

Kandahar Police Colliding with Robbers: Residents

KANDAHAR CITY - Residents of the capital of southern Kandahar province on Wednesday alleged police were in collusion with robbers in most of theft cases. Kandahar city dwellers accused police officers of involvement in theft cases and most of burglary cases were taking place in localities close to police check posts. However, police officers rejected accusations and said that police had intensified efforts to reduce crime rate in the capital city by arresting five robbers every week. Mohammad Iqbal, a resident of the first police district, said the residents were facing with insecurity in the past but now robbery cases were on rise in the city. He told Pajhwok Afghan News that robbery was recently increased in Kandahar city as at least one of such incidents happened on daily basis. "Armed robbers forcefully are depriving locals of cars, bikes and other ... (More on P4)...(19)



Panalpina Packs up Helos in Afghanistan

KABUL - Panalpina Helicopter recently arranged for 13 medium and heavy civil helicopters to be shipped out of Afghanistan. In most cases, the helicopters were flown to Dubai aboard An-124 or Il-76 cargo aircraft and then either air-forwarded or ocean shipped to their final destinations. Models shipped by Panalpina included the Bell 212, Sikorsky S-61, Airbus AS330J and Columbia 234. Once the helicopters arrived at their destination airport or port, Panalpina arranged for either trucking to a final destination or supported reassembly and fly-off from the port. Panalpina is displaying a slide show of the process at its booth here at Heli-Expo. The company provides transportation and logistics services to international helicopter operators, OEMs and MROs worldwide through offices in Vancouver and New Orleans. (AIN)

Jilani Suggests Slow US Troops' Drawdown

KABUL - Pakistan's Ambassador to the US Jalil Abbas Jilani suggested slowing down in the withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan would be welcomed in both Kabul and Islamabad. The state-run Pakistani Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) wire service reported that Jilani told journalists that Pakistan is shouldering a heavier responsibility in its counterterrorism efforts along the Afghan border amid US drawdown from Afghanistan. While the number of American troops has decreased in the transition, Pakistan has bolstered its troops presence from 145,000 troops to around



170,000. Speaking at a Christian Science Monitor Breakfast meeting, Jilani noted the situation in Afghanistan remains challenging and Pakistan's fulfillment of greater responsibility comes despite the fact that the country's army is already stretched to the limit. Any drawdown must take into the ground realities and it should contribute to peace and stability in Afghanistan and "we have reason to believe things are proceeding exactly in that direction." Jilani said while any decision on the withdrawal is the sovereign choice of ... (More on P4)...(21)

6 Provinces to Get New Uplift Projects

KABUL - Ten welfare projects are being implemented in six provinces at a time when some lawmakers accuse the government of discrimination in allocation of development projects. The contract of the projects was signed on Wednesday between officials of ministry of public works and the construction companies. Noor Gul Mangal, acting public works minister, said the projects included road-asphalting, building culverts and constructing buildings for laboratories. The implementation of the projects would cost \$8.6 million to be financed by the World Bank (WB). The schemes would be executed in Kabul, Farah, Sar-i-Pul, Badakhshan, Jawzjan and Daikundi provinces, Mangal said, saying construction a building for laboratory of public works in the Asta-



lib district of Kabul was among the projects. But Humaira Ayobi, a lawmaker from Farah province, complained the government divided the projects without any criterion. "Even streets of some provinces need to be concreted," Ayobi ... (More on P4)...(24)

Airstrike Kills 21 Taliban



KUNDUZ CITY - An Afghan airstrike in Kunduz province has reportedly killed 21 Taliban insurgents on Tuesday, local officials said confirmed Wednesday. The incident took place in Imam Sahib district when the Afghan Air Force bombarded Taza Quli village, said District Governor Imamuddin Quraishi. According to Quraishi there were no civilian and Afghan forces casualties in the operations. The Taliban insurgents have not yet commented about the operation. (Tolnews)

