

Man Detained with 350 Tortoises of Afghan Origin

PESHAWAR - A man smuggling 350 tortoises of Afghan origin has been arrested in Pakistan's port city of Karachi, officials said on Saturday. Arrested in Mochko area, the alleged smuggler told customs authorities he had acquired the reptiles from Quetta, the capital of southwestern Balochistan province. "An FIR has been registered against Baaz Mohammed who was bringing the tortoises from Quetta to Karachi in a bus," said Dr Ali Raza Turabi, deputy collector of customs. In good health and being properly fed, the tortoises would be handed over to the Balochistan and Sindh wildlife departments for release in their habitats. (Pajhwok)



Bridegroom Killed by Taliban while on Route to his Wedding

KABUL - A Kabul man who was on his way to Mazar-e-Sharif for his wedding was killed by Taliban early Saturday on the Mazar-e-Sharif highway, Baghlan officials confirmed. The groom, Omid, had been traveling to Mazar with his family when the incident occurred. Omid's father was also killed in the attack. At the time of the incident, Afghan security forces had been fighting Taliban insurgents in the area. Baghlan hospital officials said the two men had been killed in the Chashma-e-Shir area of Pul-e-Khumri in northern Baghlan after the Taliban targeted a civilian vehicle. Omid and his father were killed, while at least four other members of his family were wounded. "All the victims are from one family. Two men were killed and four others, which include women and children, were injured," according to the official. "In today's incident, five wounded patients and one dead person were brought to the hospital. Later one of the wounded died. Among the wounded were two children and a woman," said Ayenuddin Sayadi head of Pul-e-Khumri provincial hospital. "They were a family on their way to Mazar-e-Sharif for their son's wedding but unfortunately ... (More on P4)...(18)

2 ALP Police Killed, 9 Wounded in Kapisa Airstrike

MAHMOOD RAQI - Two Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel have been killed and nine others wounded during an airstrike in central Kapisa province, an official said on Sunday. Qais Qaderi, the governor spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the predawn incident took place in the Ahmadzai area of Tagab district. Two ALP policemen were killed and nine others wounded. Afghan special forces conducted the airstrike targeting militant hide-



outs, but a nearby ALP check-post was mistakenly pounded. He said the injured were evacuated to hospital. Khalilullah, an inhabitant of the locality, said militants

opened fire and later security forces carried out the bombardment in the area. The ALP personnel suffered casualties in the raid, he added. (Pajhwok)

Parwan Raid: 1,000 Kg Explosive Recovered

KABUL - As many as 1,000 kilograms of explosives have been recovered during intelligence based operation of General Command of Police Special Unit in the Bagram district of central Parwan province, the Ministry of Interior said in a state-

ment on Sunday. With the discovery of a huge amount of explosives the possibility of many terrorist attacks was averted, the statement said. The timely discovery of the explosives has foiled terror attacks and saved

the city from an expected tragedy. The successful conduct of operation like this demonstrated the ever-increasing capability of Afghan National Security Forces to protect the civilians from indiscriminate IED attacks. (Pajhwok)

Pakistani and Kazakh ISIS Loyalists Arrest in Ghor

KABUL - At least four militants affiliated with Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group were arrested in central Ghor province of Afghanistan. According to the provincial officials, the detained militants have confessed that they belonged to Pakistan and Kazakhstan and were looking to join ISIS militants in Ghor province of Afghanistan. Provincial police chief Ghulam Mustafa Mohsini confirmed that four individuals were arrested as they were trying to travel to Bala Morghab district. He said the Afghan security forces recovered several documents related to spreading of ISIS propaganda in this province were recovered by the Afghan security forces.

This comes as the Afghan security forces arrested two individuals on charges of recruiting militants for ISIS terrorist group in Ghor province nearly two weeks ago in Ghor province. According to the local security officials, the two individuals were arrested from the vicinity of Feroz Koh district as they were trying to visit Bala Morghab district. Provincial police chief Ghulam Mustafa Mohsini confirmed the arrest of the two individuals for attempting to spread violence and recruit militants for ISIS. Both the Taliban insurgents and loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group are actively operating in a number of ... (More on P4)...(19)

11 Rebels Killed, Stolen Military Vehicles Destroyed

LASHKARGAH - Nearly a dozen militants have been killed and their four military vehicles destroyed in separate incidents of violence in southern Helmand province, an official said on Sunday. The governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Afghan commando forces on Saturday night raided a Taliban hideout in Yakhchal area of Greshk district. Four Taliban fighters were killed, a Corolla car of the group was destroyed and eight weapons were seized by the commandos, who escaped unharmed. Cap. Mohammad Ismail Khpalwak, the police chief for Greshk district, confirmed the raid. He said another seven militants were killed in airstrikes by ... (More on P4)...(17)

Two Civilians Killed in Taliban Attack on Baghlan-Mazar Highway

KABUL - At least two civilians were killed in a Taliban attack on the Baghlan-Mazar highway while they were on their way to a wedding in Mazar-e-Sharif, officials confirmed on Sunday. In addition, five other civilians including children were wounded. The incident took place in Chashma-e-Shir area of northern Baghlan after the Taliban targeted a civilian vehicle which was on its way to Mazar, officials at the Baghlan hospital told TOLONews. "All the victims are from one family. Two men were killed and five others, which are women and children, were injured," according to the official. Early Saturday, the Taliban launched attacks along the Baghlan-Kunduz highway, which was closed to traffic for hours. A security source said on Sunday that the Taliban once again closed the highway, and that insurgents stopped trucks and took a number of drivers with them. (Tolonews)

