

15,000 KG Explosive Materials Seized, 12 Insurgents Arrested

JALALABAD - The personnel of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - has seized 15,000 kilograms of explosive materials and arrested twelve insurgents in eastern Nangarhar province. According to a statement issued by the NDS Wednesday morning, the explosive materials were placed in the bags of cement - distinguished to be cement - which were seized in Jalalabad city, provincial capital of Nangarhar. As per the statement, the explosive materials were placed 300 cement bags with each bag the weight of 50 kilograms. The statement adds that



the explosive materials were seized from a vehicle bearing the number plate of Herat province (H.R.T 15441). The statement further adds that the materials seized are the type of the explosives being used in suicide vests, car bombs and landmines. Toryalai, the driver of the vehicle was also arrested according to the statement. In a separate action of the personnel of the NDS, 11 insurgents who are related with Taliban were arrested in the same province. NDS statement states that the insurgents were busy in destructive activities in Nangarhar who were arrested with magnetic bombs, weapons and ammunitions. Statements ... (More on P4)... (17)

Hamza Baba's Death Anniversary Observed

JALALABAD - The 21st death anniversary of legendary Pashto poet Amir Hamza Khan Shinwari, widely known as Hamza Baba, was observed in the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, on Wednesday. Born in 1907 in Landi Kotal, a hamlet of Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province close to the Durand Line, Hamza died of kidney failure more than two decades ago. A ... (More on P4)... (18)

7 Civilians Killed, Several others Wounded in Suicide Attack

LASHKARGAH - At least six civilians were killed and some others wounded in a suicide attack in the capital of southern Helmand province on Tuesday evening, officials said. A local security official confided to Pajhwok Afghan News the attack happened at 6pm in the Bolan area of Lashkargah. "The car-borne suicide attacker struck near a police checkpoint." Six people including a child were killed and five policemen wounded along with some civilians, he said, giving no further details. An eyewitness, meanwhile, claimed seeing the bodies of several civilians at the site. An Emergency Hospital source confirmed receiving a number of injured people. (Pajhwok) ... (More on P4)... (19)

9-Km Road Asphalted

FARAH CITY - A nine kilometers road connecting the Jawin district of western Farah province with the capital has been asphalted, an official said on Wednesday. Construction work on the road started 11 months ago. Eng. Abdul Wahab Sediqi, director of public works, told Pajhwok Afghan News the project cost 192 million afghanis. Half of the funds were provided by the Ministry of Public Works and the rest by the World Bank (WB). He said the roads from Farah City to eight other districts were yet to be graveled. Mohammad Asif Nang, the governor's spokesman, stressed budget should be allocated for the construction of roads. He added farmers in the districts faced problems in transporting their crops to cities. Nang also ... (More on P4)... (19)

24 Civil Servants Complete Training

AYBAK - At least 24 civil servants of Samangan's Revenue Department completed their training on laws and regulations of procurement, different types of taxes and the principle of accounting. A statement from the German Cooperation with Afghanistan said on Wednesday that during the 18-day training course, provincial officers learnt how to manage efficiently finances



at their workplaces. The training was organized by Samangan's Revenue Department, with technical and financial assistance from German government at the cost of over 628,000 afghanis. ... (More on P4)... (20)

Ex Air Force Officer Pleads Guilty in Afghan Contract Case

KABUL - A former Air Force captain who oversaw contracts in Afghanistan pleaded guilty Tuesday to an influence-peddling charge stemming from his post-military employment lobbying for a vendor. Adam Pudenz, 35, admitted he violated a law that bans former federal employees from trying to influence government ac-

tion on matters in which they were involved. He also pleaded guilty to making a false statement to military investigators. A magistrate judge accepted the pleas at a hearing in Sioux City, Iowa. Authorities say Pudenz was paid more than \$250,000 after leaving the service to lobby his former colleagues for payments on behalf of a military boot manufacturer that won contracts he had helped award and administer. The charges each carry up to five years in prison. But prosecutors have agreed not to advocate for a prison term or fine under the plea agreement that also calls for Pudenz to forfeit to the government a home he owns ... (More on P4)... (21)

