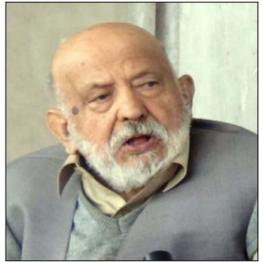


Azizullah Wasifi Dies in Kandahar at 88

KANDAHAR CITY - Prominent politician Azizullah Wasifi, who served as agriculture minister under King Zahir Shah, on Saturday breathed his last after a protracted ailment in southern Kandahar province, family sources said.



Wasifi's oldest son, Azzitullah Wasifi, told Pajhwok Afghan News his father had long been complaining of heart problems and died at the ripe age of 88 years. Wasifi arrived in Kandahar from the United States at about 12:30pm, but his condition started deteriorating at about 4pm in the afternoon and the family took him to Momand Hospital where he died during treatment, the son said.

35 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Baghlan Clashes

MEHTARLAAM - At least 35 Taliban insurgents, including one of their commanders, were killed in clashes with Afghan security forces in northern Baghlan province in the past four days, local officials said on Sunday.



Taliban Capture 13 Badakhshan Border Police Posts

MAIMANA/FAIZABAD - Taliban militants captured 13 check-posts after they were abandoned by security forces to avoid clashes in the Warduj district of northeastern Badakhshan province, an official said on Sunday.



Weapons had been placed in a safe place, he said. The area is said to be strategically important because it connects four districts...

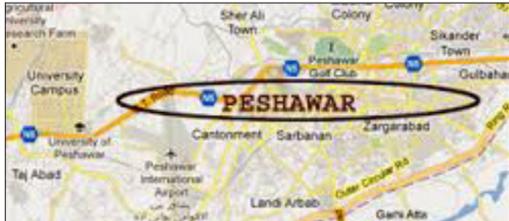
Explosives on Mules Seized

JALALABAD - Some explosive material brought from Pakistan on seven mules for suicide attacks were confiscated in Dur Baba district in eastern Nangrahar province, a security official said on Sunday.

Chief of staff Col Mohammad Ayub Hussainkhalil told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosives were smuggled from Pakistan on mules through Dur Baba district to other areas of the country but the border police seized them.

Police Arrest 68 Afghan, 350 Suspects

PESHAWAR - Peshawar Police Sunday claimed to have arrested 350 suspects and 68 unregistered Afghan refugees from the province in ongoing search operation under National Action Plan.



searched while security inspections of 643 educational were conducted. Cases have been registered, the arrested in relevant police stations and investigation were underway.

NIA Looking for Afghan Who Recruits Maharashtra Youth for IS

KABUL - An Afghan businessman is believed to be allegedly indoctrinating youth from Maharashtra to join the dreaded Islamic State, claims National Investigation Agency, which has sent its first judicial requests in the case to Afghani-

stan seeking details of the person. The Afghan national, whose name has been withheld, was running a dry fruits business in India and allegedly approached the four youths from Kalyan area neighbouring Mumbai and brainwashed them to join ranks of IS, official sources said.

India last November. The port of exit of the Afghan national was found out to be from Delhi in December last year, the sources said. They said Letters Rogatory, sent to Afghanistan, has been cleared...

18 People Killed in Traffic Accident



QALA-E-NAW - At least 18 people died and three others were injured in a traffic accident in western Badghis province early Sunday, local officials said.

The incident took place in the Bala Murghab district of the province after a passenger vehicle crashed on the highway while traveling from western Herat province to the northern parts of Afghanistan, District Governor, Ahmad Zia Akazai said.

Unknown Gunmen Kill Logar Official



PUL-I-ALAM - Unknown gunmen shot dead a senior woman's affairs department official in central Logar province on Sunday, an official said.

Nazrab Shah, finance section head at the Women's Affairs Department, came under attack in Qalayi-Saidan locality of Baraki Barak district, the department head told Pajhwok Afghan News. Shaima Zargar said Shah had been working with the department since a decade.

spokesman, said five Taliban fighters were killed and three wounded when Taliban insurgents raided a police check post in Kot district. Four Afghan Local Police (ALP) personals were also wounded in the gun battle, he added.