Customs Biggest Hurdle for Working Women

ZARANJ - As women in southwestern Nimroz province took active part in the previous presidential and provincial council elections but their ratio in government offices was abysmally low because of traditional compulsion. According to local officials, more than 50,000 women who make 40 percent of all voters have participated in the previous election in Nimroz. Two women had elected as provincial council members while two others as people's representatives in the Wolesi Jirga or lower house of parliament. But negative traditions among communities have forced women to stay away from working in government offices. Amina Hakimi, director women affairs, told Pajhwok Afghan News that only 50 women were working in government offices including department of women affairs, governor's house, rural rehabilitation and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). She said that 50 other women were deployed as police officers. "Families' restrictions are the main reason forcing female not to opt for government jobs," Hakimi said, adding most women interested to serve as teacher instead. According to the education department, there are 1,800 teachers in Nimroz with 700 of them female teachers. From 90,000 school students, ... (More on P4)...(25)

Militant with Suicide Vest Detained



MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Police on Wednesday arrested a militant wearing a suicide vest in northern Balkh province, an official said. Balkh acting police chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Raziq Qaderi told Pajhwok Afghan News the would-be suicide attacker was detained this morning in the Sholgar district. He claimed the attacker wanted to target the district police chief, Juma Khan, but he was arrested based on an intelligence report. An explosives-filled jacket was recovered from the detainee currently being interrogated, the police chief said. He identified the detainee as Dad Mohammad, ... (More on P4)...(20)

Former Afghan Football Coach Returns to Kabul

KABUL - Afghanistan former national football coach Mohammad Yousof Kargar, after receiving treatments in India has recovered from his injuries and returned to Kabul Wednesday evening. Two months ago, Kargar, 51, was stabbed in the

Taliban Kidnap Official in Wardak

MAIDAN SHAHAR - Taliban gunmen kidnapped the district executive officer for Sayedabad of central Maidan Wardak province, an official said Wednesday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan

9 Soldiers Among 14 Dead in Fresh Clashes

KABUL/ZARANJ - Nine security officials and five insurgents have been killed during clashes with security forces in different parts of the country, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and officials said on Wednesday. Five militants were

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Your passions are aroused today and you are anxious to tell the world what you want. Expressing your feelings in an acceptable manner can lead to a memorable outcome as romantic Venus joins unpredictable Uranus in your spontaneous sign. Although your social life is on the upswing, you still might have to deal with an emotional undercurrent that won't magically disappear on its own.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

There is something about the experience of pleasure today that makes you purr with contentment, no matter what else is occurring in your life. You are attracted to trying nearly anything that's new and different while flirty Venus connects with unorthodox Uranus and buoyant Jupiter. Instead of remaining set in your ways, stay open to the extraordinary potential that exists in each moment.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

If you want to spice up your life now, make a few phone calls and schedule some fun on your calendar. Today is not a day to idly sit by and watch others enjoying themselves when you should just jump in and join the party. But don't be satisfied with superficial interactions when sincere conversations leave you with more enduring and honest connections.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Even if you continue to ride an emotional roller coaster today, it won't likely carry you away from a very sweet encounter that's already on your radar. Spending time with a loved one to share a favorite meal or an anticipated special event might ignite romantic sparks. However, your fear of intimacy could close the door to a magnificent experience before it even occurs.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Wonderful news could be a welcome surprise today, but you must be receptive to the message or it might pass you by unnoticed. The current reward or acknowledgment probably won't be what you expect now, which makes it even sweeter. You may even receive an unexpected cash windfall or meet a very special person.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

It's much healthier to express your feelings than to keep them to yourself, especially now that the sensitive Moon is back in your sign. It's worth going out on a limb, even if you're nervous about the reaction you might receive. Although your assertive behavior is contrary to your natural tentative style, trying a totally new approach to life today gives you a fresh edge.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It feels as if everything will turn out for the best now while your key planet Venus shines on center stage. In fact, a lovely experience could be yours for the asking while the love planet harmonizes with propitious Jupiter. On one hand, you want to take advantage of any opportunity to have fun. But, on the other hand, you may slip with respect to your duties and obligations. If you stay on track, you'll be able to do both - work and play.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your confidence is the ultimate key to your happiness today, even in the most difficult situations. In fact, it's as if you don't even have to work that hard for recognition and money. Naturally, it helps if you love what you're doing, since your attachment to the routines over a long period of time is what really pays off now.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You can feel the emotional buzz and you can't wait to see what's around the next corner. If this cosmic energy doesn't bring love or romance, find other ways to express your creativity as bountiful Jupiter receives a delicious kiss from beautiful Venus today. Even if you have struggled recently, your enthusiasm is contagious now.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

