

# 10 Detained on Smuggling, Kidnapping Charges

HERAT CITY - Ten suspects have been detained on charges of kidnapping and smuggling in western Herat province, officials said on Saturday.

Jilani Farhad, the governor's spokesman, said the National Directorate of Security (NDS) busted a seven-member group of kidnapers today.

He added the detainees, residents of Korkh district, were detained in the 10th municipality district of Herat City and Injil district during special operations. The detainees were involved in nine cases of kidnapping, he alleged, saying the intelligence agents also



seized explosives, weapons, cell phones and motorbikes.

Separately, five marble-laden vehicles were seized by NDS in the Saha-i-Shaida locality of Injil, frustrating the attempt to smuggle 30 tonnes of marble abroad.

The stone was illegally extracted from Chasht-i-Sharif district's marble mine. The vehicles were handed over to the Mines and Petroleum Department. Meanwhile, three abductors have been detained and a civilian was freed from captivity, an official... (More on P4)... (11)

## Court Grants Afghan Interpreter Asylum in Britain

KABUL - A former Afghan interpreter with coalition troops has been allowed to stay in the United Kingdom, a British newspaper reported on Saturday.

Last year, when a ban on forced returns was lifted by the court, immigration authorities tried to send the 31-year-old back to Afghanistan, the Daily Mail said. But as a result of its campaign, the newspaper said, the interpreter was informed by court he could stay in Britain. Nearly 180,000 people have supported the campaign called Betrayal of

the Brave. A last-minute court hearing brought the asylum seeker some relief. "I am so happy about this decision. The work I did for the allied forces was very dangerous..." he was quoted as saying.

The Taliban would target him if the UK had sent him back to Afghanistan, the then interpreter said, hoping his case would help others who were in the same dilemma.

He came to the UK to claim asylum in 2014 when coalition forces started to pull out of Afghanistan. He was detained and his claim refused. (Pajhwok)

## To Assist the Poor, 'Wall of Kindness' Set up in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - A "Wall of Kindness" has been set up in the capital of southern Kandahar province by a youth federation to attract assistance for poor people.

Kandahar Youth Federation head Agha Wali Barani said they set up the wall of kindness to appeal to government, traders and well-off people and seek their help in assisting poor and elderly people.

Meanwhile, Kandahar information and culture director Hazrat Wali Hotak urged wealthy people and traders



to cooperate with organizers of the wall in delivering assistance to the poor people. He asked the youth federation to extend the process to districts as well. Poor families in various parts of... (More on P4)... (12)

## Afghan Gunmen Kidnap Two Tajiks

DUSHANBE - Gunmen from Afghanistan have kidnapped two Tajik road workers and wounded another one on Friday in an area adjacent to the border, Tajik government sources told Reuters.

A source in the regional government described the attackers as smugglers and said their victims had been working on a road improvement project in the Shuro-obod district near the border.

A central government source said Tajik President Imomali Rakhmon had ordered the government to take all necessary measures to ensure the release of the kidnapped men. Tajikistan's border guard service could not be reached for comments. The... (More on P4)... (13)

## Taliban's Shadow Deputy Governor for Baghlan Killed

KABUL - Afghan security forces reportedly killed the Taliban's designated deputy governor for Baghlan province in northern Balkh province. "Their [Taliban's] plan was foiled. We received a tip-off from inside the Taliban that Humvee tanks are coming to attack us and we seized the vehicles without sustaining any casualties," said General Sayed Kamal Sadat, Balkh police chief.

In addition to seizing the three tanks, Sadat said that Afghan security forces also



recovered a number of heavy and light weapons from the Taliban. He said that six militants were detained and there were no casualties to Afghan forces. The fighting took place on Friday night on the highway that connects Kholm district of Balkh to Kunduz province, when the... (More on P4)... (14)

## Bicycle Bomb in Kabul Wounds One

KABUL - An explosion close to the U.S. Embassy and other diplomatic missions in the Macrorayan area of Kabul wounded one person on Friday.

