

Plots Awarded to Retired Army Personnel Grabbed

GARDEZ - Some retired personnel of Afghan National Army (ANA) in southeastern Paktika province have claimed plots allotted to them during former President Hamid Karzai's regime were grabbed by some individuals. In a gathering the former ANA officers protested the move and demanded authorities concerned to return their plots and make sure the rights have not violated. Col. (R). Mohammad Hanif said in compliance to Karzai's orders No.38 as many as 2,800 acre land was allotted to retired officers but currently the land was usurped mafia groups with the help of government officials. "The land belonged to military in the past, there were helpads and latter was allotted plots in the same area to 560 retired and disabled military officers. We give



10,000 in advance but not plots awarded and now the land is grabbed," he said. Mohammad Usman, another retired officer, said the land was allotted to them but due to the reckless behavior of former governor Jumma Khan Hamdard and other officials the land was not given to those who deserved and was ultimately grabbed. Governor spokesman Abdullah Hasrat said the provincial authorities were unaware of the issue and if proper documents were shared with them they would take necessary action in this regard. "Through media we got aware of the issue. All the plots grabbed by powerful individuals would be returned to the right person and we all would be the witness," he vowed. (Pajhwok)

Above 60 Militants Dead in Badakhshan Raids

KUNDUZ - More than 60 militants have been killed in a series of raids by security forces in Ishkashim district of northeastern Badakhshan province, an official said on Friday. The raids were carried out in various parts of the district yesterday, with security forces confiscating three armored vehicles, two standing guns, artillery shells, other weapons, said Mehfoozullah Akbari, a spokesman for the 808 police zone in the northeast. He said more than 60 insurgents were killed and several ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

ANA Soldiers among 13 Dead in Uruzgan Clash

TARINKOT - Three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier, 10 Taliban insurgents have been killed as a result of gun battle in central Uruzgan province, an official said on Thursday. Provincial Deputy Police Chief, Col. Abdul Qayyum, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash took place in Kotwal area of Tarinkot city between militants and security forces late on Wednesday evening. He said three ANA soldiers, 10 Taliban were killed and five militants, as many ANA troops and three policemen were wounded. The Taliban planted landmines in the area thus security forces moved slowly, he added. There was no word about the clash in Uruzgan from the Taliban. (Pajhwok)

Female Christian Refugee Murdered by Afghan Compatriot in Germany

BERLIN - Bavarian police are trying to establish the motive behind the murder of an Afghan woman who sought refuge in Germany and has reportedly converted to Christianity, RT reported Thursday. According to the news outlet the incident took place on Saturday close to a supermarket in Prien am Chiemsee in Bavaria. The suspect reportedly stabbed the woman in front of her children. RT reported that the 38-year-old woman, who was attacked by a 29-year-old Afghan man, had been to a church service shortly before the incident. Police are currently trying to establish the relationship between the perpetrator and the victim, RT stated. "For us, only facts count. But there is evidence of a religious motive for the deed we are pursuing. But this is only one of the versions we can follow," a police source was reported as saying. (Tolonews)

Saleh Supporters Rally against Hekmatyar in Kabul



KABUL - A large number of people staged a protest demonstration in Kabul against Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) leader Gulbadin Hekmatyar on Friday, when the former jihadi leader addressed a huge gathering in the central capital. Hekmatyar, who emerged from decades of hiding last week in eastern Laghman province, arrived to a warm welcome in Kabul a day earlier. The HIA leader on Friday addressed a huge gathering of his supporters in a football stadium in Kabul, making a stark demonstration of force. About 200 protestors, belonging to Rawind Sabz group led by former spymaster Amrullah Saleh, staged the demonstration against Hekmatyar in Darul Aman area, calling for the former warlord to be tried. They carried photos of individuals they claimed had been killed by HIA gunmen in the civil war. They also held placards in their hands inscribed with slogans like "we want justice," "we will not forgive the blood of our ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Senior Taliban among 67 Killed in Takhar Clashes

TALOQAN - At least 67 Taliban militants have been killed and another 41 wounded during clashes with security forces in Khwaja Bahauddin district of northeastern Takhar province, police claimed on Thursday. Takhar police chief Brig. Gen. Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani told Pajhwok Afghan News the Khwaja Bahauddin district had been cleared of Taliban presence as a result of an ongoing operation there. He claimed 67 militants were killed including



Maulvi Qadir, the Taliban's deputy governor for Takhar and 41 wounded. Twenty villages, including Kohna Shakh, Kandaharyan, Alqanaq and Hamza, were cleared of Taliban,

he added. He said efforts at clearing the Khwaja Bahauddin-Darqad highway of landmines were underway. Farhad, an inhabitant of the locality, ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

'Heavy Clashes' Close Kunduz-Takhar Highway to Traffic

KUNDUZ CITY - The Kunduz-Takhar Highway was closed to traffic following 'heavy clashes' between security forces and Taliban in parts of Kunduz province on Friday, local officials said. Hayatullah Amiri, district governor of Khan Abad, said the Taliban attacks on police outposts along Kunduz-Takhar Highway were pushed back and clashes are ongoing between Afghan forces and the militants. Meanwhile, Qala-e-Zal district governor Mahbubullah Saeedi said Taliban attacked security forces' outposts in parts of the district on Friday. He said the clashes are ongoing between security forces and militants in the district but they have managed to push back different Taliban attacks in Aaq Tapa, the center of Qala-e-Zal district. A number of Kunduz residents and provincial council members meanwhile said they are concerned about 'increasing insecurity' in the province. They claimed that insurgents are planning to attack Kunduz city once again. The residents said Kunduz city would fall to the Taliban for the third time if government failed to overcome the situation and repel insurgents' attacks. Kunduz city has fallen to Taliban two times in past two years; however, security forces ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Car Bomb Kills Several Taliban in Ghazni: Police

