

Income from Public Car Park Goes to Private Pockets

PUL-I-ALAM - Residents say private individuals are receiving income from a parking facility in front of the police headquarters in the capital of central Logar province.

The parking facility was built on a government's land two years ago in front of the police HQ in Pul-i-Alam. Logar's acting mayor Eng. Syed Agha Sadat told Pajhwok Afghan News the municipality had established only two car parks in the city.

"The car park in front of the police building does not belong to us. Its in-



come is not given to us. It is an illegal facility," he said.

He said he did not know who received the park's income, but said they had sent a number of official letters to the police headquarters about the park, but could not receive a positive response.

The car park is built on a plain land in front of the police building and a barbed wire is put around it. A wooden booth is placed at the entrance to the car park. A man named Ashiqullah sits... (More on P6)...(19)

3 Policemen Dead in Taliban Attack

FARAH CITY - Three policemen have been killed in militants attack in the Jawin district of western Farah province, a resident of locality said on Wednesday.

According to Farnarz the slain policemen were tasked to secure a road construction project.

They came under the rebels attack late on Tuesday in Kora Gaz locality. Local Hospital Chief Abdul Hakim Rsouli said the bodies of policemen had been evacuated to the hospital.

The Taliban have not commented about the incident.(Pajhwok)

Tajikistan Nationals Arrested Before Joining ISIS in Afghanistan

JALALABAD - Two Tajikistan nationals were arrested before they manage to join the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) loyalists in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said two individuals were arrested from Bati Kot district. According to a statement by NDS, the two men have been identified as Ehsanullah and Asim who were accompanied by two other individuals identified as Rahmullah and Hussain hailing originally from the Parwan province of Afghanistan.

NDS further added that the men were looking to join the loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group in Syria.

This comes as the Ministry of Defense (MoD) earlier said Chechens, Punjabis, Arabs, Uzbeks, Uyghur and other foreign terrorists are actively participating in the war in Afghanistan and are continuously killing innocent Afghan civilians.

MoD said the regional intelligence agencies and terrorist groups are imposing on the Afghan nation and have a critical role in the ongoing violence in the country.

According to MoD, the terrorists are deployed to Afghanistan with full financial and military support under the name of holy war.(KP)

13 Rebels Dead in Nangarhar Airstrikes, Offensive

JALABAND - At least 13 Taliban, including four Pakistani, have been killed and 14 others wounded during airstrike and ground offensive in the Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar Province, an official said on Wednesday.

Police Spokesman Lt. Col. Hazrat Hussin Mashriqwal told Pajhwok Afghan News the airstrikes carried out Tuesday night in the Sri Ghondi locality. He did not go into more details about the clash but a resident said a 12-year-old child was killed due to the Taliban firing in the area.



Governor's Spokesman Attaullah Khogyani confirmed four Pakistanis were among the dead insurgents. He said the militants fired a missile on civilians' house that killed a child. Security forces suffered no casualties, according to officials.

Separately, the Taliban commander Abrhim famous by Mustafa has been arrested with three more militants in Ghani Khilo district by personnel of National Directorate of Security (NDS), a statement from the Spy-Network said.(Pajhwok)

Security Officials Among 8 Dead in Ghor Firefight

FEROZKOH - Two security personnel have been killed and seven others wounded in a Taliban attack on police checkpoints in western Ghor province, an official said on Wednesday. Deputy police chief Col. Mohammad Zaman Azimi told Pajhwok Afghan News the rebels stormed the posts in Shah Togh locality, 30 kilometres north of Ferozkoh, at 03:00am. Six Taliban were also killed in the hour-long clash, he said, adding security officials recaptured a tank that had been snatched earlier by the insurgents.



Azimi said The Taliban planned and organised the group attack in Ghelman and Morghab areas, which have been under their control for the past few years. The militants have launched several assaults from these areas. A security official, who was injured in the attack and evacuated to hospital, said the Taliban assaulted army and Public Order Police posts in the area and fighting was underway until early morning.(Pajhwok)

Pakistanis Fight Under Daesh Flag in Koot: Local Officials

JALALABAD - Local officials in the Koot district of eastern province of Nangarhar say the majority of Daesh fighters operating in the area are Pakistani nationals under command of Pakistan's Intelligence Service (ISI).

They said that other insurgents are from Arab countries, Russia, Tajikistan and Chechnya.

TOLOnews correspondent Sharif Amiri who has visited Koot, says that Daesh militants have set ablaze dozens of homes in Koot. More than 500 families have so far been evacuated from their native areas to escape Daesh repression.

Sources say that more than 150 Daesh fighters are currently fighting 600 government troops... (More on P6)...(20)

7 Taliban Fighters Killed in Kunduz Operation

KUNDUZ CITY - At least seven Taliban insurgents were killed and three others were wounded in a military operation in northern Kunduz province on Tuesday, 20th Pamir Army Division said in a statement on Wednesday.

The operation was launched in Chahardara district in the province against the insurgents where the security forces recovered a number of weapons, the statement added.

The statement did not provide more details about the operation. This comes after 12 Taliban fighters were arrested in a joint military operation conducted by Afghan and foreign troops Chahardara two days ago.(Tolonews)

Afghanistan Hopes to Play Bilateral Series in India

NEW DEHLI - Afghanistan are attempting to have more One-Day International (ODI) cricket fixtures leading into September 2017 cut-off for 2019 World Cup qualification by proposing annual bilateral games against India and teams touring the country starting from next year.

