

Protesters Want Security Chiefs Fired

BAMYAN CITY - Over a thousand enraged protesters in central Bamyan province on Tuesday termed Jalrez carnage a war crime and demanded immediate sacking of interior and acting defence ministers. At least 30 militants and 24 Afghan Local Police (ALP) men were killed and 18 other rebels wounded in Kabul-Bamyan Highway clashes in central Maidan Wardak province on Friday. The ALP force also lost control



of 12 security posts. However, security officials had said Afghan forces regained control of all 12 posts in Jalrez district. Over 3,000 protesters started march from Jami Masjid and chanted anti Taliban slogans and condemned the president and interior minister. Members of the provincial Ulama Council, civil society activists and Bamyan citizens took part in the rally. A couple of days back, hundreds of ... (More on P4)...(19)

Butkhak Residents Extended Power Connections

KABUL - Hundreds of families in the Bagrami district of Kabul province were provided electricity connections, spreading a wave of happiness. Government and local elders took part in the inauguration ceremony for the power supply to residents of Butkhak locality. The government had earlier announced extending electricity connections to Butkhak residents, a promise met on Tuesday after a months-long delay. Rais Ahmadzai, a resident, told Pajhwok Afghan News under the scheme 2,800 families of Kochiabad area would be provided electricity, a process formally launched today with installation



of electricity meters. He said the facility would bring happiness and more development to the area. Haji Kiftan, a tribal elder, said electricity was an important invention of today's developed era, but it was unfortunate still people lived without electricity even in capital Kabul. (Pajhwok)

16 Million Textbooks to be Printed: Balkhi

KABUL - The Ministry of Education on Tuesday signed a contract of printing 16 million textbooks with three foreign companies in the next four months. Education Minister Asadullah Hanif Balkhi said in a ceremony the books were for primary, intermediate and secondary schools. The procurement process for the 16 million books, he added, had been completed before his appointment and only signing of the contracts were



remaining. One of the contracting companies is from Vietnam while the two others are from India. The books would

be printed with financial assistance of Denmark at a cost of \$5.5 millions, Balkhi noted, adding Denmark had helped education ministry with infrastructure and capacity building. He said three million more books— funded by the World Bank (WB)— were currently being printed in India. Uffe Wolffhechel, Danish Ambassador to Kabul, said his country was providing \$80 million in assistance to Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

Zabul Police Claim Seizing Large Amount of Narcotics

QALAT - Police officials on Tuesday claimed seizing hundreds of kilograms of hashish in southern Zabul province. Counternarcotics director Maj. Sardar Mohammad Hotak told Pajhwok Afghan News police seized 300 kilograms of hashish in Kharwarian area on the outskirts of Qalat, the capital of Zabul. Two alleged smugglers were also arrested in connection to the drug trafficking, he said. The contraband was skillfully hidden in two compartment of a vehicle but was seized during a police search, he said, saying driver of the tractor said the contraband was being smuggled to Kandahar province. (Pajhwok)

6 Militants, Policeman Killed in Faryab, Jawzjan

MAIMANA / SHIBERGHAN - A policeman and six militants have been killed in separate incidents of violence in northern Faryab and Jawzjan provinces, officials said on Tuesday. Four militants were killed by Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers during an operation in the Qaisar district of northern Faryab



province, a spokesman for the 209th Shahin Military Corps, Maj. Raza Raza, told Pajhwok Afghan News. In

the same district's Chehal Gazi area, another two insurgents were killed ... (More on P4)...(23)

Divorce Rate Continues to Increase in Nimroz

ZARANJ - "My husband pulled out my hairs and smashed me on the ground without any known reason, leaving me injured. I am tired of leading life with him and I want to separate my ways with him," wailing Nasrin, a resident of Zaranj, the capital of southwestern Nimroz province said. Nasrin 20 who had been married three years ago recalled

that her life was going well with her husband in the first years but interference by her mother-in-law and others made her life miserable. "My mother-in-law incites my husband to beat and harass me," Nasrin said, adding she was not even allowed to switch on a fan of the room. She claimed she was behaving in a good manner with her in-laws but she wondered why



they behaved harshly with her. She recalled that her husband severely beaten her last week and ... (More on P4)...(20)

Helmand Farmers Say Incurred Losses in Watermelons

LASHKARGAH - Farmers in southern Helmand province on Tuesday complained they incurred losses in watermelons due to a disorganised market and accepting bribes by Municipality officials. Abdul Bari, a farmer from Nawa district, told Pajhwok