GHAZNI - Dozens of Taliban militants suffered casualties on Thursday when their bomb-rigged vehicle exploded in the Doab district of southern Ghazni province, police said. Sixteen militants were killed and 18 others were wounded in the blast that took place in Woot area,

Ghazni police chief Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the dead insurgents included a Pakistani commander, Hafiz, who real name was Hafizullah. However, a spokesman for the Afghan army's 203 Thunder Military Corps in

Ghazni, put the Taliban toll at 18 dead and 14 wounded. He said the blast sent a fireball that caused most of the casualties. A resident of Woot area, Abdul Rahim, said it was a powerful blast that occurred at noon time and killed many militants. He ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

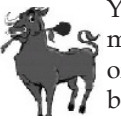
Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You may try to hide the fact that you have run out of patience but the deeper you bury your frustration, the more unstable you become. Red-hot Mars taunts you with immediate solutions to long-standing problems, but it's a cosmic setup because there are no quick fixes today. Nevertheless, you might believe that letting others know exactly what you're thinking now will alleviate any in-

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Your ability to sustain a steady pace is normally a blessing, but it can get in the way of your success today. Something may be bothering you and yet your emotional ballast keeps you even-keeled through most any storm. However, pretending that you have everything under control isn't your smartest move now, even if you can stop some of the edges from fraying.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You're like a modern-day Mary Poppins, ready to fly out on the changing winds. However, impulsive Mars is scattering his energy in your 1st House of Self, trying on an endless variety of styles as you explore the world in a series of ill-fated adventures. Unfortunately, the old look you sported now seems to be quite dated, making it impossible to return to your previous life. Stepping forward into the unknown is more fun when you treat it like a game. Play is the brain's favorite way

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You are being pushed out of your comfortable nest today, but you're actually ready for the experience. You're the one who tends to cling onto familiar places and people from the past. Nevertheless, you're eager to toss your emotional baggage and head into the future, unencumbered with unnecessary weight. Enjoy the adrenaline surging through

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You're like a bee that's buzzing around in a field of your family, friends and social acquaintances. You don't want to stop and have an in-depth conversation with any one person because there are so many varieties of people yet to discover. Nevertheless, you could end up exhausted before you sample the treasures all around you. You might be evolving in deeper ways than you realize,

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You don't like being pushed to the edge because you're afraid of losing your cool when you're at your wit's end. Nevertheless, you're likely to bite off more than you can chew today, even if you know better. Somewhere along the way you become more enamored with the future than with the present moment. You're eager to try anything that ups the technological ante, but you might go too fast. If you find yourself spinning

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your entire life seems like a test to see if you can maintain an enlightened state of mind while dealing with mundane matters. Fortunately, you're like Neo in "The Matrix"; reality is no match for your Zen state. The Moon's return to objective Libra enables you to remain detached from the unexpected obstacles coming your way. Everything and everyone appears to be in high-speed motion while

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You're torn between two contradictory approaches to life today. On one hand, you want to put all your eggs into a social basket so you can forget about your personal problems. On the other hand, you're ready to walk away from all emotional entanglements so you can spend your time deepening your spiritual quest. Don't underestimate the strength of your desire for

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



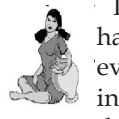
You might as well be living in a video game as the intensity of your world amps up to another level today. Nevertheless, you are entranced by the sequence of surprising events. You're more amused than overwhelmed, even if you aren't sure you're ready for the next phase. Your desire for reestablishing equilibrium outweighs your caution, prompting you to jump in and face the rapidly changing circumstances. But

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You can see the complexity of these times everywhere you look, but you're not eager to give up all that you have gained for the sake of simplicity. You're cognitively aware that shifts in social consciousness lead to personal transformation. Nevertheless, you may choose to resist the upcoming changes, even if the alarm bells are ringing. Eckhart Tolle said, "Sometimes

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



People around you freak out when things happen today for no apparent reason. However, the abruptness of change is exhilarating to you because there's a sense of freedom once tension is brought out into the open. You're hopeful that worn-out systems will fall apart, releasing you from deeply rooted beliefs that no longer serve your purpose. Nevertheless,

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You're unapologetic about simultaneously choosing two personal paths to pursue. However, those closest to you might think you're talking out of both sides of your mouth. Nevertheless, making others comfortable with your life choices is not the best use of your energy. It's wiser to get on with living and work toward contributing to the future you want to create. Edward Abbey wrote, "Society is like a stew. If you

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Down

1. Low in pitch. 2. Pear-shaped instrument. 3. Food thickener. 4. Bristle. 5. Journeys. 6. Eastern Standard Time. 7. Japanese radish. 8. Opening words of a text. 9. Exam. 10. Extremely wicked. 11. Not inner. 12. Without company. 13. Unit of luminous flux. 18. Timid. 24. Calypso offshoot. 25. Not dull. 26. Ale. 27. Highest point. 28. A 19th century political party. 29. Wandering from the main path. 31. A metric unit of weight. 33. Put on clothes. 34. Where a bird lives. 36. Quiet time. 37. Being. 38. Marsh plant. 42. Laic. 43. Evil spirit. 45. Artists' workstands. 47. Mobile phones. 48. Mayhem. 49. Genus of heath. 51. Eastern newt. 52. Violent disturbances. 54. Chancel. 56. Trickle. 57. Nurse shark.

Yesterday's Solution

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