

Tajikistan to Extradite Afghan Inmates: Official

KABUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Tuesday said neighboring Tajikistan would extradite Afghan inmates to the Afghan government. MoFA spokesman Ahmad Shakib Mustaghni told journalists Afghanistan and Tajikistan had signed an agreement on prisoners extradition back in 2006 based on which at least 255 Afghan prisoners would be extradited to Afghanistan in 2010. At least eight Tajik inmates, he said, were also handed over to Tajikistan government, he informed.

The spokesman said a delegation was sent in 2013 to Tajikistan to negotiate the extradition of 100 more Afghan prisoners and finalized the initial processes. Until now, at least 31 prisoners have been transferred to Afghanistan while 50 more would be transferred soon. Without giving details about the total strength of Afghan prisoners languishing in Tajikistani jails, he added, that officials in the



MoFA was all set to ensure early extradition of the prisoners. (Pajhwok)

9 People Missing in Avalanches

TALEQAN - At least nine people are missing after 15 avalanches trapped dozens of homes in northern Takhar province on Monday, local officials said. The incident took place in Eghnan village of Warsej district of Takhar. Which borders Paryan district of northern Panjsher province, a spokesman for the acting governor, Sunatullah Temor said. "The telecommunication services have been cut in the village and the avalanches have closed the way into the village," Temor said. This while, on Monday the Chief Executive of the National Unity Government (NUG) Abdullah



Abdullah said that more than 300 people were killed in recent avalanches throughout the country, emphasizing that the state of emergency committee should be better equipped and prepared in addressing areas and people affected. Death toll has increased with each passing day, with several dozen still trapped in the avalanche or missing. Areas affected by natural disasters include Badakhshan, Nuristan, Bamiyan, Dailkundi, Nangarhar, Herat, Badghis, and Ghor with majority of the affected, roughly 200, were killed in northern Panjsher province. (Tolnews)

Young Girl Commits Suicide



TALEQAN - Officials in northeastern Takhar Province say that a young girl has hung herself to death due to unknown reasons.

Sunatullah Taimori, spokesman for the governor of Takhar province says that the incident took place in the city of Taluqan, the provincial capital of Takhar province.

He said that still it is unknown as why the girl committed suicide but an investigation is underway in this regard.

But violation against women like force marriage are the major cause of the young girls committing suicide.

Also, a report surfaced yesterday indicating that a 13 years old girl has been made pregnant by a Mullah of a local mosque in the locality of Kal-Afgan District of Takhar province.

Officials say that the girl

who is pregnant now used to go to the mosque to study religious lessons in the mosque but the Mullah of mosque was repeatedly raping her. According to the local officials the Mullah used to give medicine to the girl to make her unconscious and then rape her. The Mullah who is arrested by the security forces has also confessed to his crime.

Samad has told security forces during investigation that he had been raping the girl from the past eight months.

He has said that he used to give medicine to the girl to make her unconscious after which he would rape her.

Violation against women is increasing uniquely in Afghanistan. Human Rights as well as other organizations defending women rights in Afghanistan have expressed concern over the issue. (KP)

60 Rebels Eliminated in Military Offensive

QALAT - At least 60 militants were killed or wounded in the search operations launched for the recovery of kidnapped passengers on Tuesday in southern Zabul province, an official said.

Police Chief Ghulam Sakhi Rogh Lewanai told Pajhwok Afghan News the offensive began at around 3: 00 am in the Khakh-i-Afghan district. Special Forces were landed in the area through helicopters and now engaged in fierce fire fight with insurgents.

Another security officials wishing anonymity said that Gen. Abdul Raziq, police chief of southern Kandahar province and others security officials,



have taken part in the operations.

Earlier, some masked gunmen abducted 30 passengers travelling by a bus on the Kabul-Kandahar highway in the Shajoy district of Zabul province

The men were seized in Pash Kandi area on the road between western

Herat province and central capital Kabul, Mohammad Ullah Ahmadi, the district police chief had said.

Taliban have not yet commented on the incident despite Pajhwok Afghan News repeated contacts to know the version of the insurgents' group. (Pajhwok)

2 Passengers Dead, 29 Hurt in Traffic Mishap

HERAT CITY - Two persons were killed and 29 others wounded in a traffic accident on Herat-Farah Highway, officials said Tuesday.

Ehsan Hayat, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the crash took place in Urya locality of Adras-

kan district at around 4: 00 am early this morning. The tragic mishap occurred when a 303 model bus moving from Herat province to Farah veered off road, he said, adding that seven of the wounded persons were in critical condition.

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Vehicle Laden with Weapons Seized

QALAT - A vehicle carrying a large amount of weapons was confiscated on Tuesday and its driver arrested in the capital of southern Zabul province, police said.

Zabul police chief Ghulam Sakhi Rogh Lewanai told Pajhwok Afghan News the vehicle was

searched at a post on the outskirts of Qalat, the provincial capital.

He said police had prior intelligence reports about the entry of a vehicle carrying weapons from Kabul's Chahar Asyab district to southern Kandahar province. Police ... (More on P4)...(21)

Suicide Attack Leaves 7 Dead

KABUL - At least five civilians and two security personnel were killed and seven others wounded as a result of suicide bombing in southern Helmand province.

The incident occurred Tuesday afternoon in Sangin district when

a suicide bomber blew his explosives-packed car near a convoy of security forces, said Omar Zowak, spokesman for Helmand governor. So far, no group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolnews)



Afghan News the operation was conducted at about 11pm in the district's Barikab and Ali Khel areas. The IS leader, Abdul Rahman alias Osman, was killed during the operation, he said.

