Moon aligns with penetrating Pluto and wordy Mercury, creating a funnel through which your deep musings spill into the outside world. A close watch is required to prevent saying too much.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're walking through life in a trance today, as if your personal bubble has expanded to encompass imaginary worlds that only graze reality. It seems so real that you feel you must tell someone about your splendid visions, and even take them along for a tour if they're willing. However, there's a chance that opening up to others will only pull you deeper into your magical playground.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're doing your best to stay engrossed in your daily routine, clinging to your schedule to keep your head above water. Your productive streak is nowhere to be found today, while the tools of self-analysis and soul-searching lie at the ready. These psychological tactics are unnecessary on a normal work day.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

The world is softened around the edges and reality seems more pliable than it should. It's questionable whether the facts even matter from behind your rose-colored glasses. You're lost in a daze today, imagining the perfect partner as the reflective Moon glides into romantic Pisces, highlighting your 7th House of Relationships. Idealized standards can lead to major disappointment, so do your best to avoid getting swept up in a feeling that may not last.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You usually favor a fair and balanced approach, but your capacity for selfless service is expanding today. You prefer to donate your time to help someone else accomplish their tasks rather than focus on your own now, which could be problematic at the end of the day if you take your altruism too far. The line between generosity and sacrifice is blurred at this time, so only give what you're certain you can spare.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Meetings and agendas aren't likely to hold your attention today as you fill every margin with doodles and sketches. Your creative juices are flowing thanks to the evocative Moon's entrance into your 5th House of Self-Expression, where whimsical Neptune is waiting at the door.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

A sleepy start to your day leads into some rather intense research as you become fixated on finances. Lunar contacts to mercantile Mercury and obsessive Pluto in your 2nd House of Money send you into investigation mode as you search for ways to grow your nest egg. Investing in a comfortable future is admirable, but you may undermine your own efforts if you abandon your normal duties today trying to plan for a wealthy tomorrow.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

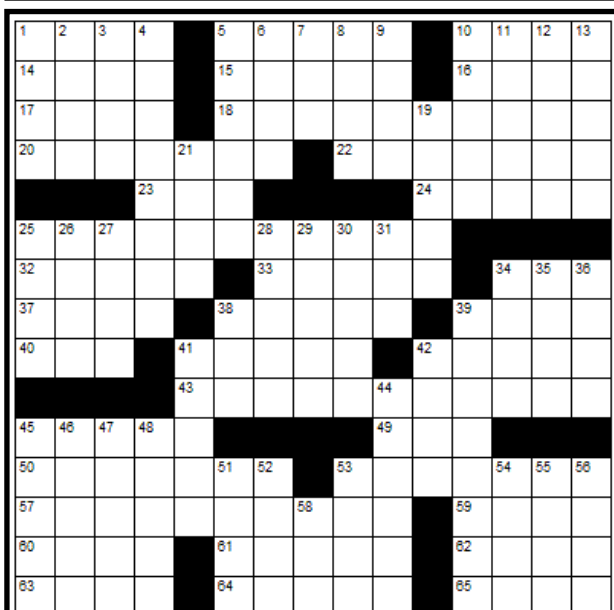
Your lack of progress makes you want to push harder and harder, but it feels like you're just spinning your wheels today. The path from point A to point B is more circuitous than it should be as many minuscule mix-ups confuse the whole operation. Paradoxically, letting creativity take over when you might otherwise use logic to control the situation is the best way to make the most of the imaginative energy of the day.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Reality shifts and shimmers and even ordinary objects seem to be touched by magic. It's as if you're getting a glimpse beyond the veil as the mystical Pisces Moon sends telepathic messages to watchful Pluto in your 12th House of Secrets. You are easily lured off the productive path to chase any white rabbits that come along. Attending to daily matters is boring compared to living in the magical world inside your head.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

It appears to be the perfect day to spend in peaceful reflection, but people are depending on you to show up and you don't have the heart to let them down. Trying to stay on track feels like a division of your energy, as a magical merging of the Moon and Neptune in your intuitive sign draws your soul toward meditative bliss while your mind and body have other things to do.



Across
1. Ballet attire, 5. Dim, 10. Winglike, 14. Nameless, 15. Nigerian monetary unit, 16. Lasso, 17. Untruths, 18. Streamside, 20. Will supplement, 22. A canvas shoe, 23. Cheat, 24. Test, as ore, 25. Advocates (British spelling), 32. Beginning, 33. A green fabric mixture, 34. Not against, 37. Anagram of "Dice", 38. Crinkly, 39. Desire, 40. Directed, 41. Seminal fluid, 42. Anoint (archaic), 43. Myopic, 45. Body, 49. Born as, 50. Embodiment, 53. Gist, 57. Contemplative, 59. A whitetail, 60. Kind of school, 61. Flamingo or heron, 62. Twin sister of Ares, 63. Container weight, 64. Begin, 65. Airhead.

Down
1. After-bath powder, 2. Pearly-shelled mussel, 3. Pigeon, 4. Lacking a signature, 5. Immature, 6. Found on a finger, 7. 54 in Roman numerals, 8. Angers, 9. Mountain pool, 10. Tapestry, 11. Glances, 12. Breathing problem, 13. Attempt again, 19. Banquet, 21. Vesicle, 25. Spring, 26. A single time, 27. Utilized, 28. Andean animal, 29. Admirer, 30. Roasters, 31. Beam, 34. Fuss, 35. Leer at, 36. Marsh plant, 38. Tiny, 39. Ignored, 41. Snob, 42. Anagram of "Sage", 44. Enclose, 45. Lure, 46. A drama set to music, 47. Equestrian, 48. Anagram of "Spite", 51. Mouths, 52. French for "State", 53. Always, 54. Roman emperor, 55. Cover with plaster, 56. At one time (archaic), 58. Actress Lupino.

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