

Logar Mayor Arrested on Corruption Charges

PUL-I-ALAM - Police on Sunday arrested the mayor of central Logar province from his office on corruption charges in compliance with orders from the president, an official said. Logar police chief Brig Gen Abdul Hakim Ishaqzai told Pajhwok Afghan News the mayor, Ahmad Khan Ulfat, was arrested in the afternoon. He said Ulfat was in police custody and would be handed over to judicial organs soon. He said the governor's house



had directed the police to arrest the mayor in compliance with orders from the president. He said Ulfat faced charges including distributing and selling agricultural lands,

administrative corruption, selling state properties illegally, misusing authority and fraud. Ulfat had been previously arrested in 2014. He was appointed as the mayor in 2012 but was accused of administrative corruption and selling government lands within few months of his appointment. He has also been accused of misappropriating municipality funds and local residents had lodged complaints against him besides staging protests. (Pajhwok)

Soldier Who Killed 16 Afghans Says He Was 'Consumed by War'



TACOMA - The U.S. soldier who murdered 16 Afghan villagers in 2012 says he had lost compassion for Iraqis and Afghans over the course of his four combat deployments. The News Tribune newspaper of Tacoma obtained an eight-page letter Staff Sgt. Robert Bales

wrote to the senior Army officer at Joint Base Lewis-McChord requesting that his life sentence be reduced. He said his mind was "consumed by war," and that after being in prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for two years he now understands that what he thought was normal was the farthest thing from it. Lt. Gen. Stephen Lanza rejected the request to overturn Bales' conviction or modify his sentence. Bales, an Ohio native and father of two from Lake Tapps, Washington, shot 22 people in all, including 17 women and children, during pre-dawn raids on two villages in Kandahar Province in March 2012. (AP)

54 Insurgents Killed in Military Operations

KABUL - At least 54 insurgents have been killed and 20 others injured in a series of coordinated operations over the past 24 hours by the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement on Monday. Two other insurgents were arrested during the operations. The operations were conducted in Kandahar, Zabul, Uruzgan, Kapisa, Ghazni, Khost, Paktika, Pak-



tiya and Badghis provinces, the statement said. "Also, during these operations, Afghan National Police discovered and confiscated light and heavy rounds of ammunition," it said. The MoI, however, did not comment on whether any security force members were injured during the operations. (Tolnews)

Drone Strike, Violence Leave 2 Dead

ASADABAD - One alleged foreign insurgent was killed in unmanned drone strike, four other wounded in mortar shell while another died in road mishap in eastern Kunar province, officials said on Monday.

Brig. Gen. Abdul Habib Syedkhel, provincial police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News a person was killed and seven others were injured in a traf-



fic accident in Asadabad, the capital of Kunar Monday morning.

Dr. Farooq Sahak, Director civilian hospital, confirmed receiving a dead body and seven others wounded with one among them in critical condition.

A foreign insurgent was also killed in drone attack the other day in Chapa Dara district, the police chief said. He did not mention the nationality of the slain militant.

Separately, four civilians had been wounded when Taliban militants fired mortar shells in Manogay district, Saidkhalil said. Taliban militants have not commented regarding the incidents so far. (Pajhwok)

19 Rebels, 7 Soldiers Killed in Waziristan Clash

KABUL - Nineteen Pakistani Taliban militants and seven soldiers were killed on Sunday during a clash and a suicide bombing in the troubled North Waziristan tribal region near the Afghanistan border.

The Pakistani army issued a statement that said when the troops cordoned militants, one of them detonated his explosives vest, killing seven army personnel. The statement said the dead militants included five commanders.

The clash took place on the Laddha-Shawal axis on the boundary between North and South Waziristan. Dawan.com

quoted an unknown security official as saying there was information about militants, and when they were being chased and cordoned, one of them exploded his suicide vest, killing seven soldiers. Operations against militants in North Waziristan have been stepped up as part of the nation-wide National Action Plan combating terrorism in Pakistan.

Zarb-i-Azb, another military operation in North Waziristan was spearheaded following an attack on Karachi's Jinnah International Airport on June 8, 2014. The Pakistan government has announced Zarb-i-Azb operation would be completed by the end of 2015, after which a 'mini-Marshall plan' will be launched for the socio-economic progress of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). (Pajhwok)

3 Rebels Killed; Weapons, Explosives Seized

CHARIKAR/KABUL - Three insurgents were killed in central Parwan province and intelligence operatives seized weapons and explosives in southern Helmand, an official and the spy agency said on Monday.

Parwan police chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Zaman Mamozaï told reporters the three insurgents were killed after they staged an attack on police check-posts in Zala locality of the Kohi Safi district.

