

Taliban Kill 8 Afghan Guards Heading to Work at US Military Base

KABUL - Taliban gunmen opened fire on Afghan security guards in the country's northern Parwan province, killing at least eight guards, a provincial official and the insurgents said Tuesday. The late Monday night shooting also left two other guards wounded, according to Wahida Shahkar, spokeswoman for the Parwan governor. The guards were attacked while they were on their way to work at Bagram airfield, the main U.S. military base in Afghanistan, she added. Shahkar said the shooting is being investigated further. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the shooting in a statement sent to the media on Tuesday. The ...*(More on P4)...(13)*



Teenage Suicide Bomber Captured Near Bagram Base

KABUL - A would-be suicide attacker was detained by security forces in the Bagram district of central Parwan province on Tuesday, an official said. Col. Abdul Samad Zalmay, crime branch chief, said the suspected individual was arrested near Bagram

airport in the morning. The detainee planned to conduct suicide attack on foreign forces, he claimed. Two suicide vests and two grenades were seized from the detainee, a 16 year-old resident of Laghman province, the official said. *(Pajhwok)*

Judge Killed, 3 Injured in Jalalabad Bomb Attack

JALALABAD - An appellant court judge was killed and two of his brothers were wounded in a bomb attack in the capital of eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday, an official said. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion happened at around 9:00am in Shisham Bagh area of Jalalabad. He said the blast was triggered by a sticky bomb at-

tack to the car of the judge. Sher Rahman, the judge, was killed and two of his brothers as well as a civilian were wounded. Inamullah Miakhel, spokesman for a local hospital, confirmed receiving two injured people. He said both were in stable condition. An eyewitness, Waseemullah, said the vehicle was destroyed and he saw four casualties at the explosion site. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast. *(Pajhwok)*

Taliban Take Control of Darzab District Centre



SHIBERGHAN - Taliban militants captured the Darzab district centre in northern Jawzjan province on Tuesday afternoon a day after Daesh affiliates attacked the town, an official said. Daesh militants attacked the district centre on Mon-

day afternoon and the fire-fight lasted until 2:30pm today, Darzab district acting chief, Baz Mohammad, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the Taliban, while availing the opportunity, also attacked the district centre ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

3 Ex-Officials to be Tried in Appellate Court for Embezzlement of 1b Afghanis

KABUL - Three ex-senior officials of the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing (MUDH) will be tried in the Appellate Court by the Anti-Corruption Justice Center (ACJC). According to the officials of ACJC, the appellate court hearing of the three former senior officials will open today. The officials further added that the court hearing will be conducted openly and in the presence of the media. This comes as the special tribunal formed to try the officials in corruption cases jailed four Afghan officials for 20 and 7 years each and a total fine of 1.86 billion Afghanis on charges of embezzlement during the preliminary court hearing late in March this year. According to the court hearing, Mohammad Aminullah Qani, Head of Apartments Cohesion and Syed Aman Sadat, Manager Finance Apartments Cohesion were jailed for 20 years each on charges of the embezzlement and misuse of the authority. The two former officials of the Ministry of the Urban Development and Housing were also fined 150 million Afghanis each. The two other officials, Ahmad Nawaz ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Death of Protester during Clash with Kabul Police to be Investigated: Abdullah

KABUL - The Chief Executive of the government of national unity of Afghanistan confirmed the death of a protester during last night's clash with the security forces. Speaking during a gathering in Kabul today, Abdullah said the issue will be thoroughly investigated as he emphasized that the security personnel should exercise restraint while dealing with such issues. According to reports, several security personnel were deployed to the



downtown in Kabul city to remove a tent erected by the protesters following the violent protests earlier this month. However, the a clash broke out between the protesters and security forces around 1 am local time and reportedly continued until 4 am in the morning, resulting into the death of a protester. In the meantime, the ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Former Urban Development Officials Get Jail Terms for Graft

KABUL - Meanwhile the ACJC's prosecutor said the two officials sealed more than 20 illegal contracts with a number of construction companies. The Anti-Corruption Justice Center's (ACJC) appeal court on Tuesday sentenced two former officials of the Ministry of Urban Development Affairs and Housing (MUDH) each to 20 years imprisonment and imposed an 86 million Afs



fine after finding them guilty on charges of corruption and misuse of the authority. The court also found a third person Mohammad Bakhtyar Nawaz, the former head of the housing enterprise department of the ministry guilty of corruption and sentenced him to ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Two Protesters Dead, Over 20 Wounded in Clash with Police

KABUL - Protesters who have been camped out in Sherpoor Square in Kabul have had their tents removed by security forces. At least two protesters were killed and more than 20 wounded during clashes between protesters and security forces in downtown Kabul early Tuesday morning. The clash started at about midnight and lasted until 4am Tuesday morning. Protesters said the clash was sparked when security forces tried to dismantle their tents at Sherpoor Square near Shar-e-Now. Protesters said police also detained 11 protesters. However, Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danish said nine protesters were detained and one of them was armed. He confirmed the death of one person in the clash between security forces and protesters on Monday night. "Based on the joint command of Kabul Garrison, the National Security Council and the National Directorate of Security, it was decided to remove the tents from the area," Danish said at a press conference on Tuesday afternoon. According to them, one of the victims was a 14 year-old teenager who was killed after being hit by an armored police vehicle. "They ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Keeping up with all your commitments keeps you on your toes now. Your to-do list continues to grow longer, especially if procrastination is part of your routine. Instead of waiting for your schedule to collapse, save the day by acting with restraint. You must heed the message from the cosmos and begin to slow down the entire chain of events unfolding around you.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Profound emotional interactions muddy the waters between you and your friends, diverting your attention from center stage. Meanwhile, a minor disturbance may pull you away from your regular routine as a trivial disagreement morphs into a more serious conflict. You can quickly gloss over any rough spots by choosing the simplest words to express your feelings.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

