

PC Members Demand Say in Governors' Appointment

KABUL - Provincial council (PC) members on Monday said the government should seek their consent in appointing governors so that more cooperative environment could be created in provinces. Speaking at a three-day conference on good governance that began here, the public representatives demanded more cooperation from government departments in provinces. They asked the president to give them back their legal powers of evaluation and observation of the governance on local level. They also demanded the president ap-



point new governors to provinces in consultation with them. The conference is organised by the Meshrano Jirga for provincial council members. Various issues pertaining to the provincial council's role in ensuring good governance is being discussed at the event after which the participants would draw up a draft suggesting powers and respon-

sibilities of provincial council members. Huma Ahmadi, a provincial council member from Logar, the government should not deprive provincial councils from their powers as their strong presence in provinces was vital for good governance and elimination of corruption. She cited a resolution that had unanimously approved by provincial councils. "Provincial council members are committed to their role in establishment of peace, elimination of corruption and creation of positive and more ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Drone Strike Kills 12 Militants in Nangrahar



JALALABAD - At least 12 insurgent have been killed in drone attack in Momandara district in eastern Nangrahar province, an official said on Monday.

Ahmedzia Abidzai, governor spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the drone targeted a car in Landay Baswal area late Sunday night which killed 12 Taliban fighters. He said the civilians remained safe in the attack. Hazrat Hussain Mashraqiwal, Nangrahar police spokesman, said the drone targeted militants in a 'saracha car' and motorcycle when they were passing through the area. He added "Nissar, a well known Taliban commander, was among the dead....*(More on P4)...(14)*

2 Dead, 14 Wounded in Suicide Attack on Age's Staff Vehicle



KABUL - Two killed and 14 more wounded after a suicide bomber targeted Attorney General's staff vehicle early Monday morning in capital Kabul, officials said.

Lt. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, Kabul police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News a female employee of AGO and the vehicle's driver were killed in the attack. He added 12 other employees and two passersby were wounded. Brig Gen Humayun, 119 police chief, said the suicide bomber targeted the staff vehicle at 8:30 am near centaurium area in capital Kabul. Sediq Seddiqi, interior ministry spokesman, confirmed the incident and said the suicide bomber was a pedestrian who blew himself up. Fazal Rahman, a resident of the area, said the suicide bomber targeted...*(More on P4)...(20)*

18 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Kunduz

KUNDUZ CITY - At least 18 Taliban insurgents were killed and four others injured in a military operation in northern Kunduz province, local officials said on Monday.

Provincial Police Chief, Gen. Abdul Basir Nasrati has said that the operation still continues in the province and to date 10 villages - in the Imam Sahib and Chardara districts - have been cleared of insurgents. "Clashes still continue in Chardara and Imam Shaib districts in which 14 Taliban insurgents - including their commander Mullah Sherzai Gojar - were killed in Imam Sahib. Four others were killed in Chardara," he said. The operation comes after hundreds of Taliban insurgents carried out an attack on security forces in Ali Abad, Imam Sahib, Qale-Zal, Dasht-e-Archi districts and Gor Tepa in Kunduz City over the past 10 days....*(More on P4)...(16)*

'We Don't Have Enough Helicopters': Col. Bakhtiar

KABUL - According to a report from USA Today, Lt. Col. Bakhtulla Bakhtiar, 53, an Afghan helicopter squadron commander said that the Afghanistan military has enough troops but lack the air combat support to protect them and make them more effective

against small bands of Taliban insurgents that are decimating troops at their remote outposts. The withdrawal of American and allied support has left a void that is unfilled by the Afghans. Given that American producers of helicopters are flagging in demand, one would think that

the producers and U.S. State Department would want to address the opportunity. Can the Afghan's afford to purchase U.S. made helicopters? Are the Russian made helicopters much better for combat in high-altitude terrain such as in some ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Taliban Attack Police Posts in Badakhshan



FAIZABAD - Taliban insurgents attacked at least ten police bases in Warduj district of north-eastern Badakhshan province on Sunday night and took control of most of the posts, a military source said Monday on condition of anonymity. Abdullah Naji Nazari, head of the Provincial Council of Badakhshan has confirmed the incident and said: "According to information which I received from Warduj so far the bodies of 17 policemen were taken to a hospital and 26 other policemen are missing." However, the unnamed source said that Taliban insurgents not only took control of police posts but also stole a number of security force vehicles. He also said policemen were missing following the clashes - and that a number of bodies of security force members had been found in the area.

