

# Mafia Groups Create Problems: Jalalabad Mayor

JALALABAD -The Jalalabad mayor on Monday said the provincial administration should clear land grabbing issue in Nangarhar. During a press conference, Mayor Hamidullah Afghan, said thousands of acres of land have been grabbed in the province, but some of the people have documents for the land. "The related departments should clear documents of the land to identify the people who have legal documents and who grabbed the land," he said. He said Jalalabad municipality hand-



ed over a long list of land grabbers in 20 pages to police headquarters to take necessary measures against the people. The provincial police chief, Maj. Gen. Fazal Ahmad Sherzad had said they have so far arrested more than 50 land grabbers. According to Afghan, the revenue of municipality have been increased by 30 percent in the current solar year ( March, 21, 2015-March, 19, 2016) comparing to the previous solar year and would collect 500 million ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Logar Districts without Census Offices; Residents in Trouble

PUL-I-ALAM - There are no census offices in Kharwar and Charkh districts of central Logar province, residents said on Monday, complaining they faced problems in getting identity cards. They have to cover long distances going to Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital, to apply for the cards, said Abdul Qayyum, a resident of the Panjpay area of Kharwar district. He told Pajhwok Afghan News: "I have come to the Pul-I-Alam to apply for my identity card. The government should not ignore us. Most of the people can't simply get their identity cards in the absence of local census offices." Majority of Kharwar residents were poor people who could not afford to pay transport fare to Pul-i-Alam, Qayyum observed, calling for reopening the census office in his native town. "A person coming to Pul-i-Alam has to spend at ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## Decree to Spell Trouble for Universities, Warn Teachers

KABUL - Some university teachers on Monday feared the implementation of a presidential decree regarding higher educational institutes would create problems, but the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) rejected the concern as unfounded. Lutfullah Safi, a former professor at the Kabul University, believed the immediate enforcement of the legislative decree would spawn serious complications for universities - something that has left teachers in a state of apprehension. Under Article



79 of the constitution, the president could issue legislative decrees, when required. But there was no urgency for the president to issue the new law regarding universities and higher education institutes, he alleged. Safi claimed: "The presidential order has created a good opportunity for conspiracies." The decree should not be in ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## Woman Staff of Passport Office Gunned Down in Kandahar City

KANDAHAR CITY - A woman employee of the passport office was killed in broad daylight in southern Kandahar province on Monday, an official said. Samim Khpalkwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the shooting took place in the jurisdiction of the 13th police district in Kandahar City. Khpalkwak identified the victim as Fawzia, but gave no further details of the incident. Police have, meanwhile, mounted a manhunt for the killers, who made good their escape. However, a security official said Fawzia was working in the provincial passport office. There ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Over 70 Percent of Afghans Pessimistic about Peace Talks: Survey



KABUL - More than 70 percent of people in Afghanistan are not optimistic about peace talks between government and the Taliban. Based on a survey conducted by the Afghan Institute for Strategic Studies (AISS) in 15 provinces, more than 70 percent of those interviewed believe that peace talks between government and the Taliban will fail. "70.6 percent of the interviewed people said peace talks in Afghanistan have been a failure all the while," said Ghulam Reza Ebrahimi, a member of the AISS. Based ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

## Solar Power Substation to be Builtin Nangarhar

JALALABAD - A solar power substation with the capacity of producing 40 megawatts of electricity would be constructed with the financial support of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said Monday. During a meeting with Nangarhar Governor Salim Khan Kunduzi, ADB officials said the substation would be built in the Hesar Shahi desert of Rodat district. The governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogiani, told Pajhwok Afghan News ADB Country Director Fazlullah Fazly promised the substation would be built after a survey of the area. Kunduzi was happy over the power project and assured that the local government would cooperate during the implementation of the scheme. As the substation is located near Police and Ghazi Amanullah Khan Township projects, the residents of Rodat and Batikat districts would be benefited by the project in addition to the towns. Kunduzi assured that Afghan forces would maintain security for the project implementation but said work on the project ...*(More on P4)...(25)*

## Garziwal Court Record Taken Away by Gunmen: Public Rep

MAIMANA - Unidentified individuals have taken away important documents from the Garziwal district court in the northern province of Faryab, a public representative claimed on Monday. A provincial council member from the district, Sibghatullah Selab, told Pajhwok Afghan News the gunmen entered into the court building and took away all record of criminal cases. "The incident shows the negligence on the part of local officials. This may be the handiwork of elements facing cases," he opined. Amrullah, the district's administrative chief, confirmed the armed men entered the court and ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## CEO's Office Sends 5,000 Bags of Flour to IDPs in Nangarhar



KABUL - Office of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is distributing over 5,000 bags of flour to the Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in eastern Nangarhar province. Each family displaced due to the internal clashes of militant groups including Taliban and Daesh or other violence by these groups would receive 100 kilograms of flour. Sayed Rohullah Pacha, a representative of the provincial administration said on Sunday that ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Militancy Claims 16 Lives Including 12 IS Fighters

KABUL - Afghan militancy and violent incidents have claimed 16 lives including 12 militants affiliated with the Islamic State (IS) group over the past 24 hours in the country, officials said Monday. A dozen IS insurgents were killed as their explosive material went off prematurely in Achin district of the eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday, military sources confirmed Monday. "On Sunday, IS militants were busy in making an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in a house but the device exploded prematurely, killing ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

