

Rebel Training Centre in Imam Sahib Threatens Entire Kunduz

KUNDUZ CITY - Insurgents have established a centre in the Imam Sahib district of northern Kunduz province, training suicide bombers and making explosives, residents claim. The residents say the government should to quickly act to demolish the training centre which they say poses a serious security threat to the provincial capital, Kunduz City. Taj Mohammad, one of the residents of Imam Sahib, confirmed the Taliban had established a training centre in the district to train suicide bombers and



plan other activities. He said the centre was exactly located in Jangal locality and asked security forces to launch an offensive targeting the facility. Sher Mohammad, an elder of the area, termed the existence of the militant training centre as dangerous and said it posed threat to the security of the entire province. He said security officials were aware of the centre and they had assured the people of launching an operation to dismantle the... (More on P4)...(19)

Taliban Allow Schools, Clinics to Operate in Khoshamand

SHARANA - The residents of Khoshamand district of southeastern Paktika province say the Taliban have allowed the construction of schools and health clinics in the district ending their 14-year opposition to the development of the two key sectors. The residents of Khoshamand remained deprived of education and health facilities for the past 14 years due to Taliban's opposition. A resident of the town, Syed Noor Abidi, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Taliban were in control of most parts of the district, with the government con-



trolling a small part. He said the government only controlled the district centre and the rest of the district was under Taliban influence. "The Taliban in the Deli area have established their own district headquarters, municipality and other departments

War-Induced Misfortunes Chase Jawzjan Family into Balkh

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - A resident of northern Jawzjan province, Mohammad Jan, migrated to neighbouring Balkh province fleeing insecurity in his hometown, but he lost his four family members here. Actual resident of Faizabad district of Jawzjan, the 60-year-old Mohammad Jan arrived in Balkh along with his extended family 15 years ago due to insecurity and lawlessness in their own area. He told Pajhwok Afghan News in an interview that during the past 15 years he spent in Balkh, he lost four family members including a son and three



nephews due to the conflict. Three of the slain individuals were police. Jan said the past 15 years snatched away all joys from his life and left him struggling with chronic economic problems. During the period, he said, the government had extended him little help. "Powerful individuals

have seized my own land in my ancestral village and their atrocities forced us to migrate to Balkh." He said they migrated to Balkh because they feared for their lives, but he lost four family members here. He said the government had extended him insufficient... (More on P4)...(21)

Heavy Rainfall, Floods Destroy Homes, Crops in Kunar

ASADABAD - Triggered by heavy rainfall, the overnight flash floods destroyed a mosque, 16 hoses and hundreds acres of standing crops in the Narai, Wata Pur districts and Asadabad, the capital of eastern Kunar province, an official said on Sunday. Ghulam Ali Subat, the Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority (ANDAMA) director for Kunar, said the flash inflicted huge property and crops loss to the people. He, however, said no casualties had been inflicted to the people in the floods. According to Subat survey about the losses had been launched in flood hit areas to assess the losses and help the deserving families. (Pajhwok)

Minor Girl Succumbs to Wounds, 5 Hurt in Ghazni Blast

GHAZNI CITY - A girl has succumbed to her wounds in hospital and five other people, including four children, were wounded in a landmine explosion in the Andar district of southern Ghazni province, an official said on Sunday. The provincial police chief, Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkehl, told Pajhwok Afghan News the landmine blast took place late on Saturday in the Nazrawal locality of the district. Six members of a family were the apparent target. A man, his three daughters and two sons, who were travelling in a tractor to their farms, were injured when their vehicle struck the landmine. Mohammad Qasim... (More on P4)...(22)

8 Rebels Eliminated in Badghis Airstrikes

QALA-I-NAW - At least eight militants have been killed and 12 others wounded in Afghan forces airstrikes in the Jawand district of northwestern Badghis province, a local representative claimed on Sunday. Farid Akhzaei, the Provincial Council (PC) member and resident of Jawand district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the air raid conducted in Qanduch locality on Saturday night



on the insurgents' hideout. He said the militants held a meeting to plan an attack on the Jawand district centre when targeted by Afghan forces. Militants have not yet commented about the incident. (Pajhwok)

