

\$70mn Spent in a Year on Hookwah

KABUL - A large number of young Afghan boys and girls have been grappled with smoking hookah lately in capital city of Kabul. According to a report by Khaama Press, about \$70mn has been spent on hookah during the recent one year (2014) with each hookah smoker spending up to 350 AFN on hookah daily, 10,500 monthly and 126,000 annually. The price of hookah ranges from 350 AFN to 800 AFN. The report is based on using the lower price of 350 AFN and the least number of customers .. (More on P4)...(20)



Arman Radio Broadcasts Temporarily Banned

KABUL - A radio station has been banned from airing its programmes for 10 days in southeastern Paktia province following residents' complaint about an advertisement, officials said on Monday. Zaid Mohsini, a senior manager at Moby Media Group, which runs the FM radio channel, Arman, told journalists the decision to impose the 10-day ban had been taken at a meeting with members of parliament from Paktia. Lawmaker Gul Pakha Majidi said the radio aired an advertisement that insulted Paktia residents, moving the authority to take a decision. He did not go



into details about the advert. He said it had been initially agreed to ban the broadcasts for a month, but since the radio officials had confessed to their mistake and apologized, the ban was reduced to 10 days. Zaid Mohsini said:

"The ad on Arman radio has been produced by a company. Our purpose wasn't insulting the people of Paktia and we officially apologise for that." He promised to sack Moby Group employees who had committed negligence. (Pajhwok)

3,100 Fruit Orchards Grown in 3 Months

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - More than 3,000 fruit orchards have been established over the past three months in five northern provinces under the Agriculture Ministry's National Horticulture and Livestock Project (NHLP), an official said on Tuesday. NHLP head in the north, Ahmad Fahim Jabbari, told Pajhwok Afghan News a total of 3100 or-



chards had been planted in various areas of five northern provinces over

thousands of acres of land. He said the or .. (More on P4)...(21)

Weapons, Explosives Seized in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - Security forces have seized a huge quantity of light and heavy weapons and explosives during a search operation in southern Helmand province, an official said on Tuesday. The weapons and explosives were found and seized during raids on homes and agriculture fields in the Trikh Nawar area of Marja district on Monday, Helmand's 604th Zone border police commander, Brig. Sultan Mahmood, said. He said the seizure included 10 light and heavy weapons, 101 rocket shells, 80 landmines, 200 kilograms of explosives and hundreds of bullets of Kalashnikov and machine-gun. Police also confiscated a vehicle belonging to the Taliban, he added. The border police commander said the area had been a stronghold of Taliban before they were driven as a result of an ongoing operation and therefore more weapon catches were expected to be found. He said the fleeing insurgents had been unable to take with them their weapons. Mahmood said maintaining security in Trikh Nawar needed a lot of work due to the area's complex geographic location. Security forces have established three large and several small checkpoints in the area, according to Mahmood, who informed construction works on the area's roads had been launched to facilitate security forces' movement. Security forces had previously also seized .. (More on P4)...(21)

6 Children Playing Cricket Killed

GHAZNI CITY - Half a dozen children were killed and 10 others wounded when a bomb exploded at a cricket playground in southern Ghazni province on Monday, officials and residents said. The blast took place in the Qala-i-Qazi area of Ghazni City, the provincial capital, before noon when the children were playing cricket. After the blast, residents took to



the streets and placed the dead bodies in front of the governor's house, demanding the arrest of the perpetrators. The protestors, mostly relatives of the victims, said the blast took place when the children were playing. Ghazni's deputy police chief Asadullah Insafi told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosives had been attached to a bicycle abandoned in the playground. As children started playing cricket, the bomb went off, killing six and injuring 10 others. Residents of the area, who placed the coffins in front of the governor's office, asked the government to arrest the perpetrators and award them harsh punishment. Ibrahim, whose brother was killed in the blast, blamed the Taliban. He told Pajhwok Afghan News the government had unnecessarily established security posts in some areas. "The death of children should be avenged. Everyone involved in the heinous crime be punished severely," the brother said. Lal Mohammad, whom a number of relatives were among the victims, said the children were busy playing cricket when the Taliban remotely detonated the bomb. He said the injured children had been taken to hospital. The deputy police chief said an investigation had been opened into the incident. "The Taliban have said cricket is illegitimate and children and youth should not play it." However, the Taliban have said nothing about the blast. (Pajhwok)

9 Suspected Militants Eliminated in Drone Strike



KABUL - Nine suspected militants were killed in a US drone strike in the Nazyan district of eastern Nangarhar province, Pakistani media reported. Shakhir Sipah, a driver of Lashkar-i-Islam (LI) chief Mangal Bagh, was among the fatalities, a Pakistani newspaper quoted intelligence sources as saying. Dawn reported militants belonging to the outlawed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and LI were killed in the raid. LI commanders Fazal Amin, Shamat Khan Sipah and Wajid were among the dead. TTP commanders Yaseen, Zubair, Abdul Rehman Shinwari and training instructor Zar Wali were also killed in the attack on hideout with two missiles. (Pajhwok)

Masked Insurgents Gun Down 4 Passengers



GHAZNI CITY - Four passengers have been killed by Taliban militants in the Aab Band district of southern Ghazni province, an official said on Tuesday. Acting Governor Mohammad Ali Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News the passengers traveling in a car from Ghazni City to the district were stopped and shot dead late on Monday. A son of Hakimullah, a member of High Peace Council, was also among the dead. A resident of Tawda China area confirmed the deaths, saying a group of masked gunmen stopped and shot them to death without asking questions. The district is located on the Kabul-Kandahar highway, 75 kilometers from Ghazni City. Most parts of the district are under Taliban's control. (Pajhwok)