"Explosives planted in a bicycle went off," Kabul's Deputy Police Chief Salem Almas said. He said one person was wounded but could... (More on P4)... (15)

## 6 Militants Detained in Balkh

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - The Afghan national security forces had captured six Taliban militants after an operation in Northern Province of Balkh, police said on Saturday.

"Members of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) carried out an operation against a Taliban hideout in close coordination with pro-government local fighters in Khulm district Friday night. As a result six Taliban militants were detained," provincial Police Chief Sayyed Kamal Sahdaat told Xinhua. The ANSF also found weapons and ammunition besides confiscating three armored military vehicles, the po-



lice official added. The armored vehicles were seized by militants during security forces during clashes at the neighboring Kunduz province a couple of months ago, the police chief added.

No member of security forces was hurt during the raid, he said. Earlier on Saturday, the Afghan Defense Ministry confirmed the loss of four army soldiers as a result of separate attacks and clashes throughout the country on Friday. The Afghan security forces have beefed up security operations against militants recently as spring and summer known as the fighting season is drawing near in the country. The Taliban has yet to make comments. (Xinhua)



An Afghan soldier takes position during a military operation in Kunduz province. The government forces in crackdown against Taliban insurgents in the Kunduz province had killed 12 armed Taliban fighters, provincial government spokesman Abdul Wasi Basil said. (Xinhua/Ajmal Kakar)

## Couple Killed Along with Children in Kunar Rockslide

ASADABAD - Two children were among four people killed as a result of rockslide on a house in the eastern province of Kunar on Saturday, an official said.

The incident took place in the morning when a rock fell from a mountain on a house in the Chakandi area of Chapra Dara district, the provincial police chief said. Brig. Gen. Abdul Habib Syedkheli told Pajhwok Afghan... (More on P4)... (16)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

You're fearless today, confident that your pet plan will be successful while the radiant Sun harmonizes with your ruling planet Mars. You are blessed with an abundance of energy and are willing to pace yourself so you don't end up exhausted. Following your regular routine will work in your favor as long as you aren't distracted by something trivial.

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

You possess a high level of stamina today and therefore can play at the top of your game. But you might grow restless if you're required to focus on too many details at once. You typically don't mind being practical as long as you can see that you're making progress. However, boredom quickly sets in if obstacles slow you down too much.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Although listening to someone else's story is more interesting than dealing with your own issues today, it's clear that this harmless diversion is partly an evasive tactic. Actually, another person's dilemma could hit very close to home, leading you back to the very thing you were trying to avoid. If a discussion brings up a subject you would prefer to ignore, push through your fear anyway.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Minimizing your emotions can be tricky business today, since your feelings appear to be spilling over into your actions. Thankfully, you really don't want to keep secrets any longer and just need the right moment to speak your truth. Nevertheless, anything you do now could have a long-lasting impact on the people closest to you.

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

Sometimes you are so crystal clear about your agenda that everyone knows exactly what's on your mind. Even if your message creates conflict, you're usually courageously open about who you are and what you feel. However, be mindful and remember to keep some things to yourself today. Although it takes extra effort to stay quiet.

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

No matter what complications make your life difficult, the resistance is finally fading and you are standing at the threshold of taking a giant leap forward. Thankfully, today's harmonious alignment between action-hero Mars and the willful Sun in your 8th House of Deep Sharing is a harbinger of good news. If everything is going well, your life should only continue to improve. Let go of the past by turning the power of now into a positive strategy for a successful future.

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

Always knowing what to do with your emotions isn't as simple as it sounds. In fact, it can be downright discouraging when you must rein in your feelings and connect them to a specific event. You might not be able to fit your actions into a current social context today, even if your plan seems logical. Recognizing that you don't understand all the relationship issues at play helps you to reclaim your objectivity.

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

You're absolutely certain your perceptions are on target today, since your natural ability to keep things real in a relationship is one of your greatest strengths. You'll do whatever it takes to reach your goals as the bright Aries Sun trines brave Mars traveling through your 2nd House of Self-Esteem. This isn't a cosmic permission slip to fly off into fantasyland.

