

### More Than 300 KG Heroin Seized

KANDAHAR - Security forces have seized more than 300 kilograms of heroin in eastern Nangarhar province.

Officials say the drug traffickers were planning to deliver the seized heroin to Kabul.

The counter narcotics department officials in the police headquarters of Nangarhar province say that the drug traffickers had placed the seized 374 kilograms of heroin in a "Hino" vehicle.

The vehicle was on its way from Marko area of Ghanikhil District to Kabul when police stopped it on Torkham-Kabul highway close to Jalalabad city on Wednesday.

Two suspects were also detained with the heroin seized in "Bargain" area of Behsood district who are under further investigation at the police headquarters.

The suspects are identified as Salim S/O Noor Mast and Mujahid S/O Anat Khan.

The police headquarters of Nangarhar has seized a total of 1225 kilo grams of drugs in past three months. (KP)

### Policeman in Farah Kills 3 Colleagues

FARAH CITY - After killing his three colleagues in the Balabok district of western Farah province, a policeman took all the weapons with him and joined Taliban's ranks, provincial police spokesman said on Thursday.

Iqbal Bahir told Pajhwok Afghan News the tragic incident occurred at a check post manned by Afghan National Police (ANP) in Farahrud locality of the district on Wednesday night.

Policeman Noor Agha gunned down his colleagues when they were sleeping in the night, he said, adding that commander of the security check post Mohammad Dawood and two other policemen were among the dead. (Pajhwok)

# Police Commander's Family Takes Down Taliban Attackers

MEHTARLAAM - The family of a Laghman province police commander banded together recently and took down a group of Taliban insurgents who attacked their home.

Said Hassan Almas, the police commander, said he and his wife, his sons and daughters-in-law and children fought off the insurgents for over an hour and a half. He said the insurgents attacked at about 11.30 pm while they were all asleep. According to police at least 47 insurgents were present during the gun-



fight. The family managed to kill six and injure one. They drove the rest back during the battle. When security forces arrived to help, the remaining insurgents fled. Officials said the Taliban demanded that Almas surrender to them. Insurgents said at the time if he did so they would let his family live. However, Almas chose not to and instead ordered his children and wife to fight. "They came and shouted for me to surrender. I told my kids that we will all fight against them," said Almas. ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Mammoth Gathering Held in Security Forces Support

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - The Awakening Youth Organization (AYO) and Balkh Literary Forum have organized a special but mammoth ceremony in northern Balkh province on Friday in honor of Afghan security forces and Essa Khan who shot dead six attackers during an attack on parliament. Essa Khan turned out to be a hero soon after he killed six insurgents who attacked the parliament in capital Kabul. Javed, a member of AYO, told Pajhwok Afghan News the gathering was organized to show solidarity with



security forces. "The dedicated and patriotic soldiers are fighting day and night with unknown enemy

in an imposed war," he remarked. Wahid Gul Zahir, another participant, said such gatherings could bridge gaps between masses and security forces. The security forces needed to be admired and appreciated their sacrifices who fought all the time for the security of the country and nation, he added. Mair-wais, a soldier of Afghan National Army (ANA), said appreciation encouraged soldiers to stand strong against enemy. He said he would fight till his last breath for protection of his motherland. (Pajhwok)

## Notorious Ringleader of Kidnapping Gang Held: NDS

KABUL - Better coordination linked to Grishak district securityThe National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Thursday claimed busting Zaki Dako, a dangerous ringleader of a kidnapping gang, allegedly involved in abduction, killings and armed robberies.

The spy agency said in a statement Dako, son of Yawar and Nesar Ahmad his accomplice were detained in a special operation.

Zaki Dako and his group had been involved in over 21 cases of murder, kidnapping, armed robberies, ransom and threatening people.

He confessed to committing the crimes including murder and kidnapping, the statement added.

The NDS asked those affected by his activities to contact NDS and file complaints against him. (Pajhwok)

## Girl Commits Suicide in Jawzjan

SHEBERGHAN - A young girl reportedly hanged herself in northern Jawzjan province on Wednesday, officials said Thursday.

Abduhafiz Khashi, a Jawzjan security official, has confirmed the incident and that the girl was a Class 7 student but did not know her age. He said the reasons for the suicide is not clear.

In addition, Khashi said at least five women have lost their lives as the result of domestic violence in the province so far this year.