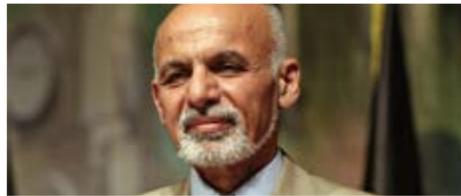
He said they appeared to have been shot by insurgents.

The source said that police contacted military officials for support, but they did not receive any response. Meanwhile, MP from Badakhshan, Zalmai Mojadiddi said: "In the past military forces were near the police base, but in the past few weeks the military forces were moved far from here."

This comes after a number of MPs from Badakhshan province warned in recent weeks of the rise in serious threats by insurgents in the province. It also comes nearly a month after militants killed nearly 30 ANA soldiers at a remote outpost in Jurm district of the province. The slain soldiers are said to have lacked adequate fuel for their vehicles to escape the area when attacked by insurgents, ultimately causing them...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Ghani's Popularity Dips over Past Few Months: Survey

KABUL - A joint survey by the Afghan firm ATR Consulting and TOLONews has found that President Ashraf Ghani has dipped in popularity in the past three months, with 43.5 percent of those surveyed stating they are "not satisfied at all" with his performance. This comes after a similar survey in January found only 32 percent of people surveyed were not satisfied.



A total of 2,669 people from 34 provinces participated in the survey

- which took place between 22nd and 29th April 2015. The survey found that only 25.5 percent of the people are satisfied with Ghani's performance, which is down from the 59.9 percent recorded soon after he took office last year....*(More on P4)...(17)*

Architects of Jalalabad Carnage, Angeza's Killer Held

JALALABAD - Key organisers of the suicide attack that killed and wounded dozens of people in the capital of eastern Nangrahar province last month have been arrested, an official said on Monday.



Speaking on the condition of anonymity, the official told

Pajhwok Afghan News the National Directorate of Security (NDS), the spy agency, had arrested the main

suspects in the suicide attack on a Kabul Bank branch in Jalalabad, the provincial capital. The attack left at least 33 people dead and more than 100 injured on April 18. The source did not reveal the number of those detained or their nationalities Ahmad Zia ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



People can't help but take notice of you when you walk into a room today. It's as if they are watching your every move to see what you will do next. Don't squander this chance to bring others into your camp. Remember, your persuasive powers are the strongest if you remain true to yourself - so consider what you value most. Your integrity is non-negotiable; once you are clear about your priorities.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



No one seems to understand you today because you're at a loss to find the right words to describe your emotions. Since it's challenging to put your feelings into language now, just work with whatever thoughts come to mind. There's no reason to push the process, but initiating a dialogue still makes the most sense if you want to create deeper connections with others.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your actions are closely aligned with your heart now, creating quite a force to be reckoned with. People might be to quick to write you off as a lightweight, but your closest friends and relatives are more inclined to listen to your ideas today because your behavior conveys the fire of your convictions. Nevertheless, choose your words carefully, but don't expect immediate results because it may still take a while for your message to sink in.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You are tapping into a deep well of emotions now and are more than willing to tackle the most significant issues of the day. Fortunately, you're in a fantastic position to learn something new about your relationship with power, assuming that you are motivated to process your feelings rather than just observing them. Don't try to explain your motives to everyone who inquires about your objectives.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You may spend a lot of needless time and effort managing your extreme feelings today, but emotional moderation is likely an elusive goal when others interfere with your process. You can become so worked up over the situation that you believe the issues at stake are more critical than they actually are now. As stressful as the current conflict sounds, you simply must take a leap of faith and let go of control.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Your powers of concentration turn you into a superhero today, leaving little to stand in your way of success. Trust your intuition because you can see the future spread out in front of you now, even if you can't yet put your vision into words. In the meantime, create a detailed strategy, but give yourself a few days before you share your current scheme with anyone else. There's no reason to show your hand until you're ready to play it.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your creativity is flowing from the unseen depths of your mind today, enabling you to express what's in the dark recesses of your imagination. Nevertheless, it may be too soon to know exactly where your inspiration is leading. But don't worry if you can't get far enough ahead to gain some perspective or you might exhaust yourself for no reason at all. Follow your muse without asking too many questions.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