He said the slain IS leader had been recruiting local residents for the group, which controls large swaths of land in Iraq and Syria.

"The slain IS leader was actual resident of Kunar province, where he lived in Kama district. He migrated to Batikot district to recruit people for the IS," he said, adding the IS leader hurled a handgrenade at the troops during the operation.

The district chief said those detained were local residents and they were released after an investigation.

The Taliban have so far said nothing about the incident. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)
Although you have an abundance of innovative ideas today, you could squander your gift of ingenuity if you aren't careful. However, you might not know exactly what to do with your excess physical and spiritual energy. Wasting your time on something unimportant can be draining, but, fortunately, you won't likely be distracted for too long.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)
You might not understand all the complex dynamics that are impacting your family relationships while the futuristic Uranus trines expansive Jupiter in your 4th House of Roots. Nevertheless, you can feel the electricity in the atmosphere now so you know something big is brewing. Don't get discouraged by your current lack of clarity.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
You may be so overwhelmed by the wide array of tasks you need to complete today that you can't decide where to begin. As soon as you pick a specific plan, something unexpected happens that requires you to reconsider your strategy. Although your choices should prove to be the right ones in the long run, temporary frustration can set in if you don't get what you want right away.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)
Stability seems highly overrated today since your optimism reveals potential success stories every which way you turn. But don't dive into a new project just because it looks like an easy cure to your restlessness. Too much searching for the next big thing can blind you to the joys of the present moment.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)
Everyone seems to think your heart is like an open book now that the evocative Moon is moving through demonstrative Leo. However, chances are that no one actually knows your true desires, even if they attempt to convince you that they do. Unfortunately, your emotions can get in the way of your words, so you might not be very effective when you try to explain what you want.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)
You may have been suffering in silence for too long with hidden tension at home or on the job. Taking a calculated risk to put things back in order is a good idea today because you have invisible cosmic helpers working on your behalf. However, you might feel so lucky that you can reach too far in pursuit of perfection.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)
You feel blessed to have wonderful friends who are enthusiastic about being an integral part of your life. However, you may grow annoyed if they are more of a distraction now than it's worth. Nevertheless, your responsibilities are probably more negotiable than you realize. There's no need to take yourself so seriously; no one will fault you for enjoying yourself as long as you eventually return to your obligations.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)
It doesn't matter how ingenious your thoughts are now; they aren't likely grounded in experience or logic. However, your intuition won't lead you astray; it's wise to act on your desires because the odds for fulfillment are high. But don't expect someone to show up out of the blue and deliver your fantasies.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)
You are already drifting out into the cosmos, and the big picture becomes even bigger today. You're comfortable with your colorful day dreams, but it's time to put your grand plan into motion. Fortunately, the Moon and Jupiter are dancing in your 9th House of High Ideals now, motivating you to go to extremes to accomplish your goals.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)
You may not be aware of the driving intensity of your current ambitions, but this is not the time for analysis. Push steadily toward your goals because you have the necessary inner resolve to overcome almost all obstacles now. Set your mind on your destination and then don't let anything or anyone sidetrack you from your course.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)
A close friend or ally might offer you extra support today as brilliant Uranus harmonizes with the big-hearted Leo Moon in your 7th House of Others. Even the most casual conversation could bring forth a flood of new ideas. However, no matter how hard you try, you cannot possibly pursue every path.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)
Although you might butt heads with someone at work, you won't likely get to the source of the squabble today. Your interactions with your coworkers aren't as simple as they seem on the surface, for unspoken feelings make attempts to clear the air awkward. Thankfully, you can reduce the emotional charge of an unpleasant situation by considering the larger picture, instead of only focusing on what's in it for you.

Across

1. Light gusts of air, 6. Anagram of "Star", 10. Head, 14. Coral island, 15. Masterstroke, 16. Cut down, 17. Chocolate source, 18. Carry, 19. Jewelry, 20. A very small amount, 22. Balm ingredient, 23. What we sleep on, 24. Pariah, 26. Belonging to the peerage, 30. Ruffle, 32. Aromatic solvent, 33. Pillager, 37. Breezed through, 38. Beside, 39. Stare, 40. Steepness, 42. Monetary penalties, 43. Crucifixes, 44. A short coat, 45. Different, 47. Indian bread, 48. Chocolate cookie, 49. Easy, 56. Edges, 57. 13 in Roman numerals, 58. Heart artery, 59. Make do, 60. Hotels, 61. Bit of parsley, 62. Nameless, 63. Assistant, 64. Affirmatives

Down

1. Agreement, 2. Salt Lake state, 3. Central points, 4. Deception 5. Drool, 6. Performed, 7. Top of a house, 8. Ballet attire, 9. Correct letter order in a word, 10. Someone who is paralyzed, 11. Axial, 12. Adult male singing voice, 13. Border 21. Directed, 25. A late time of life, 26. Popular hot beverages, 27. Skin irritation, 28. You (archaic), 29. Leather shorts, 30. Clean between teeth, 31. Flows, 33. Implored, 34. Relative status, 35. Type of sword, 36. A musical pause, 38. An eating disorder, 41. Caviar, 42. Imagination unrestricted by reality, 44. Glass container, 45. Heavenly hunter, 46. Pace, 47. Clamor, 48. Killer whale, 50. French for Finished or Done, 51. Discover, 52. Easy gait, 53. Makes a mistake, 54. Anagram of "Ties", 55. Droops

Yesterday's Solution

attract, awesome, beer, bench, career, creedeably, experience, force, front, guest,happen,major, meld, method, more, nothing, points, pound, pout, prod, profession, punk, quick, royal, school, sheep, shore, sudden, tempt, territory, tickle, tight, tower, town, weapon

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