

No More 'Ghost Personnel' in Zabul Police: Mol



QALAT - The presence of 'ghost personnel' in police ranks has been brought to zero in southern Zabul province after reforms, a Ministry of Interior (MoI) delegation said on Thursday.

Maj. Gen. Niamatullah Haidari, head of the MoI delegation dispatched to Zabul province to evaluate reforms and security situation, said all affairs related to police headquarters were evaluated during the past ten days. He said the presence of ghost policemen had been reduced to zero and new individuals had been hired. He acknowledged police had evacuated some check-post in parts of the province but said security forces occupied them again and adopted an offensive strategy against insurgents. He assured the residents of Zabul province that militants were only strong in their propaganda campaign but unsuccessful on the battlefield. Fighting has intensified in parts of Zabul in recent months and has resulted in heavy casualties to security forces. (Pajhwok)

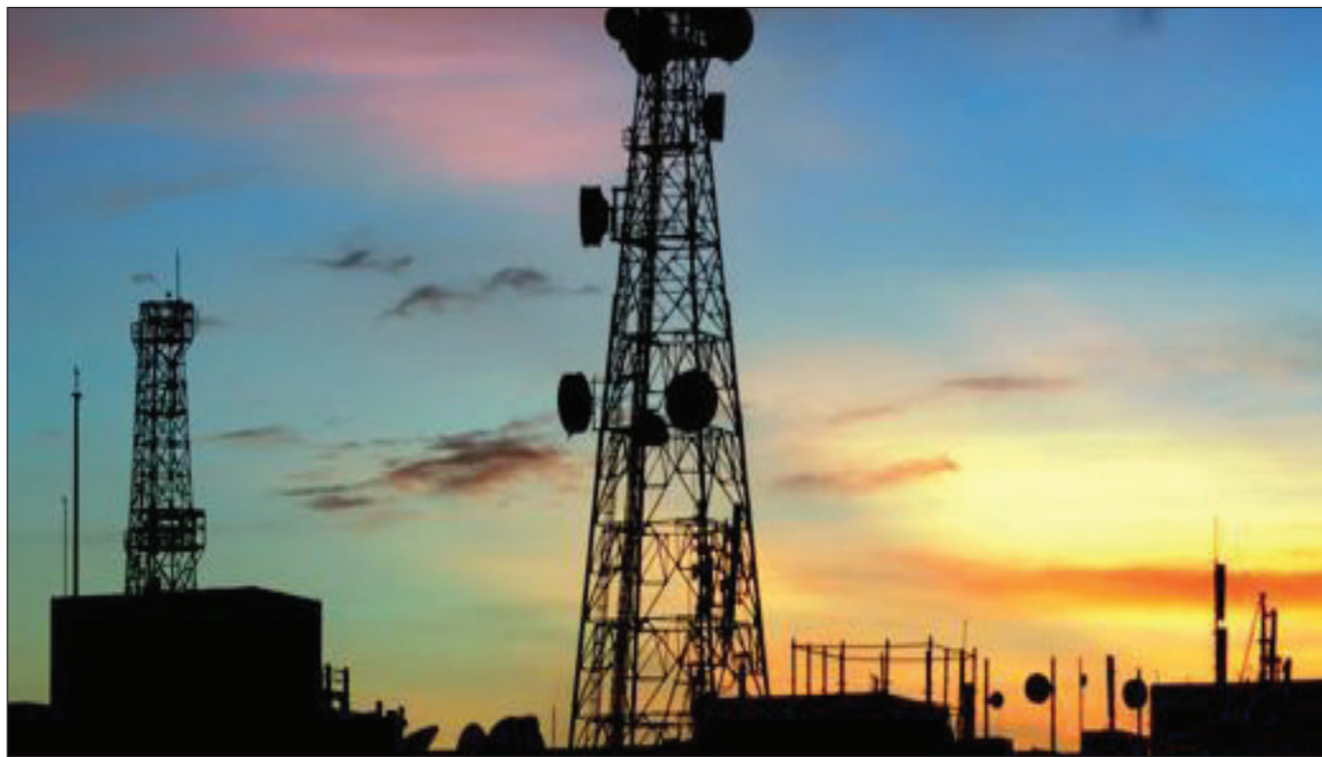
Delhi Police Nab Afghan with 330kg of Heroin

KABUL - Over 330 kilograms of heroin smuggled from Afghanistan has been seized in India, a media report said on Friday.

The drugs, having a street value of around 13.2 billion rupees. Were recovered by Special Cell of Delhi Police, ANI reported.

A police official was quoted as saying the heroin was smuggled from the Islam Qala port in western Herat province through the sea route to Mumbai via Bandar Abbas in Iran. Police arrested two individuals, one of them an Afghan citizen, in connection with the smuggling of the heroin. (Pajhwok)

Govt Reduces Internet Prices by 37 Percent



KABUL - In a rare move, the Ministry of Telecommunication and Information Technology on Wednesday announced a 37.5 percent cut in internet prices for offices and homes across the country.