The dead included a commander and their bodies were still lying at the site of the clash, the police chief said, adding a Kalashnikov and pistols from confiscated from the rebels. Mamozaï said curfew imposed in the Ghorban valley ahead of a ceremony marking Bamyan City, the capital of central Bamyan province, as the cultural capital of South Asia As-

sociation for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) had been lifted. The Ghorband valley connects Bamyan with Parwan. The police chief said additional check posts had been established in various areas to keep the situation under control. Elsewhere, the National Directorate of Security said its agents had recovered caches of weapons and explosives during raids in Khusk Aba locality of Lashkargah, the provincial capital, and parts of Nawa, Nad Ali, Nehar Siraj and Greshk districts of southern Helmand province.

The spy agency said in a statement the recovered weapons included 40 hand grenades, 3 pistols, 5 rocket shells, 34 landmines, 37 other types of mines, 7 remote-controls and hundreds of Kalashnikov and machinegun bullets. (Pajhwok)

6 Rebels Killed in Overnight Farah Clash

FARAH CITY - Six Taliban insurgents were killed and another four wounded during an overnight clash with security forces in the Bala Buluk district of western Farah province, an official said.

Jawad Afghan, the provincial governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News a group of militants stormed police check-posts in Dehzang area last night, sparking a battle that lasted till 9pm. At least six militants were killed and another four were wounded during the clash that

also left a policeman and two civilians wounded.

Mohammad Musa, a local resident, said three Taliban were killed in the nighttime clash. A policeman, an Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel and a civilian were wounded, he added.

ALP personnel vacated their posts after Taliban militants attacked them on Sunday morning, but later Afghan National Army soldiers entered the area and wrested back the posts. (Pajhwok)

Civilians among 29 Dead in Ghor, Baghlan Incidents

FEROZ KOH/POL-I-KHOMRI - At least 25 armed militants were perished in an air strike in western Ghor province, while four civilians were killed in a roadside bombing in northern Baghlan province, officials said on Monday. Ghor Governor Syed Anwar Rahmati told Pajhwok Afghan News

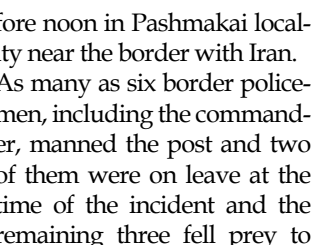


25 rebels were killed and 13 others wounded when an Afghan security forces air strike targeted rebels in Pasaband district. A Taliban commander Mula Farooq was also among the dead, he said, adding 11 motorcycles and a car of the rebels were also destroyed in the attack....(More on P4)...(17)

3 Border Police Killed by own Commander

FARAH CITY - A border police post commander shot dead three policemen before joining the Taliban in the Juwin district of western Farah province near the Iranian border on Monday, an official said.

The Lash wa Juwin district chief, Ghulam Qadir Akbari, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place be-



fore noon in Pashmakai locality near the border with Iran. As many as six border policemen, including the commander, manned the post and two of them were on leave at the time of the incident and the remaining three fell prey to the insider attack in the line of duty, he said. He did not name the post commander, but said he stole



weapons from the post and went to join the Taliban's ranks. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You can become a superhero today, but you must overcome your current tendency to take the course of least resistance and just roll with the incoming waves. Fortunately, warrior Mars is working on your behalf now, assisting you in your task of defying the laws of nature. Discovering the solution to a problem is the easy part; the tricky part is mustering up some uncharacteristic persistence.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Even the most boring day can have a surprising twist, taking you on an unexpected detour. It's as if you stepped onto a magic carpet that has a mind of its own. You're not in control now, but you might not care because the ride is so enjoyable. Delicious Venus hooks up with dreamy Neptune to manufacture a bit of romantic fantasy.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

People might attempt to talk you into going along with the current group consensus now, but you'll likely break rank to do something on your own. You may try to justify your behavior by blaming it on the present circumstances, but this rebellion is actually your own doing. It's healthier to admit you feel stifled and are in need of the freedom to do as you please. Happily, there's no reason to go along with the crowd today.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You can't help but feel nervous if coworkers encourage you to step out past your normal limits today. Even if someone's outrageous plan sounds intriguing, the very thought of doing something so unconventional gives you the jitters if you worry about how others will respond. Fortunately, you could receive support from the most unlikely of allies if you're open to it.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're sitting on pins and needles today, ready to do something adventurous and risky. You might later regret your impulsive behavior, so give your plans another round of consideration before following a passing whim. Luckily, there's plenty of room for pleasure if you don't approach the situation from an all-or-nothing perspective.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Everyone casts you in a serious light, but the truth is you're a lot more restless. If someone around you cuts loose, you're right there, ready to jump in and join him or her on a quick escape. Fortunately, you should be able to get away with having some fun, even before people notice you have slipped away. There's no reason to try and change anyone's perception of you because you will earn more respect if you listen to your heart.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Comparing your idealistic fantasies with your current commitments is an exercise in futility. You really don't want to do the same things the same ways you did last time. You're fascinated by experimental models for living, loving and working. Be careful; just because you can visualize something in your imagination doesn't mean you should automatically go ahead and make it happen.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your romantic dreams don't necessarily match up with your current relationship dynamics. In fact, even if you are enjoying a fulfilling love life, you still may yearn for additional freedom. If you made your desires known, you might be pleasantly surprised with the outcome. Don't shut yourself off to unrealized possibilities before you take some time out to explore them.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

