

# Taliban Kidnap 8 Civilians from Wardak Mosque

MAIDAN SHAHR - Taliban abducted eight civilians from a mosque in central Maidan Wardak province, an official said on Thursday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that militants had abducted the men from Syed Abad district and shifted them to undisclosed location. The men were taken from a mosque when they were offering Tarawih prayers.



A local resident wishing not to be named said local elders decided two days ago that no one of the village would perform any anti-state or terrorist activity. The militants kidnapped the elders due to that agreement that reached among the village people, he added. Leading religious leaders and others in the area had started efforts for early release of the people, the governor spokesman said....(More on P4)...(22)

## US Army Sergeant Pleads Guilty to Bribery Conspiracy

WASHINGTON - A US Army Sergeant on Thursday pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bribery in connection with contracting for supplies while serving in Afghanistan, the Department of Justice said. Ramiro Pena, 43, of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, pleaded guilty to a one-count information charging him with conspiracy to commit bribery. Sentencing of Pena, who served in Afghanistan



from January 2008 to September 2009 is scheduled for October 15. On behalf of the Army, between June 2008 and March 2009, Pena and

his supervisor Jimmy Dennis entered into approximately 217 contracts for more than \$30 million. In his guilty plea, Pena admitted that he received money and jewelry from the vendors - primarily through Dennis - in return for Pena and Dennis taking action favorable to the vendors in connection with the HA Yard contracts. Specifically, Pena admitted that he received from the...

## Suicide Rate Spikes in Daikundi Province

NEILI - Regional Human Rights Commission statistics show that the suicide rate of has sharply increased in Daikundi province in recent weeks. The report indicates that in less than a week four cases of suicide in province have been recorded. The latest case was on Tuesday when a girl committed suicide in Shahrstan district in Daikundi province.



The 18 year-old girl whose identity has not been disclosed died after eating poison. It is believed she took her own life due to domestic violence. According to statistics, in the past year 47 women and girls

have attempted suicide. In addition to violence, Public Health officials cited forced marriage, often between pre-adolescent girls and adult men, as well as widespread illiteracy as the main challenges facing female Afghans that contribute to the startling rates of suicide. (Tolonwes)

## 3 Helmand Civilians Dead in ANSF, Taliban Clash

LASHKARGAH - At least 3 members of 2 families have been killed and four others wounded in exchange of gunfire between Afghan security forces and militants in Helmand province, an official said Friday. Mohammad Sharif Khan, Musa Kala district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News intense fight erupted between security forces and Taliban fighters in Kanra Manda area, which left one person dead and 3 others, two brothers and their sister wounded. A mortar shell hit a residential compound, which caused casual-



ties among civilians, he added. However, the district chief did not say who fired the rocket towards civilian population. Separately, Sharif said a hand-grenade went-off inside the home of Abdul Ghafoor, Afghan Local Police, which left his wife and daughter dead and his son injured. (Pajhwok)

## Prices of Essential Items Stay Unchanged in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of essential items remained unchanged during the outgoing week in the capital Kabul, market sources said on Thursday.



Fazal Rahman, the head of Food Traders Union, told Pajhwok Afghan News that a 50 kilograms of Pakistani flour was sold at 1,230 afghanis, 50 kilograms of Pakistani sugar 1,620af and 16 liters of Momin ghee 950af, the same prices of last week's. He said that 24-kg of rice cost 1,550af, one kilogram of African black tea 210af and the same quantity of Indonesian green tea 180af, registering no change. But a retailer in the Dahan-i-Bagh area of Kabul, Mahmud

Khan, sold a 50-kg bag of flour for 1,350af, a 50-kg sack of sugar for 1,800af and a 24-kg bag of rice for 1,800af. He sold a 16-liter tin of Momin ghee for 1,100af, a kilo of African black tea for 280af and the same quantity of Indonesian green tea for 260af -- higher than wholesale prices. The rates of fuel also remained steady....(More on P4)...(24)

## Intelligence Agents Capture 3 with Arms in Kunduz

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) arrested a mine planter and two others for weapons smuggling in northern Kunduz province, a statement from the spy-service said on Thursday.