Abidzai said that militants had left behind huge cache of arms and ammunition. The militants have not commented about the incident so far.

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You must make a decision today as your desire to demonstrate your love conflicts with more practical pursuits. It's as if your gesture of affection could cause negative ripples in other parts of your life.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Everything seems more complicated than necessary today. People may tell you more than you deem appropriate and knowing too much isn't a comfortable position for you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You may be so busy today that you don't have time to get anything done. Part of the problem is your frenetic need for personal interaction. You might spend more time at the water cooler sharing your weekend adventures or on coffee break exchanging gossip with your coworkers.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You might employ complex tactics to keep your emotions off everyone else's radar screens. Unfortunately, the logic that drives this evasive strategy may be faulty to begin with.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Being the identified optimist in your group can be a blessing because people like to bask in your enthusiasm. However, too much of a good thing may backfire today.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You might believe that angels will swoop down to rescue you today -- and maybe they will. But, unfortunately, maybe they won't -- and this isn't a risk that's worth taking now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your vision of the future is wide open today; you feel as if the sky is the limit. However, you may push your luck too far and the price you might have to pay for your bad judgment isn't worth the possible rewards.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your passion for your work overcomes any reservations you may have about turning down a new project. However, just because you can talk yourself into saying yes, this doesn't make it a good idea.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Expressing your creativity today might require you to step so far out of the box that you can't even remember what containment felt like.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your friends can't see the weight of responsibility you are carrying on your shoulders now. They might expect you to be more happy-go-lucky than you actually feel.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Breaking out of a rut has consequences today, but you're willing to wager on your future. Taking a calculated risk is admirable, assuming you have actually done the logical analysis first.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You are hopeful that your compassionate nature will get you through a difficult obstacle course today. Fortunately, your inspirational objectives are a tremendous help, but they are not enough to save the day by themselves.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71

Across and Down crossword clues. Across: 1. Keg, 5. Always, 9. Church benches, 13. Liturgy, 14. A large pill, 16. Bit of gossip, 17. Smell, 18. Explosion, 19. Hawaiian feast, 20. Prison-related, 22. Implicating, 24. French for "State", 26. Popular dance music, 27. Naval officer, 30. Angel, 33. A maker of candles, 35. Church council, 37. Dawn goddess, 38. Decree, 41. Enemy, 42. Unemotional, 45. Expresses impassively, 48. Cause to arise, 51. Pillar, 52. Ancient Roman magistrate, 54. Leave in a hurry, 55. Catastrophes, 59. Fall color, 62. False god, 63. Call forth, 65. A long way off, 66. Whimper, 67. 4-door car, 68. Bluefin, 69. Not difficult, 70. Catches, 71. North American deer (plural). Down: 1. Prune, 2. Assistant, 3. A type of craftsman, 4. Protein in hair and nails, 5. Diminish, 6. Mouselike animal, 7. African antelope, 8. Rural, 9. Gibbet, 10. Decorative case, 11. Withdraw gradually, 12. Self-satisfied, 15. Hiding place, 21. Piecrust ingredient, 23. Frosts, 25. Story, 27. Cards with 1 symbol, 28. Hindu loincloth, 29. Directed, 31. Not trustworthy, 32. Blessings, 34. Disencumber, 36. Writing table, 39. Chief Executive Officer, 40. Checks, 43. Perfectly, 44. Wads, 46. A style of design, 47. Mollify, 49. Quotes, 1.50 less than a dozen, 53. Wear away, 10.55 cent coin, 56. Notion, 57. Scatters seeds, 58. Three-handed card game, 60. Relative status, 61. Historical periods, 64. N N N N.

Yesterday's Solution: PASTA, DEME, IBIS, EMAIL, EXES, MINI, RETINE, VANS, PLUS, UNDERVALUE, EGGS, TILT, NICETY, MESA, CUE, ETC, AUTOMATIC, EAGER, SUNBURT, BUMBAIO, SIGIL, GRIM, LOOT, VET, AMI, ELSE, GALAXY, BTAL, LLE, OPAL, PHINK, LLE, LOPE, INCA, MAUYE, EDEN, STAT, PINES, MELT, TLE, SCANT.

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