Girl Undergoes Successful Surgery after Jumping off Building

KABUL - A 14-year-old victim of domestic violence has successfully undergone four surgical operations after she jumped from her building over her father's forced decision to marry an old man in western Herat province, doctors said. Being under medical treatment for about two years, Arezo had broken her bones and was in serious condition, something the doctors initially said was less to no chances of her surviving. "This girl was brought to

the hospital in a very bad condition," Dr. Mohammad Nasir Habib said. "Her first operation took four hours, but finally she recovered and her treatment took more than a year." Arezo, whose only wish is to go back to school, asked the parents to replace violence with love and affection towards their children. "The parents that play with the lives of their children should replace violence with love in their ... (More on P4)... (22)

Seeking Release, Ex-Bank Officials Go on Hanger Strike

KABUL - Seven former Pashtani Bank employees including its head Hayatullah Dayanim, who are being held in in the Pul-i-Charkhi jail for the last three years, went on hunger strike on Wednesday. Senior prison official Col. Mohammad Karim Tahri told Pajhwok Af-

ghan New the former bank employees had been on strike due to an inordinate delay in their release from jail. "The appeal court ordered the release of these individuals, but they are yet to be freed," the official informed, without elaborating on reasons for the impediments to

implementation of the verdict. Back in 2012, the Attorney General Office (AGO) convicted 13 employees of the Pashtani Bank, including its former Head Hayatullah, on graft charges and referred them to the court. The accused allegedly p ... (More on P4)... (23)

Insurgents Kill 3 Abducted Civilians

JALALABAD - Militants have killed three people in eastern Nuristan province for cooperation with the government, an official said on Wednesday. The victims had been kidnapped some days back and their bodies were handed over to their families today, Border Police Commander Col. Mohammad Ayub Hussainkhel told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the slain men were common people and did not have any government jobs. Police have opened an investigation into the incident. (Pajhwok)

2 Kidnapped ALP Members Found Dead

QALAT - Two Afghan Local Police (ALP) members, who were kidnapped by militants recently, have been killed in the Shah Joi district of southern Zabul province, an official said on Wednesday. District chief Abdul Khaliq told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban had kidnapped the ALP men, whose bodies were found late on Tuesday. A local official wishing not to be named said the ALP members had been kidnapped on the Kabul-Kandahar Highway two days ago. About two weeks ... (More on P4)... (24)

Flood-Marooned Passengers Rescued

HERAT CITY - At least 18 passengers surrounded by floods in the Karokh district of western Herat province have been rescued, an official said on Wednesday. Maj. Gen. Abdul Majid Rozi, Herat police chief, said the passengers from Ghor province were on their way to Herat when

their vehicle was trapped by floods in Rod Pashtan locality. They were all taken to Herat on Tuesday, Rozi said. Some weeks back, around 100 people were rescued by army soldiers from severe avalanches in the Band-i-Sabzak area of Badghis province. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Although everyone may appear to be going nuts, you feel as sane as ever. Then again, you may not be the best judge of reality now that your key planet Mars connects with crazy Uranus and passionate Pluto. You might not even realize that you're driving against the flow of traffic because you believe you possess super powers today - and maybe you do.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might not have a solution for a tense social dilemma yet, but you're able to keep relatively calm in spite of the pressure. Perhaps you realize that you can't single-handedly change the current events, so you don't need to invest a lot of energy in trying to fix the situation.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

The current excitement at work gets your adrenaline going, but you're probably not as happy if you have to hide your feelings. Oftentimes, all you want to do is share the information that you have before moving on to what's next. However, a stormy emotional component makes everything more complex now. Maybe it's time to act as if you're the lightning and strike with unexpected brilliance and force.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your mind is chock full of original thoughts and you are eager to act on every single one of them. Unfortunately, you may need to get your plans approved by someone who doesn't seem so friendly to your cause right now. If you can't find a way to express your creativity, you might discover that negative emotions quickly replace your intelligent visions.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You want everyone to know about your emotional turmoil now, but you don't want to go through the process of explaining everything to each person. Although actions speak louder than words, it's a mistake to believe that anyone will understand your true intentions if you just swing into motion without saying anything at all.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Nothing much has changed since yesterday, but you might feel more playful today. Perhaps you have surrendered to just letting go instead of worrying about everything you can't control. But it would be incorrect to say that you have thrown in the towel. You're simply reassessing your strategy and changing your tactics because you must. However, don't lose track of the final destination if you want additional freedom in your life.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may as well toss your calendar aside today because it only brings you frustration if you try to stick to your previously conceived schedule. But this doesn't mean that you can also shirk your responsibilities. Although you will still be held accountable, it's much easier to be creative if you do it on your own clock. Flexibility is your secret weapon in the war on mediocrity.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