Acting Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology Mohammad Fahim Hashemi said that after this announcement, all those internet services provider companies which are purchasing

internet from the state-run Afghan Telecom will receive 1MB unlimited internet service for \$60 while it was at least \$96 in the past.

Chairman of state-owned Afghan Telecom Company said that lack of infrastructures and high costs of security for the telecommunication sector were the main reasons for higher prices of internet services in the country.

"You will see that we will bring internet services to people's houses in the near

future. This will be a very cheap internet and you will have your 3G and 4G internet. The DSL system cannot meet today's demand. We are also working on the delivery of fiber technology for homes," said Ajmal Ayan, head of Afghan Telecom. According to statistics of the Ministry of Telecommunication and Information Technology, 62 companies are providing internet services in different capacities across Afghanistan. (Tolo news)



Govt Criticized For 'Failing' to Ensure People's Safety

KABUL - Relatives of those killed and wounded in multiple blasts in Kabul on Thursday criticized the Afghan government for "failing" to ensure people's safety.

The first blast which happened at around 8 am Kabul time was a magnetic IED blast, the second was a suicide attack and the third was a car bombing explosion, according to Ministry of Interior. All the explosions happened in the span of one and a half hours.

The two first blasts targeted a bus carrying the employees of the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum. Six women and one child are among those killed in the blasts.

The victims' families called for thorough attention to the security of the city of Kabul which houses an estimated five million population.

"Son of which leader has been killed in such incidents? Son of which leader has been killed on the frontline of the war?" a Kabul resident, Ibrahim, asked, referring to the families of government leaders, most of whom are living outside the country.

"We are being killed for years. You [President Ghani] was never a true leader for the people. We have lost tens of thousands of people because of your government," a victim relative, Mohammad Zakir, said.

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Security Personnel Among 17 Killed in Ghazni



KABUL - Three security personnel including the acting police chief for Qarabagh district and 14 militants have been killed in a clash in Ghazni province, officials said on Friday.

Mohammad Arif Noori, spokesman for the Ghazni governor, told Pajhwok Afghan News the insurgents stormed the Khogyani district on Thursday night.

Smiullah Popal, the acting district head, was among three security personnel killed and

five others wounded in the ensuing clash, Noori said.

At least four militants were also killed and several others wounded in the gun-battle, according to the gubernatorial spokesman.

Elsewhere in the province, 10 fighters were killed and weapons seized from the Taliban by the Afghan Special Forces in the Chatakhel village of Qarabagh district.

Meanwhile, ...(More on P4)...(12)

Afghan Commando's Killing: Czechs Detain 4 Suspects



KABUL - Czech military police have arrested four people in connection with the death of an Afghan commando who was beaten while in NATO custody.

Radio Prague quoted a state prosecutor as saying late on Thursday

that the detainees faced charges for failing to report a crime.

Wahidullah Khan, the Afghan commando, allegedly killed a Czech soldier in October 2018 in an insider attack on NATO troops, the radio said.

He shot ...(More on P4)...(13)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Jul 27, 2019 - You're at a dramatic climax in your monthly emotional cycle today, Aries. It's quite possible that you will erupt like a volcano. Don't be ashamed about releasing these emotions. Your feminine and masculine natures are connected, and they're working harmoniously to express themselves to the fullest. Open up the gates of communication and let the stampede charge through.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Jul 27, 2019 - Your philanthropic side may want to come out and do good works today, Taurus. Your default mode is to care for others. This is fine, but make sure it doesn't deplete your vital life force. The key is to offer advice and then walk away from the situation. You aren't responsible for other people's actions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Jul 27, 2019 - Today is a terrific day, Gemini, and you can get a lot accomplished using your quick mind and sharp wit. Information is flying quickly. Grab what resonates with you and discard the rest. The more informed you are, the better equipped you will be to handle the decisions of the day. Get all the facts before you proceed.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Jul 27, 2019 - Why me? You may feel like you ask yourself this question more than anyone else, Cancer. Your life may seem like an intense roller-coaster ride that never stops. But deep down you realize that you would have it no other way. Take a break from it all today if you can. Communicate your thoughts and feelings. By talking, you will feel much better about the

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Jul 27, 2019 - Your brain may buzz like a beehive today, Leo. That's good. There is a great deal of information to process now. Have you been thinking about buying some new electronic equipment or small appliances for your home? Now is a great time to do some research on this project before you hand over your credit card. Use today to gather facts.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Jul 27, 2019 - Don't automatically assume that you can work out all your problems alone, Virgo. Just talking things out with others may help shed light on a situation that baffled you earlier. Enlist the help of others in areas where you need it. Don't be ashamed to ask for assistance. We all have problems and issues to deal with. You aren't alone.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