Two individuals, who tried to transfer 10 rockets and hundreds rounds of bullets were seized from the men. The armaments were concealed in a car, the statement said. The detainees Samar Gul and Juma Gul were the residents of Chardara district. Separately, security officials ar-

rested Mir Dad aka Zargawi in the Gumbad village of Imam Sahib district. The individual was involved in planting mine when they were detained. (Pajhwok)

## Taliban's Supply Commander in North West Arrested

KABUL - The Taliban's supply commander for four north west provinces in Afghanistan has been detained by Faryab police, officials said Thursday. Faryab police media officer Sayed Massoud Yaqoubi confirmed the arrest and said that Mullah Mohammad Nabi was detained by Faryab police on Wednesday afternoon in Gurziwan district in Faryab province. "Mullah Mohammad Nabi son of Abdul Malik of Ghor province who had responsibility of Taliban's supply chain in Faryab, Badghis, Sar-e-Pul and Ghor provinces in Afghanistan has been arrested," Yaqoubi said.



According to Yaqoubi, Nabi also managed the Taliban's security in Chaharsada district in Ghor. Nabi was responsible for the murder of Chaharsada police chief and dozens of police officers and soldiers in Ghor, said Yaqoubi. Taliban yet to comment about the arrest. (Tolonews)

## Key Taliban Commander Apprehended in Faryab

MAIMANA - A key commander of the Taliban group has been arrested by police in northern Faryab province. Sayed Masoud Yaqoubi, spokesman for the provincial police headquarters said that Mullah Mohammad Nabi was arrested in the jurisdiction of Gurziwan District on

Wednesday. He said Mullah Nabi had the responsibility of supplying Taliban in four provinces. Yaqoubi said that Mullah Nabi is originally from Ghor province who had the responsibility of supplying Taliban in Ghor, Badghis, Sar-i-Pul and Faryab provinces.

According to Yaqoubi, Mullah Nabi was further more the security commander of Taliban in Chaharsada District of Ghor province who also had hand in the killing of the former police chief for this district and dozens of other soldiers in Ghor province. (KP)

## 7 Militants Killed in Sangin Offensive

LASHKARGAH - Seven militants were killed during an operation in the Sangin district of southern Helmand province, the Afghan military said on Thursday. In a statement, the 205 Maiwand military corps said the operation was conducted last night in the Amanullah Karez area. It said the slain fighters



included a prominent commander, Mullah Agha Jan.

Some weapons were also seized from the rebels, the statement said. The Taliban have not yet commented regarding the incident. However, the group's spokesman, Qari Yousaf Ahmadi, said a police commander, Adam Khan, and his guard were killed in a bomb attack in the Nawa district. (Pajhwok)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



Your inner life may be more complicated than it appears now, yet you don't want people to know just how much you're hiding. It's a lot simpler to participate socially if you downplay your unconventional interests. Restraining your impulsive behavior is wise today because your need for self-expression clashes with your current longing to build lasting relationships.

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



You may view your social commitments as obligations rather than fun. It's not that you won't have fun once you're in the company of friends; it's just that your sense of responsibility is in the spotlight while the Moon is shining in your 10th House of Public Life. You will soon forget about your resistance once you remember how much you enjoy spending time with those you love.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Even a strong dose of common sense may not be enough to keep you on task because you are easily captivated by every little sweet thing that comes along. But shiny objects aren't as alluring as brilliant ideas now, so it's harder to be motivated simply by the temptation of a good time. Thankfully, your friends are standing by today, ready to distract you with interesting diversions.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Expressing your feelings grows more challenging. Unfortunately, your fear of rejection might tempt you to quickly retreat to protect your feelings, especially if you find yourself in a deep discussion with an intimidating person. But even if you face the apparent resistance, your words may not flow easily at first because your emotions are still in flux.

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



You expect more from others than they're able to give today, increasing the likelihood of being let down by a close friend or family member. The problem is people seem to be out of touch with their feelings which makes them harder for you to read. If someone close to you appears to have lost his or her way, lend a sympathetic ear.

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



Most of the jobs you end up with are potential opportunities to experiment with a new approach. It's critical to know when to drop your eclectic idea or you could easily waste time seeking a breakthrough when the tried-and-true way is perfectly fine. Demonstrate your keen intelligence by choosing the most sensible method for the task. Although innovation is impressive when it works, sometimes the same old routine is the most reliable path.