"If we sign the MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) which we sent to India, potentially Afghanistan Cricket Board will be in a better position than where we are right



now, scheduling ODIs with India and scheduling ODIs with teams travelling to India on an annual basis," ACB Chief Executive Shafiq Stanikzai was quoted as saying by ESPN Cricinfo on Wednesday.

"But still it will be bilateral ties. If a travelling team to India wants to play us in India, it is totally up to them." Stanikzai also said he... (More on P6)...(21)

9 Suspects Arrested on Drug, Alcohol Smuggling Charges

KABUL - The Criminal Justice Task Force (CJTF) on Wednesday said nine people involved in drug and alcohol smuggling had been detained in different parts of the country.

A statement from CJTF received by Pajhwok Afghan News said the individuals were detained in three smuggling cases. The detainees are currently under investigation.

The smugglers were held with 568 kilograms of opium, 576,500 kilograms of solid chemicals, 294 litres of liquid chemicals, 212kg of alcoholic beverages, 70,000 afghanis, 5,000 Pakistani rupees, six weapons and nine mobile phone sets.

It added 891 bullets, three hand grenades and two vehicles were also seized as a result of the operations in the capital Kabul, Herat and Baghlan provinces. The CJTF appellant court has decided 79 cases involving 121 accused, including two public servants and eight women, during the past four months. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You might believe that revealing your emotional secrets today will put everything on the right track for your relationship goals. However, your desires may not hold much interest for others as they wrestle with their own set of issues. Instead of just putting on a show to express your feelings, step back and reassess the big picture first.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You spend much of the day in a dreamy reverie until someone or something shocks you back into reality. But you might not be ready to return to your mundane chores; after all, your fantasies contain much more intrigue and fascination. The enchantment with inner realms is very compelling now but your work continues to pile up. There's no easy resolution to your two voices.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your workmates may opt to keep a safe distance from you today because of your uncharacteristic single-mindedness. Your current obsession is both a blessing and a curse now. Once you find your groove, you will be able to stay in it for a while, adding to your overall efficiency. But don't get lost in the details since they can distract you from the main event.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You're not a fan of instability, especially when it impacts your career path. You are traveling on one trajectory at work, only to discover it isn't as smooth as you anticipated. Unfortunately, you might be uncertain as to where your life is heading now. You can wait until something happens and then try to make the best of it.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You are trying to fly beneath the radar today, but grow increasingly motivated to come out of hiding. Ironically, as challenging as it is to dream out loud, you might not be able to stop once your imagination starts rolling. Thankfully, your closest allies rally around your cause, encouraging you to develop your best ideas even further.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Your fixed position on a controversial subject can land you in hot water with your friends today. Nevertheless, you're so emotionally charged now that you're not likely to revise your thinking, even if the facts support a different conclusion. However, you can start to overcome your fear of change by becoming more aware of it. Ultimately, it's more painful to stay stuck with no way to escape the status quo.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You like the idea of hanging out with people who are free spirits. But the uninhibited actions of a friend could frustrate you to no end today. You are not comfortable when others won't play by the rules because you can't trust them to stay on script. There's a time and place for personal expression, but it only adds to your anxiety now. Sometimes, even the simplest problems evade resolution until you are focusing on something else.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You could find yourself in the middle of an intense but illuminating debate about your future and what's ahead for humanity in general. But perhaps your discussion is taking place entirely within your own head today. Unfortunately, you won't get a fresh perspective until you engage with others in an open-ended debate.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Too many job-related constraints prevent you from exploring more radical expressions of your wanderlust. Unfortunately, you've been withholding your feelings long enough to fuel an impulsive emotional outburst. Although clearing the air can help to move the energy along, it's wiser to bring your ideas out into the open in a less abrasive manner. Moderation will help you accomplish what extremism cannot.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You prefer to sidestep passionate discussions, but people still seem driven to take conversations into sensitive territories today. You're not eager to discover and disarm emotional landmines because this process distracts you from more mundane priorities. But don't be so resistant to explore your feelings now. Sigmund Freud, the father of depth psychology taught, "Unexpressed emotions will never die.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Complex political maneuverings at work add stress to your life now. You're unsure how to position yourself in the fluctuating dynamics because there are pieces of the current situation you simply don't understand. Unfortunately, as long as you focus on untangling the external circumstances today, you won't find a solution.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



People don't necessarily see your compassionate side today because they are distracted by your exemplary performance at work. You possess all the right moves now and can dazzle others with your fancy footwork. But you know better than anyone that there are more important things than putting on a good show. You want to make a positive impact that has an enduring effect after your song and dance routine is over.

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Down

- Suspires, 2. Shaft, 3. Blockade, 4. South southeast, 5. Arch of the foot, 6. Engine, 7. Godsend, 8. Unsettling, 9. East southeast, 10. Renowned, 11. Scaremongers, 12. A female domestic, 13. Sea eagle, 18. Area of South Africa, 22. German for "Mister", 24. Matured, 26. Pay attention to, 28. Rink, 29. Contends, 30. Catch a glimpse of, 31. Poop, 32. Emanation, 33. Time intervals, 34. An enzyme from pineapples, 37. Snare, 38. Figure (out), 40. Snob, 41. Civet-like mammal, 43. Cantankerous, 44. Female sibling, 46. Defrost, 47. Ancient Roman magistrate, 48. Deceive, 49. Tall woody plants, 50. Blackthorn, 51. Magma, 53. Not closed, 56. Consumer Price Index, 57. Delay.

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