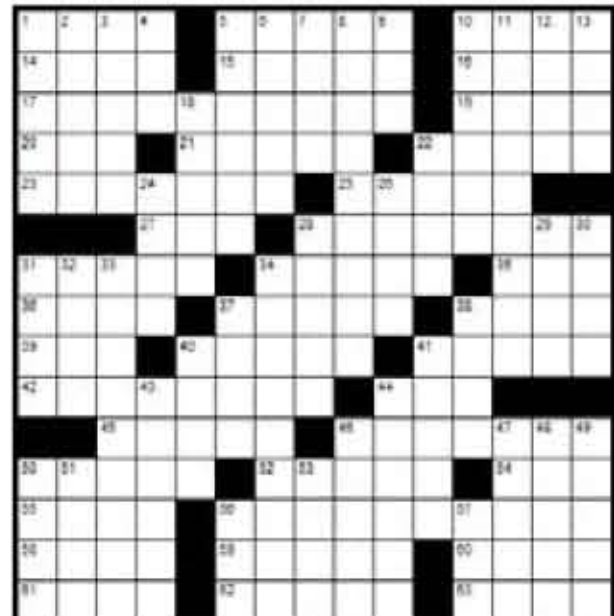
It's not about accomplishing more in the outer world now; it's simply about engaging your senses in new and different ways. You don't have to impress anyone with your success story. You only have to give yourself permission to relax and let down your guard. Entertain the notion of breaking the rules of your diet or skipping an exercise routine for once.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You might feel as if no one is watching you and you can get away with some harmless mischief today. However, don't push your luck too far or your day could implode when you least expect it. Thankfully, even if you go overboard, you should be able to put everything back on track quickly. Your charm works in your favor now, so joyfully accept the love that is all around you with a grateful heart.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Everything at work may be going so well now that you're secretly concerned about which good feelings you should really trust. You might want to hold something in reserve in case things don't turn out as you planned. Fortunately, your destiny is within your control if you decide to consciously wake up and take preemptive action.



Across
1. Cards with 1 symbol, 5. Stripes, 10. Beige, 14. Rant, 15. Genuinely, 16. Charges, 17. Unrelenting, 19. Run away, 20. A very long period, 21. Television, 22. Rinds, 23. An informal term for money, 25. Inflammations of the big toe, 27. Altitude (abbrev.), 28. The words of an opera, 31. Surplus, 34. Harness racer, 35. 3 in Roman numerals, 36. Lean, 37. Indemnity, 38. Formal dance, 39. Snake-like fish, 40. One who poses, 41. Water holes, 42. Marriage offer, 44. Hasten 45. Drying cloth, 46. Motion of hands, 50. Street urchin, 52. France's longest river, 54. Not bottom, 55. Ends a prayer, 56. Silver-grey wingless insect, 58. Hue, 59. Leg joints, 60. Hodgepodge, 61. Makes lace, 62. Severe pain, 63. Delay or postpone

Down
1. Disney mermaid, 2. Small boat, 3. What's happening, 4. Gender, 5. Unbending, 6. Exchange, 7. Country bumpkin, 8. Not rational, 9. Yes to a sailor, 10. Decadent, 11. Heavenly, 12. Bobbin, 13. Applications, 18. Small egg, 22. Happy cat sound, 24. Sourish, 26. Comply with, 28. Continuation of the coat collar, 29. Cultivate, 30. Anagram of "Silo", 31. Stair, 32. Jetty, 33. Portion, 34. Bicycling, 37. Thorny flower, 38. Red vegetable, 40. Cut, 41. More prudent, 43. Scoring units, 44. Unorthodox tenets, 46. Donated, 47. Practical, 48. Kino gum, 49. Ancient Hebrew vestment, 50. International trade agreement, 51. Dogfish, 53. Margarine, 56. Calypso offshoot, 57. Dandy

Yesterday's Solution
assist, bakery, barge, bike, brain, career, cheese, choice, cupboard, decent, decrease, dinosaur, elect, finest, found government, intend, laws, lest, loess, liar, month, options, place, pledge, possible, recipe, regret, rest, roast, seas, seep, smile, style, theater, treasures