This comes after an earlier suicide by a young girl who reportedly hanged herself over not getting a new dress to wear to a relative's wedding party. According to local security officials, this girl had ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

## Truck Drivers Protest Extortion on Samangan Road

AIBAK - A number of truck drivers on Thursday staged a protest demonstration alleging that illegal armed men and insurgents extorted money from them on roads in northern Samangan province.

The drivers, who ply the Aibak-Darai Sof highway, claimed illegal gunmen and Taliban militants forced them into paying money in Ziraki and other areas. One of them, Khalifa Mari, told Pajhwok Afghan News he was stopped on his way back from the Shabashak coalmine yesterday by a group of unknown gunmen and took 1,500 afghanis from him in Pasqol area of Darai Sof district. He said drivers avoided to travel on the highway during night. Another driver, Essa Khan, said there was no security post on the 100-kilometer road between the coalmine and Aibak city, the capital of Samangan. He said illegal armed men and Taliban militants were active on the highway and some other areas, creating insecurity.

Eng. Abdul Jabbar Hamidi, Northern Coal Enterprise director, confirmed drivers' complaints and said two to five drivers were daily forced to pay illegal money by armed men.

He said a security post previously deployed ...*(More on P4)...(25)*

## 12 Policemen Dead in Fight with Rebels

LASHKARGAH - Twelve policemen were killed in an armed clash with insurgents in the Grishk district of southern Helmand province, a security official said on Thursday.

Wishing anonymity, the official told Pajhwok Afghan News that militants stormed a police check post in the Zanbeli locality of the district, which sparked heavy gun battle.

He said that casualties inflicted on militants but he had no exact figure. Brig. Gen. Nabi Jan Malakhel, provincial police chief, confirmed the incident but did not share more information.

Akhtar Mohammad, a resident of the locality, said all policemen manning the check post were killed in the attack and the militants took all arms and ammunitions with them. Clashes underway in other parts of the province between security forces and Taliban, he added. Taliban spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi said 12 policemen including the check post commander Mohammad Wali was among the slain police. (Pajhwok)

## Better Coordination Linked to Grishak District Security

LASHKARAGAH - Following continuous support of locals to Afghan security forces, Taliban could not advance their plans in the Grishak district in southern Helmand province, the district police chief said.

Speaking to Pajhwok Afghan News, 1st Lt. Abdul Qayyum Barak said "Taliban used all tac-



tics to implement their plans in the district but better coordination among different institutions and locals' ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

## Nearly 350 mln KWh of Electricity Delivered to by Tajikistan in 2015

BISHKEK - Almost 350 million kWh of electricity was delivered to Afghanistan by Tajikistan in January-April 2015, reports the Open Joint Stock Holding Company "Barki Tojik".

Electricity produced mostly by the hydroelectric power plants Sangtuda-1 and Sangtuda-2 is supplied to Afghanistan.

129.6 million kWh of electricity was delivered to Afghanistan from Sangtuda-1 and Sangtuda-2 in May 2015 and 44 million kWh of electricity - in April 2015.

The electricity exported to Afghanistan is 9.4% of the total volume of the produced power in the ...*(More on P4)...(23)*



torate had a police unit that prevented such constructions along the rivers. Now, he regretted, the government ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## Outlook Horoscope

**Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)**  
You can override your wariness of uncomfortable emotional interactions as long as you trust the wisdom of the universe. You intuitively know that your fear of losing control currently stands between you and the intimacy you would like to create. Although you might not be able to shut off the endless flow of messages of self-doubt, listen to your heart instead of your head.

**Cancer (June 21-July 20)**  
You often pull back into your shell when you're feeling insecure because creating boundaries gives you the illusion of safety. However, something is different now; you're more likely to reach out to others instead of withdrawing from them. You can instinctively tell the difference between friend and foe now that the watery Scorpio Moon is harmonizing with psychic Neptune.

**Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)**  
You might nostalgically long for the good old days of cool objectivity, even if exciting opportunities are beckoning on the social front. Whether your calendar is suddenly booked or a relationship is taking an unexpected turn, your emotions are powerful now - and this intensity can be quite disconcerting. You may be thrilled with all the possibilities but not so pleased with your apparent loss of control.

**Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)**  
Although you don't often step outside of the practical realms, you have a hunch about your destiny that can't be rationalized today. Luckily, your psychic powers are strong now and you're probably picking up signals from a potential future reality. Don't make the mistake of ignoring your current perceptions just because they are undecipherable or nonsensical.

**Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)**  
People seem to enter your life today if for no other purpose than to intensify whatever you are already feeling. You may be resistant to their support, especially if you think they might take over by relentlessly offering their advice and drastically shifting your trajectory. Nevertheless, there's no need to overreact and turn a harmless situation into an unnecessary conflict.

**Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)**  
It's becoming more obvious day by day that you are floating along in a positive bubble and there's no reason to fight against the flow. Your lingering resistance may offer clues to old patterns that are still impeding your progress. However, you'll only encounter frustration by concentrating on the obstacles. Ironically, the harder you try to eliminate a roadblock, the larger it looms.

**Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)**  
You have no idea what to expect next, especially if you recently experienced a break in your regular routine. Fortunately, it's not necessary to have your entire schedule set in stone; the more flexible you are now, the greater your progress. However comfortable the past may be, clinging to it will only bring disappointment.

**Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)**  
People gravitate to you because your sunny disposition makes them feel special. It's not that your optimism is unrealistic; it's just that you currently seem to possess the Midas touch. Luckily, spreading your good will won't cost you a penny. In fact, the universe is like a mirror now and every positive vibe you send out comes back in multiple blessings.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
Just when you thought clarity was yours for the asking, the soft focus lens slides back into place to blur your perceptions. The good news is that your current mental fog forces you to rely more heavily on your intuition as you fill in the missing details from the far reaches of your imagination. Let go of your need to intellectually know all the answers; magic can only occur if you're willing to play in the field of dreams.

**Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)**  
You understand exactly what you need to do even if you don't have every minute mapped out in great detail. Normally, you might feel uneasy knowing that some of the pieces of the puzzle are missing but you're good to go now, even with so many loose ends still dangling. Just rein in your current tendency to over-expand and over-indulge; moderation will keep you on the path to success while giving you enough time to figure things out.

**Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)**  
Your dreams hold the key to your happiness now, whether or not you actually manifest them. In fact, letting your creativity loose to imagine all the possibilities ahead acts as a spiritual practice today. Explore each item on your bucket list even if it's not practical or feasible in the real world. Something valuable will emerge from your fantasies if you give yourself permission to believe that at least some of them can come true.

**Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)**  
Rather than idly fantasizing about an upcoming adventure, it's time to put your thoughts into decisive action. But you don't have to build Rome in a day; you only need to take baby steps toward your ultimate goal. Ignore any lingering negativity or self-doubt and just imagine how happy you can be if you start living your dreams right now. Although you might not think anyone is watching, your efforts won't go unnoticed.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-66.

Across: 1. Unit of luminous flux, 6. Back of the neck, 10. Friends, 14. A kind of macaw, 15. Smell, 16. Black, in poetry, 17. Reporter, 19. Formally surrender, 20. A Christian celebration, 21. Mineral rock, 22. An enclosure, 23. A fencing sword, 25. Player, 26. Mugs, 30. Laughable, 32. Unfortunate, 35. A wheeled domicile, 39. At risk, 40. Silicon dioxide, 41. They're found in the throat, 43. Exhibition room, 44. Accuse, 46. Burden, 47. Hut, 50. Anagram of "Daubs", 53. Transfer possession, 54. A high alpine meadow, 55. Not outside, 60. Diving bird, 61. Driven by lust, 63. Ear-related, 64. Among, 65. Certain chess pieces, 66. Walk in water, 67. Bristle, 68. Spoke (archaic).

Down: 1. Alley, 2. Component of urine, 3. Mouth, 4. At one time (archaic), 5. Scruffs, 6. Neither, 7. Accumulate on the surface, 8. Most destitute, 9. Sea eagle, 10. Indiscretion, 11. Perpendicular to the keel, 12. Hostel, 13. Contemptuous look, 18. Historic period, 24. Alcove, 25. Chalice, 26. Religious splinter group, 27. Pearly-shelled mussel, 28. Scheme, 29. An abatement in intensity, 31. Constellation bear, 33. Climate, 34. Large brown seaweed, 36. Mortgage, 37. Beige, 38. Beams, 42. Inspiring awe, 43. African antelope, 45. Stratagem, 47. Alit, 48. Flora and fauna, 49. Egg-shaped, 51. Accomplished, 52. Trims, 54. "Oh my!", 56. Break, 57. Hawkeye State, 58. Immerse briefly, 59. Being, 62. Actress Lupino.

Yesterday's Solution: absorb, always, bland, blight, briar, bristle, butter, chart, clean, coals, correct, craze, dream, faint, fleet, flesh, four, hurricanes, jargon, pier, plane, platitudes, raise, range, rats, rest, robe, seals, sheer, shorts, slag, slit, spilt, sponge, staff, stiff, sweet, television, thorn, thou, today, wait.

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