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



Although you are eager for a play day, you're aware that the fun won't last forever. The social Aquarius Moon is hanging out in your 5th House of Fun and Games today, highlighting your need to be with your family and friends. However, you can already feel a heavier wave washing up on the shores of your life. Your chances for success are enhanced more by your attitude than anything else.

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



You're ready and able to shine your love light brightly today because you want to do your part to raise the vibration of the cosmos. However, avoiding the facts isn't a wise strategy; denial only sets you up to have your altruistic expectations dashed. Nevertheless, your willingness to assume the best results could act as a catalyst that opens previously closed doors.

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



You're not particularly interested in being the social director today; in fact, you really don't want to assume responsibility for nearly anything. Luckily, your world is chock full of amazing people and they each have something special to offer. You might assume it will be easy to find someone willing to pitch in and help your cause, but everyone could already be busy with their own plans.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You continue to be in touch with your softer side today, uncharacteristically wearing your heart on your sleeve. It's easier to relax your ambitious nature during holiday celebrations, but your current social savvy seems to go beyond the situation of the moment. Perhaps you're less afraid of being swept up in an emotional whirlwind because you feel as if your feet are firmly planted on solid ground.

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

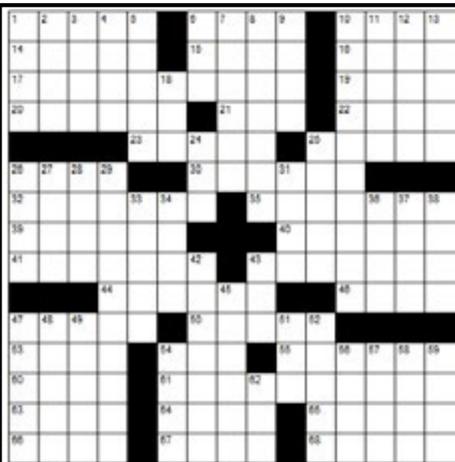


You might be certain that you can do everything today without any assistance from anyone else. Unfortunately, your confident defiance could lead to spreading yourself too thin, making it impossible to finish even the simplest chores. Don't lose sight of the practical realities that govern your life of you could miss out on the fun that's yours for the asking.

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



You may be on the fence about a significant personal issue because you can see it from both sides. Your current enthusiasm tempts you to say yes and jump wholeheartedly into a romantic relationship, a social event or a personal project. Meanwhile, the voice of reason is screaming no. Forcing a decision today will only require you to change your mind in the near future.



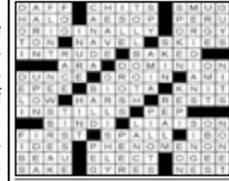
### Across

1. Oust politically, 6. Shock, 10. "Darn!", 14. Panic, 15. Chocolate cookie, 16. Hawkeye State, 17. Sitting on eggs, 19. Knife, 20. An armless couch, 21. French for "Summer", 22. Spring, 23. An Italian woman of rank, 25. Heart artery, 26. Stitches, 30. Courtyard, 32. Adulteress, 35. Slang for infantryman, 39. Not believable, 40. Chest, 41. Goddess of divine retribution, 43. Public toilet, 44. Persons, 46. Makes lace, 47. Lowest point, 50. Assistants, 53. Beasts of burden, 54. Ribonucleic acid, 55. Smooth, in music, 60. Frailty, 61. Deranged, 63. North American deer (plural), 64. Peddle, 65. Hawaiian veranda, 66. Not more, 67. Tall woody plant, 68. Strict.

### Down

1. Gave money, 2. Forearm bone, 3. Risqué, 4. Food, 5. Implant, 6. Scribble, 7. The far east, 8. Body suit, 9. Anagram of "Note", 10. Soreness, 11. Turbine part, 12. Expect, 13. Small drum, 18. Fuss, 24. Short sleep, 25. A quantity of no importance (archaic), 26. Render unconscious, 27. Sea eagle, 28. Nematode, 29. Drowsiness, 31. Greek letter, 33. Optical maser, 34. Hedgepodge, 36. Diva's solo, 37. Camber, 42. Wrench (British), 43. Directed, 45. At risk, 47. Book of fiction, 48. Axial, 49. Packs of playing cards, 51. L, 52. Aquatic mammals, 54. Iron oxide, 56. Annoying insect, 57. Skin disease, 58. Rip, 59. Norse god, 62. Beer.

### Yesterday's Solution



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