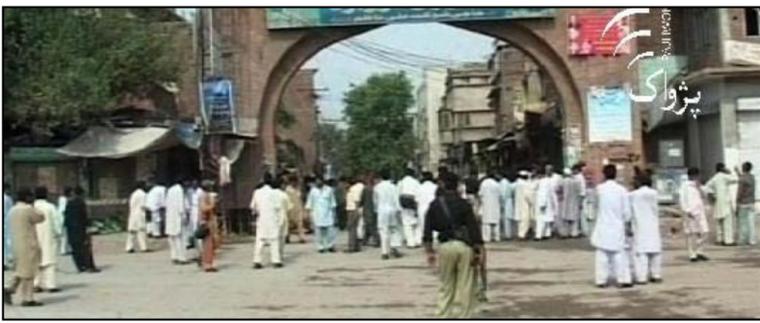


Houses Vacated by Afghans Demolished in Jamrud

PESHAWAR - At least 10 houses vacated by unregistered Afghan families have been demolished in Pakistan's tribal region of Khyber, a news report said on Saturday.

The political administration razed the houses in the Malagori area of Jamrudsub-district, where notices were served on another 35 Afghan families to leave the area by Saturday (today). Dawn quoted unnamed local officials as saying 43 Afghan families left for their country via the Torkham border on Thursday when the deadline they



had been given to leave Malagori expired.

The move to demolish the houses was meant to discourage the undocumented families returning the area. A number of illegal Afghans have come back to different parts of Khyber after being expelled from their houses recently. More than 1,000 Afghan refugees are residing in the area illegally. The demolition operation will continue on Saturday (today), according to Jamrud Assistant Political Agent Saiful Islam. (Pajhwok)

Abducted Red Crescent Doctors Freed in Northern Afghanistan



SAR-E-PUL - Three doctors working for the Afghan Red Crescent Society who were abducted by militants in northern Afghanistan have been freed.

Zabihullah Amani, a spokesman for the governor of Sar-e Pul Province, said on July 16 that tribal elders and Afghan security forces worked together to free the doctors. Amani said the three had been seized by militants on July 14 while they were "providing medical assistance to villagers" near the village of Ahoo in the province's Sayaad district.

The Afghan Red Crescent Society provides health-care services to remote areas and villages where there is no access to medical clinics. (Agencies)

Increasing Highway Robberies Irk Khanshin Residents

LASHKARGAH - Some residents of the Khanshin district of southern Helmand province say they are concerned about increasing robberies involving individuals clad in police uniform.

In order to lodge their protest with the authorities, the Khanshin residents on Saturday arrived in the provincial capital Lashkargah.

One of them, Abdul Mohammad, told Pajhwok Afghan News armed robberies had been taking place on the Khanshin-Lashkargah highway over the past 10 years, but the robberies had signifi-



cantly increased recently. "Sometimes these robbers are clad in police uniform, they threaten people with death who lack money," said Mohammad, who added local residents were fed up with the robberies.

He said if the govern-

Child, Woman Dead in Paktia Clash After Attacks on Security Posts

GARDEZ - Two civilians have been killed and five people, including security personnel, wounded during a clash in the Zazai Aryub district of south-eastern Paktia province, officials said on Saturday.

Zazai Aryub police chief, Mamoor Hassan, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the insurgents launched attacks on security posts near the district centre around 4am.

He said the clash continued for two hours, leaving a woman and a child dead and two civilians and three soldiers wounded. He accused the Taliban of killing civilians. The militants also suffered casualties, Has-



san said without giving exact figures.

Noor Jamal, a resident of the area, confirmed the clash close to the district centre. "It was early morning when heavy and light gunfire erupted, lasting several hours."

Taliban have not yet comment on the incident in Zazai Aryub, sharing a border with Pakistan and located 80 kilometres from Gardez -- the provincial capital. (Pajhwok)

Uruzgan's Capital: 2 Killed As Shops Roofs' Cave in

TIRINKOT - Two people, including an eight-year-old child, were killed and as many wounded when the roofs of two shops collapsed in the provincial capital's bazaar in central Uruzgan province on Saturday.

The incident that took place in the Tirinkot bazaar was triggered by digging work for a new adjacent market building, a resident of the city, Jamaluddin, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said two persons were killed and another two were wounded in the incident. Civil hospital director in Tirinkot, Dr. Niaz Mohammad Ziyarjal, told Pajhwok Afghan News that they had been delivered two dead bodies and as many injured persons. (More on P4)...(20)

Policeman Killed, Woman Wounded in Bagrami Explosion

KABUL - One person was killed and two others were wounded in a bomb blast in the Bagrami district of Kabul on Saturday, an official said.

Col. Faridoon Obaidi, crime branch chief for the 101st Asmayee Police Zone, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion happened in Hussainkhal area at 7am.

He said one policeman was killed and two other people, including a woman, were injured when their pickup was hit by a roadside bomb. Police have launched an investigation.

No group has so far claimed responsibility, but the government often blames the Taliban for such attacks. (Pajhwok)

3 Children Killed over Inheritance Dispute in Balkh

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Three children were killed in what police said on Saturday a violent family dispute over an inheritance in northern Balkh province.

The children aged 6 and 10 years old were killed by their cousin on Friday evening in Chil Dokhtar area of Dehdad district, police spokesman Sher Jan Durrani told Pajhwok Afghan News. He



said the killer had been arrested and was currently under interrogation. A resident of the area, Hajji Jabbar, said the cousins had a dispute over land inheritance, which led to the deaths. (Pajhwok)

Fire Incident Reported in Key Diplomatic Area of Kabul City

KABUL - A massive fire has swept through a key diplomatic area of Kabul city earlier tonight with the exact location yet to be confirmed.