Nangarhar Airstrikes Leave 12 Daesh Rebels Dead

JALALABAD - A dozen Daesh -- or Islamic State (IS) -- rebels have been killed during an ongoing air-and-ground offensive in eastern Nangarhar province, the military said on Sunday. The Selab Military Corps in the eastern zone said the 12 IS militants were killed during the operation codenamed (Hamza) by security forces in various districts of Nangarhar late on Saturday. A statement from the corps said one machine gun was destroyed during airstrikes. Security personnel and civilians suffered no casualties, it added. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You are well intended when you ask pointed questions today, but people might think you are overstepping boundaries. However, the sensitive Cancer Moon connects you to the moods of others, and you could overcompensate in an attempt to smooth over an awkward situation. You may be so eager to make things right that you appear to be someone's champion.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your positive outlook may be hiding a deeper set of concerns. Your strategy of sharing lots of personal information could be a smoke-screen to lure others off track. However, this tactic won't likely work now as instant karma lurks in the shadows, ready to strike if you overdo your evasive maneuvers.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You're searching for your groove today, and it may be a rough ride until you find it. Thankfully, once you discern what works best for you, it's easier to focus on your skills instead of denying your weaknesses. But overbearing Jupiter is in the picture, so you must pay attention to how much energy you expend. Knowing when to call it quits can make the difference between success and failure, especially since your overconfidence sets you up for disappointment.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your moodiness can be quite overwhelming now that the emotional Moon is visiting your self-protective sign. Luckily, you're able to overcome lingering insecurities and pursue whatever is in your heart. But you could inadvertently stir up unnecessary trouble by demanding more than you need. Instead of focusing on what's missing from your life, count your blessings; expect nothing and appreciate everything.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You might know exactly what you want and how you're going to change the dynamics of the day to work in your favor. Unfortunately, reality isn't necessarily following your script. Instead of digging in and preparing for a fight with anyone who blocks your progress, try a different approach. Rather than isolating differences, adapt to the needs of others.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You grow tired of ferreting out people's hidden agendas and buried emotional pains today. Ultimately, you may decide to refrain from engaging in games of hide and seek, but your withdrawal sends its own message -- especially since everyone assumes that you Virgos analyze a situation to death before making your move. Don't let your impulsive actions burn any bridges that you might want to cross in the future.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your ambivalence about a significant relationship reaches a critical turning point today. You're eager to put your life back on track and will do nearly anything to earn the approval of those you love. However, you're tired of being the one who carries the weight and does the work no one else offers to do. Whatever you decide, you might end up wishing you took the other course of action.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You want to benefit from the wisdom of your friends and family, but everyone appears to be giving you different advice. Finding the most effective balance between trusting your own conclusions and learning from others is tricky now. Rather than seeking another perspective.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are known for your enthusiasm and it's as contagious as ever now. You are an inspiration to others as you tell them about a pet project of yours that's in the works. Although the reactive Cancer Moon squares optimistic Jupiter to magnify your confidence, it's also an all-too-familiar trap that makes everything seem better than it actually is.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

An emotionally needy person may show up on your doorstep today. Unfortunately, it's all too easy to manipulate your feelings while the clingy Cancer Moon is traveling through your 7th House of Partners. But you don't like the possibility of someone toying with your heart. Attempting to reach a compromise raises the stakes on a developing power struggle.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You might seek refuge from an emotional tug of war today by taking a more intellectual approach to the situation. You naturally excel when moving in conceptual realms, but the sensitive Cancer Moon is blown out of proportion by the magnifying lens of Jupiter, pushing you out of your comfort zone.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Ironically, your imagination frees you from fear, anxiety and other emotional constraints today. Your drive to express what's in your heart overpowers any concerns you might be harboring as the reflective Cancer Moon in your 5th House of Creativity teams up with dreamy Neptune. Your unbridled fantasies can carry you on the wings of song, taking you nearly anywhere.

Across

1. Constellation bear, 5. Platter, 9. Sourish, 13. Shower, 14. Convulsion, 16. Pearly-shelled mussel, 17. Citrus fruit, 18. A type of necklace, 19. Not a single one, 20. Slanderizes, 22. Stockholders' profits, 24. Take it easy, 26. A type of coffee, 27. Catastrophic, 30. Withhold, 33. Built-in, 35. Alarm, 37. Grippe, 38. Swelling under the skin, 41. Prefix meaning "Modern", 42. Duck down, 45. Prescribes, 48. Incumbency, 51. Aridness, 52. Banquet, 54. Goddess of discord, 55. Banked, 59. Leaves out, 62. Food thickener, 63. Challenges, 65. Nursemaid, 66. Brass component, 67. A throat infection, 68. Tropical tuber, 69. Being, 70. Not difficult, 71. If not.

Down

1. Website addresses, 2. Train track, 3. Likeness, 4. Windflower, 5. Downturn, 6. Anagram of "Dice", 7. Sedate, 8. Veered, 9. Melodic, 10. Again, 11. Peel, 12. Foot digits, 15. Slash, 21. Plod along, 23. 20th-century art movement, 25. Attraction, 27. Abundant, 28. Dim, 29. Unhappy, 31. Hundredth, 32. Tall woody plants, 34. Directed, 36. Throw, 39. Central, 40. Unit of land, 43. Implement, 44. Regrets, 46. Apprentice, 47. Enliven, 49. Forays, 50. What's left behind, 53. Latin name for our planet, 55. Stupor, 56. Auspices, 57. Shallow metal containers, 58. D D D D, 60. Sailors, 61. Sneaker or pump, 64. Operative.

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