12 Suspected Terrorists Arrested

KABUL - National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - has arrested 12 suspected terrorists in southern Kandahar province. A statement issued NDS on Tuesday states that these terrorists were arrested during separate operations from the jurisdiction of Kandahar province. NDS statement adds that the arrested terrorists were actively involved in terrorist activities including suicide attacks and planting landmines in Kandahar province. The names of the arrested suspects are reported as .. (More on P4)...(22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You will find yourself looking at a long list of numbers or pages of details and pick out the most important elements. You skim over too much information and seem to be guided to the most pressing and revealing sentences or numbers. You will even make a most mundane contract seem fascinating. You thoroughly enjoy the day, and savour the conversation and debates that, of course, you initiate.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Today is good for you, so enjoy yourself fully. Your emotions will be stable and you will find that you have a very expansive sense of well-being. This energy may be subtle, but if you tune in to it early in the day and set a plan for what you want to get accomplished, you will find that you can be quite productive.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today could create some hushed talk about work or a project. You're not sure how to respond and also question how much of this gossip is accurate. At moments like this, it's smart to just stop, look and most importantly, listen. You won't get all the answers and information immediately. Don't jump to conclusions or feel that you must say something. Silence is essential today.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Today, you find yourself motivated and determined to get something finished, no matter how unlikely it might seem to others. Your brilliant brain is totally focused and capable today. You sweep up a roomful of questions and distractions and get everything in order in record time.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your judgment is very accurate and most of all fair throughout the day. You won't jump to conclusions and what's more, will give everything a little more time to evolve and reveal itself. And guess what - you discover wonderful things about friends and loved ones! They are more likely to open up to you and share their thoughts because they know they can trust and count on you.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Today, others may say rude or thoughtless things that reflect their state of mind. You don't have to let their fractured version of reality interfere with your serenity. You're much stronger, tougher and resilient than you realise. Put it to the test today. Also, take steps to get your personal and professional life in order, with or without the full approval of others.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You make others feel very comfortable aligning themselves with you. There will be no guesswork or doubt. You will represent your ideas, product or cause with dignity and very steady commitment. This makes you a source of light and hope for others who'd gradually stopped trusting people in your position. By being genuine, you put others' minds at ease and earn their trust.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You can tell that your inner landscape is undergoing dramatic psychological change for the better. Although your key planet Pluto is touched by the evocative Moon this morning, other cosmic influences keep the energy steadily moving toward the light. This is an opportunity to step into the shadows, dredge up the past and then let the spiritual process do its magic.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You'll feel risk-averse today, with good reason. There is no need to impulsively say or do a thing. Consider every idea and conversation with great care. Initially, an issue may seem difficult or even impossible. Upon closer examination, you will find a way to turn things around and transform a problem into an advantage.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

There seems to be a lot at stake today and you're tempted to take extreme action to turn the tide in your favor. However, micromanaging emotional tension can backfire if you fall short of keeping up with all the complex interactions. Maintaining control over too many variables is a study in frustration.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

A hectic schedule eagerly awaits you today. However, the good news is that instead of tiring you out it, you will be able to conquer all your obstacles successfully, according to Mars and the Sun. But, to achieve your goals, you will have to wear different hats at different times. You will learn a lot today.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

When others ask for your opinion, you may answer in a sideways fashion. You'll be measured in your response each time you are invited to share your response to an issue today. Your aim today, is to not criticize someone else's choice but rather to open up his or her mind to a variety of options.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-64.

Across: 1. Comforter, 6. Camp beds, 10. Shut, 14. Lacquer ingredient, 15. Astringent, 16. Zero, 17. Excellence, 18. Devil tree, 19. Burden, 20. Not essential, 22. Travel on foot, 23. Excluding, 24. Nun's attire, 26. Dormant, 30. Expertise, 32. Of a pelvic bone, 33. Stated your beliefs, 37. Tumbled, 38. What a bee might do, 39. Cable, 40. Paginating, 42. Tubular pasta, 43. Daughter of a sibling, 44. Profession, 45. Confuse, 47. Secret agent, 49. Remedy that alleviates pain, 56. Cocoyam, 57. Place, 58. Indicates, 59. Swarm, 60. Biblical garden, 61. Property claims, 62. Backside, 63. Writing table, 64. Gladden, Down: 1. Greek territorial unit, 2. Gorse, 3. Green, 4. Arab chieftain, 5. Historic ship, 6. Trainee, 7. Hodgepodge, 8. Ballet attire, 9. Very good (British), 10. Snow thrower, 11. Hawaiian veranda, 12. Grownup, 13. Disguise, 21. A gesture of assent, 25. Former boxing champ, 26. Minor quarrel, 27. Margarine, 28. Small brook, 29. The same backward as forward, 30. Backbone, 31. Monarch, 33. Ear-related, 34. 3 times 3, 35. Sea eagle, 36. Caribou, 38. Anagram of "Depletes", 41. Be unwell, 42. Due, 44. Consumer Price Index, 45. Birch relative, 46. Guys, 47. Walked stealthily, 48. Bristle, 50. Assistant, 51. Dregs, 52. Hard work, 53. Bright thought, 54. Blow off steam, 55. Being,

Yesterday's Solution: MAGI MOPED WALE OXEN OMEGA ONJUS STAB DEPARTMENT TERRAIN GERANGE ELF ENTER SLEEPYHEADS KITT HOLE ERINS KITT GAKS BROW SINS ENS EMBEG DELTA MISDEMEANOR ATRIA OAF BRILLIANG ALFA BRILLIANG ROOT ESNE CRAMS EBRO REST EBBET REAM

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