

Govt Orders Probe into Kandahar, Helmand Incidents



KABUL - The National Security Council (NSC) has ordered investigation into recent explosions in southern Helmand and the assassination of a former parliamentarian in Kandahar provinces. A statement from the NSC received by Pajhwok Afghan News said that National Security Advisor Hamdullah Mohib has condemned the incidents. The statement quoted Mohib

as saying that militants once again proved they had no respect for any Islamic and Afghan values by attacking a farmers' ceremony in Helmand and killing an MP in Kandahar province. He said the slain former lawmaker from Uruzgan province, Obaidullah Barakzai, always reflected the voices of people and peace in the country. "Terror and violence are unacceptable and Afghan security and defense forces would strongly keep fighting

terrorists", he said. Mohib ordered local security organs to investigate the attacks in Helmand and Kandahar and take the perpetrators to justice. The assassination of Barakzai was widely condemned by government leaders and other officials. Common Afghans also showed their deep concern and reaction over the incident. Former president Hamid Karzai in his message ...*(More on P6)...(13)*

10 Taliban Fighters Killed in Ghazni Offensive: Officials



GHAZNI CITY - Local officials say 10 Taliban insurgents have been killed in Zanakhan district of southern Ghazni province while the Taliban say the victims were civilians.

Governor's spokesman, Mohammad Arif Noori, told Pajhwok Afghan News Afghan Special Forces targeted Taliban hideouts in Zanakhan district on Saturday night.

He said 10 insurgents were killed and eight others wounded as well as some weapons and ammunition destroyed during the attack.

Lt. Col. Mohammad Farooq, public affairs head at Thunder Military Corps, said nine Taliban rebels were killed in Zanakhan attack.

An operation against the Taliban is still underway in different parts of Ghazni province, he said.

On the other hand, Taliban say the attack was carried out on civilians. The group's spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid said US and Afghan forces bombarded a seminary and a mosque in Gawgir and Faqir villages of Zanakhan district on Saturday night. He said both the seminary and mosque were destroyed and 10 civilians were killed and six others wounded in the attack. Four other civilians were arrested. Pajhwok tried to contact local people about the incident, but failed as telecom services coverage in the area is weak.

Civilian casualties rate has recently increased in Afghan and foreign forces airstrikes. (Pajhwok)

Paktia Begins Planting 2.2m Pine Nuts, Walnuts Trees

GARDEZ - The plantation of 2.2 million pine nuts and walnuts saplings kicked off in southeastern Paktia province on Sunday, a process that would take three years to complete, the governor said.

Governor Shamim Khan Katawazai told Pajhwok Afghan News the strategy had been formulated by the local administration and was being implemented after approval from the president.

He said the three year plantation scheme would be stretched to Khost and Paktika provinces as well.

According to Katawazai, once the pine nuts and walnuts trees started production, the government and farmers would earn millions of afghanis in revenue.

Stressing over protection of the forest, he said: "I have told all district administrators to treat as enemies of the country those who cut down the jungle."

He urged the people to protect the saplings and play their part in plantation of more trees.

Agriculture Director Mohammaduddin said the three year project was being implemented in Janikhel, Zazai Aryub, Chamkani, Shawak and Garda Serai districts of Paktia with the help of nursery owners, farmers and the Agriculture Department would provide technical support.

He said 1,080,000 walnuts and as many pine nuts saplings would be planted on 27,000 hectares of land. The saplings would be cultivated in nurseries run by families and the first year budget for the project would be 5.14 million afghanis, for the second year 8.31 million afghanis and for the third year 62 million afghanis.

Farmers evinced great interest in plantation of the seedlings and assured their support in this regard. Hameed, ...*(More on P6)...(14)*

4 Women Among 137 Pardoned Inmates Released



HERAT CITY - As many as 137 prisoners, including four women, were released from prison in western Herat province in compliance with a presidential decree on Sunday. A statement from the Herat prisons department to Pajhwok Afghan News said the former inmates had been convicted of various crimes and their release happened following

a presidential decree issued on the occasion of Eid Miladun Nabi. It added of the prisoners, around 100 had been convicted of various crimes in Iran before they were recently extradited to Herat province. The former prisoners, happy over their early release this morning, strongly promised they would not to commit crimes to avoid a return to the jail. (Pajhwok)

3 Individuals Detained on Kidnap Charges in Herat



HERAT CITY - Intelligence operatives have detained three suspected kidnapers in western Herat province, the spy service said on Sunday.

In a statement, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said the three individuals trying to kidnap a resident were arrested by intelligence agents.

The detainees hailing from Injiil, Kashk-i-Kohna and Kashk-i-Rubat Sangi districts had confessed to their crimes, the statement added.