Afghan News his watermelon crop had already been affected by squash bugs while several people in the market demanded money and share in income under various pretexts. He said there existed a number of powerful individuals in the watermelon market and

they did not allow farmers to sell their produce to buyers from Kabul on their own. He said the Municipality charged farmers with heavy money as tax. Another grower from the same district, Haji Shamir, criticised the ... (More on P4)...(21)

Attack on NDS Office Leaves one Dead

KABUL - An office of National Directorate of Security (NDS) was attacked Tuesday afternoon in Police District (PD) 8 of capital Kabul, leaving one service member killed and another one injured. The incident happened about 2 p.m. when one of the three insurgents having suicide vests strapped on their bodies detonated an explosives-laden motorbike near an office of NDS, said Kabul Police Chief Abdul Rahman Rahimi. The two other would-be suicide bombers were gunned down by the forces before they reach their goal to storm the compound, he added. The explosion came only few hours after a ... (More on P4)...(22)

Suicide Car Bomb Hits Foreign Troops Convoy in Kabul

KABUL - A suicide car bomb has reportedly hit a convoy of foreign troops Tuesday in Kabul, officials said. The blast took place in Shah Shahid area of Kabul when a vehicle belonging to foreign forces was passing by the area. The Kabul Police Chief confirmed the attack and said only one foreigner and an



Afghan civilian were killed in the bombing. But eyewitnesses told TOLONews that five people were injured in the blast. (Tolonews)

Senior Daesh Commander Killed in Air Strike

KABUL - Deputy Commander of Daesh fighters in Afghanistan was killed in a drone strike on Monday, Afghan intelligence officials told TOLONews. Gull Zaman, the group's number 2 in Afghanistan, was killed along with his deputy, Jahanyar, in a drone strike of foreign forces in Achin district of eastern Nangarhar, said the National Directorate of Security (NDS). Zaman's killing was confirmed by the special unit of joint security institutions recently formed to counter Daesh affiliates in Afghanistan, NDS spokesman Haseeb Sediqi told TOLONews. "Based on our information, Daesh's number two in ... (More on P4)...(25)

Sharan Square Named after Martyred Afghan Soldier

SHARAN - A square in southeastern Paktika has been named after a martyred border police officer Najibullah who died in exchange of fire with Pakistani military in the border area some days back, an official said. Some days back, one Afghan border police commander and eight Pakistani soldiers were killed in an overnight exchange of cross-border fire in the Angoor Adda locality ... (More on P4)...(24)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

No matter how busy your schedule is, it's time to stop and reassess your current trajectory. Although the impetuous Aries Moon can trick you into thinking you should just bolt ahead, you might end up missing what's right in front of your nose. Instead of wasting your energy starting projects that lead nowhere, visualize your final destination and create a viable plan to achieve your dreams.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might not feel very motivated today, even if you know fulfilling your obligations should be your top priority. You're lost in your own dream world, which isn't necessarily a bad thing if it doesn't keep you from accepting responsibility for your actions. It's tricky to determine your limits on your own now, but it's possible to still find time to relax in between meeting your commitments.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You're ready to say yes to nearly anything today. Fortunately, the enterprising Aries Moon sparks your enthusiasm to deliver on a promise. However, you might inadvertently deceive yourself if you don't take time to consciously separate the facts from the fantasies. This temporary lack of clarity doesn't mean that you should say no to an intriguing opportunity or an enticing invitation.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your personal growth may be impeded by a few obstacles now and it's time to face these lingering issues once and for all. The most effective way to overcome your internal resistance is to get creative about reaching your goals. Cerebral Mercury's shift into your inner-directed sign strengthens your ability to direct your thoughts.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Conflicting voices in your head are giving you very different advice today. One is telling you that life is beautiful and you should seize this lovely opportunity to indulge your fantasies. But the voice of maturity warns that the pursuit of pleasure isn't a wise option now. You have too much work to do and there's no time to slack off.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Opportunities are knocking loudly at your door today as messenger Mercury enters your 11th House of Long-Term Goals. Nevertheless, achieving your objectives requires more time than you prefer. Even if you envision minor problems ahead, take a chance and go after what you want anyhow. Just make sure you're not missing any important details that could trip you up later on.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your expectations may be outrageously unrealistic while sexy Mars trines surreal Neptune. It's one thing to use dreams as a source of inspiration, but you need to exercise caution or you could set yourself up for disappointment. Your flexible attitude enables you to easily accommodate changes in other people's plans that impact yours, but it still might be hard to get motivated now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You can't wait to manifest the big ideas you have planned for the day, but everything seems to move very slow. Your frustration could complicate matters unless you consciously choose to accept delays that are out of your control. Fortunately, you can set a positive spin on your life by realigning your expectations and acknowledging that you might not finish everything on schedule.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Constraining your excitement about what you hope to accomplish is difficult, but the day's events require you to tone down your initial enthusiasm just a notch. Your intentions may be honorable, but you might discover that you have bitten off more than you can chew now. Your restlessness could even lead you to partake in indulgences today that won't help your cause.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