14-Year-Old Pregnant Bride Burnt to Death by New Family

KABUL - A Pregnant 14-year-old girl, Zahra, who was set alight by her husband's family, has died in Isteqlal Hospital, Kabul. The incident in Ghor followed after Zahra's father got a new wife two years ago. At the time, he gave his daughter to a member of his new spouse's family in order to settle the matter. In Afghanistan, this practice is called bad dadan, where girls and women are given to settle a dispute between families, often a blood dispute. Zahra is an example of this practice. Ghor police said that Zahra's husband has disappeared and they are investigating the incident. "Our investigative team has been sent to the area and has started a probe into the incident. Zahra's father-in-law has been brought before the court," said Zaman Azimi, acting police chief of Ghor. Doctors at Isteqlal Hospital said her burn wounds were bone-deep. "A team of doctors worked on this patient, but unfortunately they failed to save her," said Mohammed Sabir, head of the hospital. Zahra's father claimed that his daughter was a victim of domestic violence from the day she married his brother-in-law. "They (the victim's new family) have power. The court works in their favor. The police headquarters and the provincial council office also are in their favor. Whatever they say, will be done by the judicial... (More on P4)...(23)

Man Brutally Kills his 3 Cousins over Land Dispute in Balkh

BALKH CITY - An Afghan man has brutally killed his three cousins apparently over land dispute in northern Balkh province of Afghanistan. According to security officials, the young man used a sickle to brutally killed his cousins aged 15, 6 and 7 years. Provincial police spokesman Sher Jan Durani said the perpetrator has been arrested by police and is in custody for further investigation. He said preliminary investigations reveal the horrific incident took place due to land dispute. According to the security officials, criminal activities have reduced by a large extent in northern Balkh province but incidents involving murders... (More on P4)...(24)

Jawzjan Man Arrested before Raping 14-Year-Old Boy

JAWZJAN - A man has been arrested on charges of attempting to rape a 14-year-old boy in northern Jawzjan province of Afghanistan, it has been reported. The man has been identified as 30-year-old Satar and belongs to Aqcha district who was initially arrested by the local tribal elders. The district police chief Abdul Aziz has told RFE that the man was arrested on Saturday as he was trying to rape the 14-year-old boy. He said the local tribal elders were looking to resolve the issue through jirga but the man detonated a hand grenade during the tribal elders meeting. According to Aziz, at... (More on P4)...(25)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may feel quite comfortable with your emotions today, but you're hypersensitive to other people's reactions. You often know exactly what you need to say and don't really care about the consequences of speaking your mind. However ambitious your plans are for sharing your feelings with someone special, you might end up just keeping them to

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Although there might be an undertow of unspoken issues in a relationship today, you're capable of keeping your balance without opening an emotional can of worms. Even if someone pressures you to talk about your feelings, let them know that you're not ready to have the discussion yet. However, it's important to explain that you're not looking to bury

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Slowing down isn't always the easiest task for you restless Twins, but a day of contemplation may be exactly what the doctor ordered. Although your thoughts could drift into the distant future, for the most part you are able to stay focused on the here and now. However, your spiritual quest will be more meaningful if you set everything else aside today and schedule a specific time for your meditation.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Unfulfilled promises may temporarily interfere with your desire to relax today but, thankfully, you can rise to the occasion and do it all. The magic of water is that it seeks its own level before it comes to a standstill. Today's Grand Trine activates the emotional water signs, inspiring you to find peace of mind by giving your feelings the freedom to flow. Nevertheless, like a river run-

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

A seemingly perfect day stretches out before you and you're eager to jump feet first into the scheduled activities. However, you may quickly change your mind, deciding that running around in pursuit of pleasure sounds more exhausting than it is worth today. Consider excusing yourself from your social commitments and taking the day to relax at home, alone or with your