The exact time and date of the arrests were not mentioned in the statement, which urged residents to cooperate with security forces on preventing crimes. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You have a tremendous amount of drive and enthusiasm to help you move forward in your projects, Aries. Be careful that you don't act hastily or impulsively. Be careful of starting out on a new path without having a good idea about where it's going. Rash decisions may lead to dangerous situations.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



A relationship with a close partner may get a bit confused, Taurus. You could react quickly to a situation without really thinking before speaking. There may be some confusion in your mind about whether to stay silent or take a more aggressive route and blurt out everything you feel.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You may run into a great deal of opposition from just about every quarter, Gemini. The most frustrating part about this is that even the people you turn to for help will transform the situation into an even bigger mess. Instead of finding relief, you may find more complications and misunderstandings. Perhaps you need to take the situation into your own hands and deal with it yourself.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You're becoming much more perceptive, Cancer. At the same time, your psyche and unconscious knowing are also more acute. You may find that you know more about the way someone feels than that person does. More than likely, this sort of perspective is causing you to want to take aggressive action.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You're likely to act with great immediacy, Leo. You will instantly know what to do in a situation, especially a crisis. You're likely to be thinking at top speed and moving with efficiency and courage. You should feel strong knowing that there's a terrific support system surrounding you in case things go awry.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



If someone tries to criticize you, Virgo, don't be afraid to defend yourself. Other people aren't going to be afraid to speak their minds, and you shouldn't either. You may feel like someone is prodding you with a stick. They probably just want to get some sort of reaction out of you. Be honest about how you feel and explain your statements instead of just being curt.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Be a friend to someone new and lend a hand to a greater cause than just your own advancement, Libra. Ally with people by offering your support instead of asking for it. Give more of yourself and you will find that in the long run you will receive a great deal more than you ever would have asked for.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Past issues may rear their ugly heads today, Scorpio. No, it isn't pretty. In fact, it's frustrating to have to deal with this problem again. You will be well served to spend time meditating. You need to address these issues once and for all or they will continue to haunt you. You're fortunate to have such close friends who will support you through this difficult process.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



This is truly a day of new beginnings, Sagittarius. You can start a fresh cycle of emotions and understanding that can help you develop the quality and depth of your relationships. Note that all levels of your relationships will be affected in some way. Take time to consider the fact that you're at the starting line. Focus and align yourself with your goals and the people who can help you meet them.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



All sorts of wonderful changes are in the air at home and at work, Capricorn. On the personal front, someone new is likely to enter your life and change it for the better. At work, perhaps a proposal you submitted has been accepted or you landed a deal you've been working on for some time. Enjoy this auspicious celestial energy!

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

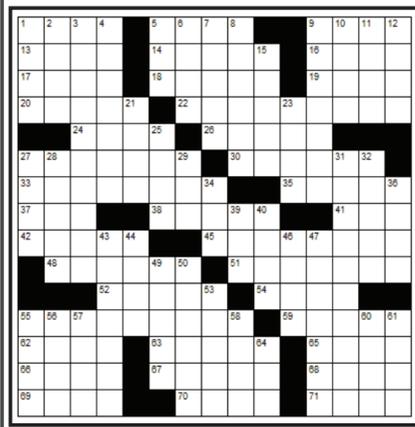


You're apt to feel stronger within, helping you to connect the inner and outer sides of your personality, Aquarius. You may feel like you have all your troops united on a common front and are making tremendous progress toward reaching your goals. Don't stop. Your momentum is strong. Things you set in motion now will have a tremendous effect that will continue to increase over time.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Mar 25, 2019 - There's an explosive quality about the day. You may walk along, minding your own business, when someone accidentally bumps into you. Your first reaction may be to push that person back. Carelessness on the part of others may cause you to get worked up into fits of rage. Do your best to keep these tendencies under control, especially when driving.



Across

- Rate, 5. Fly high, 9. Applies lightly, 13. Prima donna problems, 14. Fathers, 16. River of Spain, 17. Backside, 18. Choose by voting, 19. Calf's meat, 20. Notes, 22. Dived, 24. Northern diving birds, 26. Disney mermaid, 27. Retirement benefit, 30. A type of dome-shaped structure, 33. Supplement, 35. Bit of parsley, 37. Tiny, 38. Subside, 41. Actress Lupino, 42. Besmirch, 45. Journeys, 48. Mysterious, 51. Let loose, 52. Alpha's opposite, 54. Acquire deservedly, 55. Not liable to failure, 59. Recurring theme, 62. Askew, 63. An small olive-grey bird, 65. "Your majesty", 66. Encounter, 67. Banana oil, e.g., 68. 1 1 1 1, 69. Existence, 70. Spouse, 71. "___ we forget",

Down

- Hair salon process, 2. Chills and fever, 3. Hijack, 4. Take up the cause, 5. South southeast, 6. Anagram of "Silo", 7. Turf, 8. Phonograph disc, 9. Gain through experience, 10. Cain's brother, 11. Scottish hillside, 12. Auctioned, 15. Stripes, 21. An outer surface, 23. Small casks, 25. Fizzy drink, 27. Bears' hands, 28. Swelling under the skin, 29. Gist, 31. Two-masted sailing vessel, 32. Assistants, 34. Chart, 36. Deep cut, 39. Letter after sigma, 40. Feudal worker, 43. Altar boy, 44. Incline, 46. Shut, 47. Atomizer, 49. Audacity, 50. Self-interest, 53. Heart artery, 55. Notability, 56. Is indebted to, 57. Mining finds, 58. 3 in a yard, 60. Angers, 61. Gala, 64. Mineral rock,

Yesterday's Solution

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