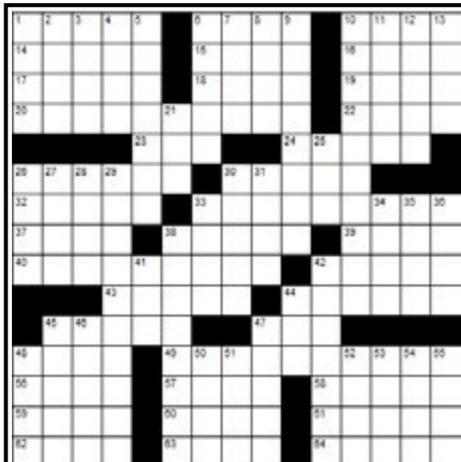
Your modus operandi is to rely on your common sense to guide you along the most efficient path. But you are uncharacteristically inclined to stray off course today as you imagine all the enjoyable activities you could be spending your time on, instead. Nevertheless, consider where you want to be in the long run and develop a concrete plan to reach your destination.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Finding the physical stamina necessary to complete your chores is challenging. Your attention meanders off into fantasyland, leaving you feeling lost in space. You might even convince yourself that you can let the day slide by without doing much of anything at all. Nevertheless, you're capable of busting through the fog and emerging a hero, but it will require both intention and discipline.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're trying to build a bridge to your dreams step by step, one stone at a time. Although the ground beneath your feet is not as solid as you wish, a well-constructed foundation will be strong enough to support you, anyhow. You are inflating your visions of the future today, like a child blows up a balloon. Unfortunately, it's nearly impossible to determine rational limits now.



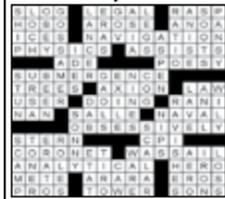
Across

- 1. Plank, 6. Feudal worker, 10. Droop, 14. Laneway, 15. Midday, 16. Midmonth date, 17. Ascended, 18. Found on a finger, 19. An escape of water, 20. Australian kingfisher, 22. Fathers, 23. Japanese apricot, 24. Bobbins, 26. Thwart, 30. Type of drill, 32. Light purple, 33. Appearing every year, 37. Biblical garden, 38. Sensational, 39. Border, 40. Resembling a demagogue, 42. Small islands, 43. Gander, 44. Judge, 45. The common people, 47. Stir, 48. Operatic solo, 49. Graniteware, 56. Explosive device, 57. What a person is called, 58. Districts, 59. Wicked, 60. Not odd, 61. Mountain lakes, 62. French for "Head", 63. Fender blemish, 64. Lyric poem.

Down

- 1. Dog sound, 2. Hodgepodge, 3. As well, 4. Stink, 5. Impulsive, 6. Boredom, 7. Fly high, 8. French for "Black", 9. Magnified, 10. Woodland, 11. Something to shoot for, 12. Conducts, 13. Sounds of disapproval, 21. Spelling contest, 25. Poetic dusk, 26. Toboggan, 27. It ebbs and flows, 28. The original matter, 29. Controllable, 30. Eagle's nest, 31. Relating to urine, 33. Dwarf breed dogs, 34. Doing nothing, 35. How old we are, 36. No more, 38. Not tightened, 41. Mouth (British slang), 42. Set apart, 44. Citrus drink, 45. Demonstrate, 46. Circumscribe, 47. Catkin, 48. Assist in crime, 50. Central area of a church, 51. So be it, 52. Envelop, 53. Relating to aircraft, 54. South African monetary unit, 55. Being.

Yesterday's Solution



bagel, barge, beds, bleed, blight, boast, bonus, brink, center, cheese, dance, difference, equip, extra, fetter, flake, formidable, hinder, honey, instance, maple, obstruct, opinion, origin, pepper, reward, rice, speak, special, stare, teat, torque, valve, veer, wedding.