A secret doorway to hidden treasures within your subconscious is unlocked today by the radiant Sun's superconductive trine with penetrating Pluto. These gems are most often totally unreachable, but you have access to the mysterious secrets of the universe now. Walk boldly into the shadows, even if you are clueless about what you might discover.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your most reliable personal growth comes from focusing on your regular routine and simply performing your work-related chores as powerful Pluto trines the Sun in your 6th House of Details. Fortunately, you currently enjoy the idea of crossing one item after another off your list of things to do. Fulfilling your responsibilities is not only good for your self-esteem now, it also could have positive financial ramifications.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You may be obsessed with the possibility of romance today, but it's not the wisest time to fall victim to unrealistic fantasies. Even if you want to escape the more mundane realms, there is work you must do first. Aside from feeling proud of your accomplishments, taking care of business works to your advantage in other ways, too.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Someone could be trying to support your efforts from behind the scenes today, but it's difficult to discern who it is or why they are doing it. It may not be a simple task to work with energy that you can't engage directly. Fortunately, you can make better progress if you just settle into the flow for a while, even if it feels awkward at first.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You are swimming in unfamiliar waters of emotional intensity today. You might even panic for a moment, concerned that there's too much drama you don't understand. Nevertheless, your approach to the unknown is quite pragmatic now, even if you are unsure of where the currents may carry you. Whatever happens, don't let your need for clarity reduce the possibility of having an incredible experience.



Across

- 1. Parasitic insect, 5. Lariat, 10. Counterfoil, 14. Egg-shaped, 15. Not silently, 16. Ballet attire, 17. Former Italian currency, 18. City, 20. Undress, 22. Easily broken, 23. Muck, 24. Typewrote, 25. Impersonations, 32. Gorilla-like, 33. Foe, 34. Calypso offshoot, 37. Money owed, 38. Lift, 39. Small dam, 40. S, 41. Adhesive, 42. Gave out, 43. Lovers, 45. Brackish, 49. Antlered animal, 50. Molasses, 53. Pee-pee, 57. Dilapidated, 59. Quaint outburst, 60. God of love, 61. Front parts of human legs, 62. Japanese wrestling, 63. Diminish, 64. The day after yesterday, 65. Appear.

Down

- 1. Bend, 57. 2 in Roman numerals, 3. Hearing organs, 4. Scaremonger, 11. 5th Greek letter, 6. Away from the wind, 7. Drunkard, 8. Ride the waves, 9. Smell, 10. A cheap cigar, 11. Garden bulb, 12. Practical, 13. Travelled by bus, 19. Fall guy, 21. Owl!, 25. An abandoned calf, 26. Mimics, 27. Bones on your sides, 28. Make fun of, 29. Come together, 30. Adjust again, 31. An uncle, 34. Char, 35. A man's skirt, 36. The products of human creativity, 38. Uncooked, 39. Impuissance, 41. Mentally prepare, 42. Sandwich shop, 44. Unorthodox tenets, 45. Scatter, 46. A kind of macaw, 47. A tart fruit, 48. Thigh armor, 51. Not first, 52. Reflected sound, 53. Forearm bone, 54. Chills and fever, 55. Docile, 56. Anagram of «Dome», 58. Child.

Yesterday's Solution



- amass, bruise, clear, depth, different, dream, environment, fancy, fence, focal, fudge, glass, glen, glide, grasshopper, length, liquid, murder, natural, noise, paper, point, quake, reap, refuse, relief, sponge, staff, stokes, string, today, toed, tours, trust, wafer.