## ANSF Capture 7 Taliban Members, Foil Terror Attack

KABUL - Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) have captured seven members of the Taliban outfit in the country's eastern province of Nangarhar, foiling a potential terror attack, the National Directorate for Security (NDS) said on Monday. "A seven-member group of Taliban had been captured after personnel of NDS carried out a special operation in Nangarhar province recently," NDS, the count ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may be so quick to react to an awkward situation at work today that your coworkers might conclude you are hiding something from them. But your speedy response is more likely about your impulsive need to be creative than about keeping a secret. Your current emotions are complex, yet grow more transparent later in the day because your desire to live spontaneously brings your feelings out.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You have plenty of promises to keep today, but might be afraid of acknowledging a recent commitment that you just can't fulfill. You're concerned about your inability to meet other people's expectations, but worrying about factors that are beyond your control is counterproductive. Don't judge what's happening now by something that occurred in the past. Keep your life as simple as you can.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It can be demoralizing if you think your dreams are slipping through your fingers today. Unfortunately, your discomfort deepens if you are confronted with the realization that something is amiss with your current strategy. Nevertheless, you can't afford to waste a moment fretting about what could go wrong. Just do whatever is necessary to integrate the new information into your objectives now and modify your plans to allow for the change of direction.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You might be familiar with sinking deeply into the recesses of your inner world, but today's visit to your subconscious realms may be quite different than in the past. Tension on the job requires you to face a serious issue yet you could make matters worse if you believe you can just manipulate everything to your advantage.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You could run straight into an old fear in pursuit of satisfaction today, yet the prognosis for your happiness is still quite positive. Although you might be worried about receiving criticism if you fail to meet your goals, being honest about your current bout with low self-esteem is wise as long as you express your concerns and then let them go.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You want to serve others today as you search for renewed meaning in your life. You might consider stepping outside of your safety zone to help victims of a recent crisis or volunteer for a political cause. Unfortunately, you could fall short of your own idealistic standards now, no matter how hard you work on the behalf of others. However, your new spiritual vision can be revitalizing for your soul if you don't take your altruism too far.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You could slip into familiar fantasies about producing great works of art today, but you may needlessly worry that you lack the talent and resources to pull it off. Nevertheless, imagine what you would do if you didn't need to earn a living and manage your regular responsibilities. There's no place for self-limiting thinking now, so express your creativity any way you can. Make time for playful endeavors.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Nothing is gained now by idly wondering how your life might have turned out if one thing or another happened differently in the past. Although it may be tempting to dream about time-traveling so you can change a critical event today, this sentimental journey is a pointless waste of time. There's no need to rewrite your personal history; instead.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You might become so excited about doing something in your own unique way today, that you completely forget about fulfilling a previous promise. Make time to quiet your mind so you can actually hear a meaningful message that's coming from your subconscious. Don't be so cavalier that you totally disregard the symbolism of a dream or fantasy. Everything that enters your awareness now contains clues about your life's purpose.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Striving to reach your goals is admirable as long as you don't lose sight of why they are so important. It's useful to reflect a formative childhood experience that motivated you to be serious about making such ambitious plans. But routine obligations also demand your attention now, so don't drop the ball on your daily chores just so you can revise the story of your life.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You are more spiritually inclined these days and happily reliant on your vivid imagination to add color to your world. However, you're entering a transitional phase and today's realizations may be instrumental in redefining your life. Naturally, you want to understand the mysteries of the cosmos right away, but patience is required now; your transformation will take months to unfold.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You yearn for a chance to reminisce about your childhood today and indulge your need for nostalgia. Although delving into your personal history can be delightful, it's also a distraction especially if you're trying to escape from your current circumstances. You may wish you could revive a meaningful connection with your past; just don't forget to express your creativity in the present moment.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-65.

Across: 1. Decree, 5. Yokels, 10. Journey, 14. Balcony section, 15. Drink garnish, 16. Hindu princess, 17. Absent Without Leave, 18. Intolerable, 20. Deep purplish red, 22. Sleep, 23. Compete, 24. Expectorates, 25. Being present everywhere at once, 32. Magnetic induction unit, 33. Disorderly revelry, 34. Chart, 37. Connects two points, 38. Growing old, 39. Garden tool, 40. N N N N, 41. Display, 42. Aromatic seeds, 43. Walkers, 45. Philippine tribal chief, 49. Charged particle, 50. Forward, 53. Clothing, 57. Officer, 59. Roman robe, 60. Portent, 61. Slogan, 62. Black, in poetry, 63. Lease, 64. Overweight, 65. Writing table.  
Down: 1. Deception, 2. Hawkeye State, 3. All excited, 4. Broadcast, 5. A type of power tool, 6. Forearm bone, 7. Top part of an apron, 8. Nights before, 9. Secure against leakage, 10. Vagabond, 11. Jewish scholar, 12. Arm of the sea, 13. Wharves, 19. Out of practice, 21. Bites, 25. Leer at, 26. Principal, 27. Religious sisters, 28. Nosed (out), 29. A river through Paris, 30. Anagram of "Sneer", 31. Henpeck, 34. Mother, 35. Analogous, 36. Writing implements, 38. Card with one symbol, 39. Demolished or subverted, 41. Athletics, 42. Prune, 44. Walk quietly, 45. Painful grief, 46. Japanese cartoon art, 47. Not quite a teenager, 48. Razz, 51. Audition tape, 52. Prig, 53. Picnic insects, 54. Gown, 55. Prima donna problems, 56. Lean, 58. Consumed food.

Yesterday's Solution: ample, cans, caps, castle, character, contest, copyright, crooks, crypt, format, heap, index, ketchup, miser, mosquito, nobody, notion, nugget, onerous, paste, pinch, pleasant, posh, prince, rascal, razor, servant, soar, soda, staple, stereo, swat.

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