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

Your enthusiasm about your future makes you believe that you can do nearly anything now. Convincing you to sign onto an extra project is a piece of cake, and luckily, your unrelenting determination enables you to accomplish things that would be impossible on another day. You might as well aim for the stars today, since your chances for success are as good as they get.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

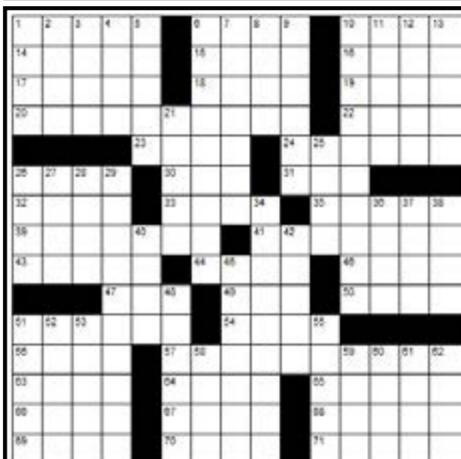
You're like a well-nurtured seedling today; thankfully, you have the support you need in order to pursue your destiny. Additionally, you possess enough energy to finish your work and still have time left over to relax. Nevertheless, it's still advisable to complete as much as you can in the morning because you could lose focus as the day unfolds. If in doubt, push yourself to accomplish more.

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

Someone might attempt to coerce you into making a commitment you can't fulfill. However, you may harbor very real concerns that you prefer keeping to yourself now. Although relationships can grow quite complicated today, clear communication goes a long way toward reestablishing manageable boundaries. Let others know your limits.

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

You feel maxed out now and need some time to revitalize your emotional batteries. You know what's good for you and aren't shy about putting the necessary pieces in place to make the day go your way. However, your friends and relatives want to share their unsolicited advice for your growth and prosperity. Their intentions are well-meaning, but you're better off listening to your heart instead of following someone else's vision.



**Across**

1. Fairy tale character, 6. Boys, 10. Plate, 14. Audio communications, 15. Type of sword, 16. With in, 17. Ancient Greek marketplace, 18. Volumes (abbrev.), 19. Flower stalk, 20. A disorder of memory, 22. Algonquian Indian, 23. Sodium chloride, 24. Musical phrase, 26. \_\_\_ du jour = Meal of the day, 30. Sick, 31. Estimated time of arrival, 32. Emanation, 33. Opinion, 35. Assistants, 39. Gleam, 41. Porridge, 43. Gladden, 44. Radiate, 46. If not, 47. And so forth, 49. Actress Lupino, 50. Marsh plant, 51. Caramelized sugar, 54. Radar signal, 56. Beige, 57. Postponement, 63. Lunch or dinner, 64. Distinctive flair, 65. Not tight, 66. Bucket, 67. Egghead, 68. Not upper, 69. Unique, 70. Playthings.

**Down**

1. Snare, 2. Indian music, 3. Smell, 4. Former Italian currency, 5. Rich soils, 6. Making flat, 7. An ardent early supporter, 8. Sandwich shop, 9. Benni, 10. Disavowal, 11. Foreword, 12. Horse, 13. Cozy, 21. Unsophisticated, 25. French for "State", 26. Use a beeper, 27. Quiet time, 28. Diva's solo, 29. In an elegant manner, 34. Forests, 36. Expunge, 37. Convenience, 38. Toboggan, 40. French for "Head" 42. Expect, 45. A place for books, 48. Concrete, 51. Pace, 52. Sea, 53. Physically weak, 55. Surveys, 58. Margarine, 59. Part of a plant, 60. Hawkeye State, 61. Utilized, 62. No more than.

**Yesterday's Solution**

actor, attic, blink, bogus, chick, cigar, clam, complaint, efficiency, failure, fudge, garage, hurry, juice, lace, lanky, leather, mouth, movie, never, parent, parry, plate, policy, punishment, ranges, rank, rear, sweat, tank, though, tradition.