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Although you might have a very particular notion about how you want your day to unfold, you could run into resistance as you execute your plan. In fact, sticking to your original idea might leave you feeling discouraged and dejected. Fortunately, reality has a few happy surprises up its cosmic sleeve that actually improve upon your original expectations. However, you must relinquish the reins of control in order for the universe to play its hand. Trust is

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may feel like quitting today, but giving up before you even start is a terrible idea. Luckily, everything seems to slowly fall into place if you set reasonable goals and continue to strive toward achieving them. But assuming that everything will work out perfectly now is an open invitation for disappointment. Instead, forgive yourself for your flaws; accepting your humanness is the trick to turning an ordinary day into an ex-

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are owning your power today and have no reason to apologize to anyone for your intensity. You are the beneficiary of a stabilizing Grand Water Trine; all you need to do is to shine the light of your awareness, regardless of what you see. Some people might not appreciate the brutal truth, but it's not your place to co-dependently support their denial. To

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Living in two separate worlds is tricky today as your head pulls one way and your heart another. The Moon's current visit to your adventurous sign inspires you to plan your future. However, an emotional Grand Water Trine lures you deep into the Sea of Imagination where the Land of Logic is left far behind. Rather than trying to choose one location, observe how you move from one realm to

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You know you need to finish up old business today in preparation for the week ahead. However, you really don't feel like doing much of anything now. You might wonder what has become of your ambition if you can't motivate yourself. Thankfully, there's no reason to panic because your drive will return later in the day when the Moon shifts into your industrious sign. In the meantime, kick back and enjoy a bit of time off. The best

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your friends struggle to understand you today, especially if you decline their invitation to a social event. Unfortunately, they may take your action as a personal rejection, when that's the furthest thing from your mind. You're not purposely trying to avoid anyone now; it's just that you can't be sidetracked from your agenda. Happily, it doesn't take much effort on your part to

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You might feel pressured today to make decisions about upcoming events in your life. However, you're not interested in finalizing plans in the real world while you're happily distracted exploring your emotions. An energetic Grand Water Trine focuses on the healing power of your feelings. Maximize the potential of mind over matter by actively envisioning your ideal future while saving the execution for another day. The

Across

1. Openings, 5. Does something, 9. Gala, 13. Again, 14. Slumber, 16. Forearm bone, 17. Not aft, 18. Hawaiian veranda, 19. An outer surface, 20. Widely known, 22. Disciplinarians, 24. Copied, 26. Kidney-related, 27. Alley, 30. A coarse linen cloth, 33. Ordinary people, 35. Recess, 37. 2,000 pounds, 38. Vortex, 41. Spy agency, 42. Pervert, 45. Lodgers, 48. One who denies, 51. Shoulder board, 52. Dim, 54. "Your majesty", 55. Grouped, 59. Pub game, 62. A building for skating, 63. Papal court, 65. Assign a grade, 66. False god, 67. Mountain lakes, 68. Decorative case, 69. Feudal worker, 70. Falls behind, 71. Require.

Down

1. Spike, 2. Dwarf buffalo, 3. Imperishability, 4. Cleaning device, 5. American Sign Language, 6. Burrowing marine mollusk, 7. Adult male singing voice, 8. Charred, 9. Spiral noodles, 10. Large N. American deer (plural), 11. Hissy fit, 12. Bronzes, 15. A keyboard instrument, 21. Wet, as morning grass, 23. A field of grass, 25. Dikes, 27. Permits, 28. Steer clear of, 29. A type of evergreen tree, 31. Sprint, 32. English county, 34. Pen part, 36. Where the sun rises, 39. Caviar, 40. Trips around a course, 43. Joint of a finger, 44. Pig sound, 46. Police action, 47. Heartwood, 49. Choose by voting, 50. Rite, 53. Latin name for our planet, 55. French cheese, 56. Purges, 57. Nameless, 58. Little dent, 60. Not false, 61. Slip, 64. Donkey.

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