Numerous footage and pictures of the incident have appeared online which purportedly shows the incident has taken place in Shash Darak area of the city. The area is home to numerous diplomatic and foreign missions including the US Embassy and a military base used by the NATO-led Resolute Support mission.

Preliminary reports suggest an under construction hotel building has caught fire near the embassy compound in Masood Square. The security sources have not commented regarding the incident so far. (KP)

Airstrikes Kill 20 Militants

LASHKAR GAH - Up to 20 Taliban militants were killed as aircraft targeted their hideouts in parts of the restive Helmand province Friday night, spokesman for the provincial government Omar Zawak said Saturday.

"Acting upon intelligence reports, the aircrafts targeted Taliban hideout in Khashkaba area outside provincial capital Lashkar Gah late Friday night, killing 14 rebels on the spot," Zawak told Xinhua.

Six more militants, according to the official, were killed in Marja district the same night.

Taliban militants who have been challenging the government forces in Helmand province over the past couple of years, haven't commented. (Xinhua)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

Changes on the home front create tension, challenging you to keep up your normal routine. But maintaining a cheerful attitude is tough if you feel stuck with nowhere to go. On one hand, you've had enough; your impatience is reaching a crescendo. On the other hand, the Sun's smooth trine with action-hero Mars in your 8th House.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

You are torn between your urge to hold on tight and your impulse to break free today. The Sun's dynamic square with radical Uranus can make you feel queasy with uncertainty. A simple statement might trigger strong reactions and trusting others is difficult when you're not sure where you stand yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Successfully maneuvering your way through recently troubled waters brings greater freedom of expression and potential financial rewards. Complex issues around money and its influence on personal relationships may be overwhelming today. But rather than seeking quick solutions, make changes in your daily routine that can continue to have significant impact well into the future.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your self-esteem will grow today if you fight for what you think is yours. But win or lose, a shocking Sun-Uranus square opens your eyes, radically alters your perspective and could even turn your life in an entirely different direction. You might find yourself in a conflict with people in power over you, or if you're the one in authority, with those below you.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

The magnitude of recent changes becomes readily apparent today as shifting circumstances require you to let go of a feeling that ties you to the past. Respond with a touch of caution because your nerves are stretched tight as the Sun squares uncontainable Uranus in your 9th House of Beliefs.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your rebellious attitude puts others on notice that you're no longer willing to play by their arbitrary rules. Reactionary Uranus dynamically squares the Sun in your 11th House of Social Networking, prompting you to take action today, even if your behavior could disrupt your plans with your friends. However, the winds of change are blowing in your direction, ensuring a smooth transition as long as you're honest about your feelings from the start.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Unpredictable transits can turn your life upside down now, yet they also embolden you to make impressive positive changes. Although a personal relationship may be the designated battlefield today, the real issue is your growing need for independence and your reluctance to reveal what you truly want. Even if you're not sure about the consequences of your words, others will respect you for having the courage to speak up.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

Your life seems like a multiple-choice exam that has many correct answers. However, you must choose one response now even if you wish you had more time to make up your mind. The Sun's dynamic square to spontaneous Uranus in your 6th House of Logistics tempts you to overreact.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)

It's easy to be grumpy today because an early morning Moon-Saturn conjunction in your sign frowns upon pleasure. But an electrifying Sun-Uranus square provokes your spontaneous reactions or acts like a lightning rod to attract the same. Nevertheless, this dynamic aspect indicates that your tenacity could pay off with an unexpected breakthrough at the last minute.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

Conflict and confusion lurk at the edges of your perceptions today as unconventional Uranus squares the Sun in your 7th House of Partnerships. If someone pressures you to change, your smartest strategy is to stay calm while the insecurities and odd behaviors of others intensify. Luckily, reclaiming your peaceful center allows you to demonstrate your value as a caring and competent friend or colleague in a time of crisis.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

You may need to fight in order to advance your interests, especially if your agenda clashes with someone else's plans. But exciting events provoke you to rebel against rules and break with tradition. Innumerable trivial issues require your attention; however, saving a chunk of time to reassess major long-term goals is more important today.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Relationships might take an unexpected twist today as an irrepresible Sun-Uranus square hits your 5th House of Love and Romance. A thrilling surprise or a sudden disappointment can catch you off guard either way. Fortunately, you possess the tools to come out on top in both scenarios as long as you're adaptable and prepared to change your plans at a moment's notice. Like a willow tree, it's better to bend than break.

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Down

1. Hindu princess, 2. Distinctive flair, 3. Narrow opening, 4. Ripped, 5. Celebrities, 6. Most dependable, 7. Series of small waterfalls, 8. Backside, 9. Sewing tool, 10. Corresponding, 11. Coming up, 12. Fine thread, 13. Unsuccessful person, 21. A lot, 25. Overhang, 26. Palm starch, 27. Dwarf buffalo, 28. Fishing poles, 29. Accusation of wrongdoing, 34. Medical analyses, 36. Bucket, 37. Hotels, 38. A romantic meeting, 40. Brother of Jacob, 42. Nautical miles, 45. A tunic of chain mail, 48. Sleeping sickness carrier, 51. Divided, 52. Armistice, 53. Moses' brother, 55. Academy award, 58. Drudgery, 59. French Sudan, 60. Historical periods, 61. Make out (slang), 62. Sounds of disapproval.

Yesterday's Solution

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