This is an intellectually provocative day and you might find it so stimulating that you don't want it to end. Buoyant Jupiter is magnifying your 9th House of Adventure, and you may be wondering how you will handle the complexity. Your emotions are all over the map and whatever you do now, you could feel as if you should have done something else. Still, the lack of stability heightens your intoxication with the thrill of it all.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

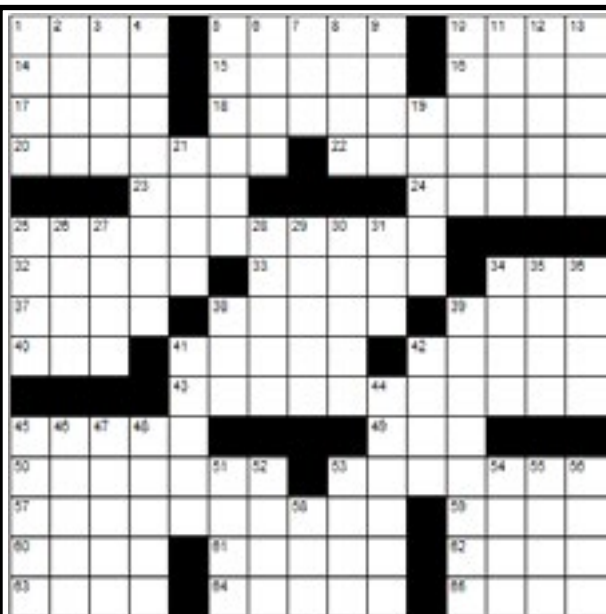
You might be unhappy with the emotional volatility on the home front and nothing you do seems to settle the turbulence. In fact, it feels as if a volcano could erupt at any moment. You're better off in the long run to ride on the choppy currents, rather than resisting the flow. Thankfully, your anxiety dissipates when you concentrate on maintaining your calmness instead of attempting to control every variable.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Nothing seems as easy as it should be if you're anchored to your past in a way that makes it harder to respond to the present moment. You know what you want but aren't free to execute your plan just yet. Don't let arbitrary restrictions or delays make you so frustrated that you impulsively do something reckless. Proceed carefully now and think twice before making any unnecessary moves.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're eager to try something that seems so out of character now that it takes someone in your life totally by surprise. Unfortunately, people might criticize you for your erratic behavior, mistakenly believing you're acting immature. This is your moment of truth, regardless of anyone else's expectations or demands. Make an original statement about who you are and what you want by staying true to yourself.



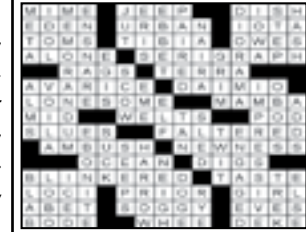
Across

- 1. Young cow, 5. Chills and fever, 10. Head, 14. Listen, 15. Unit of weight for gems, 16. So be it, 17. Murre, 18. Coherent, 20. Mutt, 22. Coach, 23. Chart, 24. Daft, 25. Resembling sleight-of-hand, 32. Spy, 33. Sidekick, 34. Explosive, 37. Lean, 38. Prevaricators, 39. Sneaker or pump, 40. American Sign Language, 41. Verse writers, 42. Jaegers, 43. Road lamp, 45. Gash, 49. Take in slowly, 50. Maybe, 53. Storm, 57. Obese, 59. Type of sword, 60. French for "Head", 61. Assumed name, 62. Liturgy, 63. Sow, 64. 1000 kilograms, 65. Glance over,

Down

- 1. Buddy, 2. Relating to aircraft, 3. Reclined, 4. Shard, 5. Hold as true, 6. Jail (British), 7. A large vase, 8. Where the sun rises, 9. Blend, 10. Terrace, 11. Catkin, 12. Basic belief, 13. Vestibule, 19. In an unfortunate way, 21. Awestruck, 25. Information, 26. Auspices, 27. Mobile phone, 28. Less friendly, 29. Give a speech, 30. Like the Vikings, 31. Autonomic nervous system, 34. Goon, 35. Ark builder, 36. Exam, 38. A parcel of land, 39. Boat captains, 41. "Hogwash", 42. Slender, 44. Sleeping sickness carrier, 45. Blots, 46. Embankment, 47. Mountain crest, 48. Rip up, 51. Kind of moss, 52. Storage cylinder, 53. Part of a comparison, 54. Sweeping story, 55. Bristle, 56. Adolescent, 58. Martini ingredient.

Yesterday's Solution



apron, banjo, bonus, brace, break, breed, brown, camel, cannon, cause, composition, crass, custard, dabble, deepen, deeply, fight, frown, govern, history, hospitality, kept, layer, music, oxygen, peace, pegs, pent, pest, poise, roast, smog, sorry, tooth, trust, wrong, yells.