There is no stopping you today while you are fueled by the powerful stress generated by the catalytic alignment between your two key planets, Mars and Pluto. Fortunately, you are able to express your creative brilliance as long as you keep bringing your focus back to the business at hand.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You might believe you already missed your opportunity to add an outrageous activity to your day. However, the truth is you can still act on an off-the-wall plan if you make it happen soon. Others are looking to you for inspiration, hoping you will pull a rabbit out of a hat. Don't worry about what everyone thinks; expressing your most ingenious ideas needs to be satisfying for you and not anyone else.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

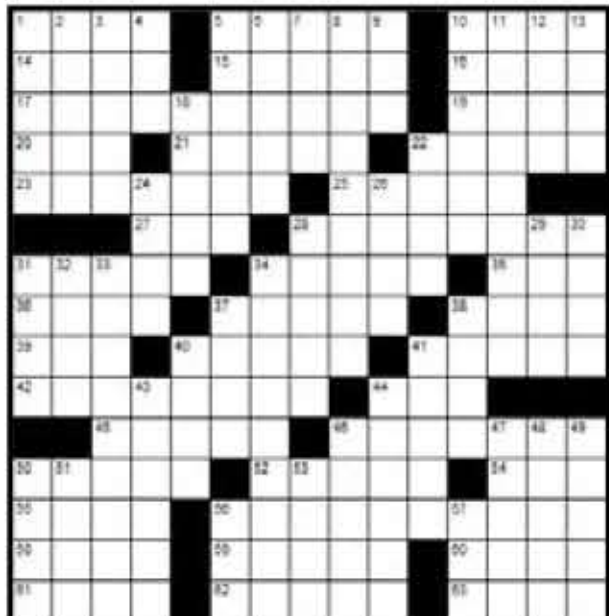
You can't maintain the status quo by simply declaring your intention to do so. However, even your most concrete plans won't prevent the changing tides from wreaking havoc and raising self-doubt. Intellectually, you realize that risky behavior can pay off handsomely, but you're hesitant to gamble on anything yet. Maybe you are motivated by fear; maybe it's common sense.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your schedule seems totally unmanageable today and the more you try to reassert control over your daily routine, the faster you spin in circles. Fortunately, you can change the game entirely by loosening the reins and allowing the chips to fall as they may. However, you won't derive any benefit from your detachment unless you let go completely.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You have a significant decision to make today; you can either take preemptive action or wait for changing circumstances to force your hand. Fortunately, being the lightning bolt feels exhilarating, while being struck by it is a frightening experience. You are keenly aware of the stress, fiscal or emotional, and you can no longer pretend that it will resolve on its own.



Across
 1. Satisfy, 5. A fencing sword, 10. Disgorge, 14. Warmth, 15. Stories, 16. Young girl
 17. Impertinent, 19. Angers, 20. A sizeable hole 21. Wear away, 22. Avoid, 23. Conference, 25. Squandered, 27. Completely, 28. Resembling malaria 31. Homeless children, 34. Yokels, 35. African antelope, 36. Church alcove 37. French for "Room", 38. Dirty air, 39. Prefix meaning "Modern", 40. Javelin, 41. Plateaux, 42. A writer of literary works, 44. Record (abbrev.), 45. Doctrine, 46. Framework of strips of wood, 50. Declares, 52. Wavelike design, 54. Cup, 55. Wicked, 56. Tableware, 58. 1 1 1 1, 59. Drop to one's knees, 60. Auspices, 61. Toward sunset, 62. Severe pain, 63. Horn sound

Down
 1. Boats, 2. Eagle's nest, 3. Small open pies, 4. French for "Summer", 5. Unsaturated alcohol, 6. Moses' brother, 7. Hemorrhaged, 8. Inexhaustible, 9. Eastern Standard Time, 10. Splinter, 11. Models, 12. Utilized, 13. Being 18. Head coverings, 22. Historical periods, 24. Not in danger, 26. Away from the wind, 28. Swindle, 29. Dwarf buffalo, 30. Totes, 31. Diminish, 32. Mimics, 33. Kind of triangle, 34. Redeeming, 37. Told, 38. Religious offshoot, 40. Caustics, 41. Gauge, 43. Apprehend, 44. Seldom, 46. Energize, 47. Insect stage, 48. Oddity, 49. Excrete, 50. Affirm, 51. A climbing plant, 53. Margarine, 56. Calypso offshoot, 57. Damp

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