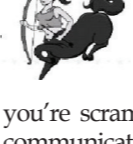
Jul 27, 2019 - Get up early and get working, Libra. You have a lot of emotional and physical energy that should help you accomplish whatever you need to do. The planetary energy is on your side. Take advantage of it to say what's on your mind and get a step closer to wherever you need to be. Your active, receptive nature is prominent.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Jul 27, 2019 - Speak up today, Scorpio. Perhaps no one has heard your point of view in a while. More than likely, it's incredibly important for them to hear it. Just because people don't ask for your opinion doesn't mean that it isn't valid. You have incredible insight that others don't have. Don't assume that they know what you're thinking even though you probably know what they're thinking.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Jul 27, 2019 - Someone has just turned on the fan and papers are flying everywhere, Sagittarius. The pace is picking up and you're scrambling to pick up the pieces. Stay in close communication with others today, for this will be your saving grace. You may require others' help to gather the documents that have blown across the room. Keep an eye on things so you don't lose your place.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Jul 27, 2019 - No one is going to cater to your needs today, Capricorn, so get up and do things on your own. There's little sympathy from others, and strong opinions are a dime a dozen. There's a great deal of gossip buzzing around that you may be tempted to join. Don't enable this sort of behavior. It's only going to alienate you from others in the end.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

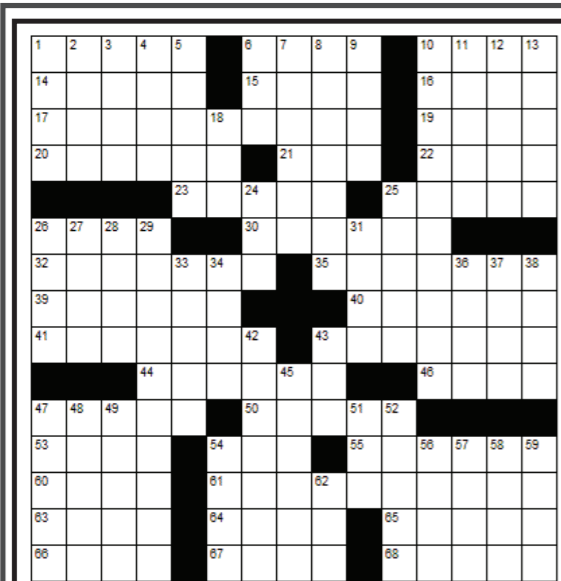


Jul 27, 2019 - Listen closely to the wind, for the answers are blowing right in front of you, Aquarius. Make contact with people you haven't heard from in a while. You can be quite productive today in unexpected situations. Ironically, the less you plan, the more you will accomplish. Be spontaneous. Revelations will come to you in a flash.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Jul 27, 2019 - You might be sidestepping in order to avoid a commitment today, Pisces. Don't keep giving someone the run-around. Be strong and let people know your thoughts even if you think their feelings will be hurt. Your job is to protect your emotions. Other people can handle their own. Be aggressive if you have to. Your sanity depends on being true to yourself.



Across

1. Burn with hot water, 6. Jittery, 10. Visage, 14. Good-looker, 15. Genuine, 16. Nile bird
17. Vile, 19. Catches, 20. Distant, 21. A high alpine meadow, 22. Delight
23. Busybody, 25. Pays attention to, 26. Cobblers' tools, 30. Given to sympathy, 32. Characteristic of a goat, 35. Assemble, 39. Catch in a net, 40. Lacking refinement
41. Your new spouse's son, 43. Resident, 44. Wolf-like, 46. Misplaced, 47. Seaweed
50. Pulled along, 53. Blaring, 54. Arrive (abbrev.), 55. Restart a computer, 60. Quaint outburst, 61. Papal financial secretary (alt. sp.), 63. Wander, 64. French for "State"
65. Fecal matter, 66. Russian emperor, 67. Expunge, 68. Tall woody plants,

Down

1. Stigma, 2. Square block, 3. "Smallest" particle, 4. Large luxurious car, 5. Divinity
6. Historic period, 7. Argue, 8. Knightly, 9. The original matter (cosmology), 10. Nail at the end of a finger, 11. Poplar tree, 12. Quoted, 13. SSSS 18. Born as, 24. Greatest possible
25. Long-necked bird, 26. Anagram of "Sage", 27. Habit, 28. Disabled, 29. Folding portable ladder, 31. Leader, 33. Put out, 34. Store, 36. Ricelike pasta, 37. Applications, 38. Canvas dwelling
42. Nitrify, 43. Morning moisture, 45. Usual, 47. Siren, 48. Corporate symbols, 49. Exotic jelly flavor, 51. Mistake, 52. Dutch pottery city, 54. Brezed through, 56. Casket, 57. A single time, 58. Curved molding, 59. Throw, 62. French for "Summer",

Yesterday's Solution

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eel, plane, point, process,
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