People want to know your position on a developing situation at work, but you prefer to keep your thoughts out of the public eye today. You might not be secure enough with your stance to defend it against every argument. But your reticence to reveal your opinions could also be linked to a free-floating, existential sadness as the Sun leaves your sign for the watery realms of Cancer.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may be reconnecting with your personal power today, but you're still experiencing pangs of self-doubt. You realize how much work is in front of you and are thankful that the radiant Sun is back in your sign, strengthening your vitality and shining a spotlight on your accomplishments. Fortunately, you're fired up for whatever challenges you must face now. Acknowl-

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You are fascinated by your own melodrama as the Sun disappears into your 12th House of Secrets. Recollections of the past give rise to familiar feelings that flood your imagination. Having plenty of options gives you the opportunity to eliminate a habit that's no longer working for you. Granted, you might still be all over the emotional map today.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Knowing which way to go is more difficult today, because your vision of the future shifts like the winds before a storm. Nevertheless, you're so perceptive now that you can tease out the most significant thoughts from the noise in the background. Hold your valuable ideas tightly, for they will guide you over the next month while the Sun illuminates your 11th House of Hopes.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You are excited to participate in activities with people who may further your goals today. Naturally, doing what is most valuable for everyone is your first preference, but it's not so easy when you're being pulled in competing directions. You fully understand the sacrifices you are making now, but still might resent someone for taking you down this path.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Emotionally connecting with your friends enables you to stay in touch with your own feelings, too. But don't expect any lingering confusion about your relationships to disappear overnight. In fact, your uncertainty about the future may actually deepen now. Nevertheless, it's easier to manage your emotions over the next month if you don't bury them with nervous chatter or constant activity.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Intimate relationships are a top priority that demand your full attention now. However, the interpersonal emphasis is changing from casual encounters to more profound connections while planets continue to cluster in your 8th House of Deep Sharing. Nevertheless, you might be resistant to the discomfort of vulnerability accompanying this dance. Go beyond words and sink into the hidden mysteries.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

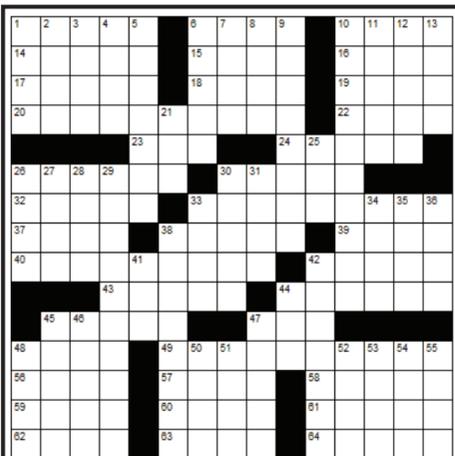
You prefer concentrating on how to get ahead in the world because you want concrete results now. However, there is also a bright light shining on your personal relationships while the Sun visits your 7th House of Companions. Honor your current feelings without worrying if you must temporarily set aside your career ambitions. Putting additional time toward nurturing a vital

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

It may appear that the fun and games are over now, but there's plenty more to follow. However, you must complete unfinished chores first, with playtime bumped down toward the bottom on your list of priorities. Enjoying yourself while still behaving in a responsible manner is tricky stuff, giving your sense of humor a chance to ride to the rescue.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Although your feelings are running deep, you grow more lighthearted today. You Fish swim with blissful enjoyment while the Sun travels through your 5th House of Love and Play. You might appear more spontaneous and relaxed to your peers now, even though you're quite serious about what you want. Trust your instincts and follow the currents wherever they take you.



Across

- 1. Adored, 6. Swing around, 10. Part of an ear, 14. Marble, 15. Eve's opposite, 16. Humdinger, 17. Of a pelvic bone, 18. Corrosive, 19. Russian emperor, 20. Toothpowder, 22. Purges, 23. Louisville Slugger, 24. Quickly, 26. Beer maker, 30. French for "After", 32. Imperial, 33. Stay overnight, 37. Incite, 38. Slalomed, 39. Connecting point, 40. Vital, 42. Diacritical mark, 43. Streets, 44. A finger or toe, 45. Lifts, 47. Wealthy person (British slang), 48. Char, 49. Dwelling, 56. Counter-tenor, 57. Weightlifters pump this, 58. Twilled fabric, 59. Secluded valley, 60. Colorful salamander, 61. Weeps, 62. Classify, 63. Deep cut, 64. Beginning,

Down

- 1. Placed, 2. Leer at, 3. Conceited, 4. French for "State", 5. Unit of sound intensity, 6. Clever, 7. Hubs, 8. Relating to urine, 9. Won over, 10. Inaudible, 11. Melodies, 12. Sword, 13. Not yours, 21. Not near, 25. Liveliness, 26. Scottish hillside, 27. Steals, 28. Visual organs, 29. Seafront, 30. Assumed name, 31. Rind, 33. Slip, 34. Electrical unit, 35. Countercurrent, 36. Bobbin, 38. Hoarding, 41. Excluding, 42. Hot sauce, 44. Point, 45. Greetings, 46. Consumer of food, 47. One after eighth, 48. Droops, 50. District, 51. Fronts of ships, 52. Small slender gull, 53. Colored part of an eye, 54. Curved molding, 55. Where a bird lives,

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