

# 200 Suspected Insurgents Arrested in Parwan and Kapisa

KABUL - Nearly 200 people have been arrested while traveling to the north of the country to allegedly join insurgents in their fight against government forces. They have been detained in Parwan and Kapisa provinces. Parwan provincial governor said that an investigation shows that among the 200, 12 of them have links with terrorists and they had roles in battles in eastern parts of the country. "Intelligence forces were suspicious



- are they terrorists or Taliban and other insurgent groups being transferred from one part of the country to another part on the basis of a plan or program," Mohammad Asim Asim Parwan provincial governor. "Last year before the war started in the north especially in Kunduz, which resulted in the collapse of Kunduz, there were rumors that groups of youths in passengers buses traveled to the north," Asim added. *... (More on P4)... (23)*

## Prices of Sugar, Tea and Gold Go up in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of sugar, tea and gold have jumped during the outgoing week in capital Kabul, market sources said on Thursday. Food Traders Union head Fazal Rahman told Pajhwok Afghan News the rate of a 49-kilogram bag of Pakistani sugar edged up from 2,120 afghanis to 2,140 afghanis during the week. However, the price of 25kg of Pakistani rice went down from 1,650afis to 1,600afis, he said. But 49kg of Pakistani flour cost 1,230afis and 16 liters of Momin ghee 1,040afis, the same prices as last week's. Rahmatullah, a tea seller in Kabul Market, sold a kilogram of African black tea for 260afis and the same amount of Madina green tea for 240afis against last week's 240afis and 220afis respectively. *... (More on P4)... (26)*

## Gun Battle Kills 8 Militants in Kunduz

KUNDUZ - Gun battle between Afghan government forces and Taliban had left eight insurgents dead in the northern Kunduz province with Kunduz city as its capital 250 km north of Kabul on Thursday night, local officials said Friday. Five militants were killed in Qala-e-Zal district on Thursday night, according to district governor Mahbubullah Sayedi and three more Taliban fighters had been killed in the neighboring Chardara district, governor of Chardara district Zalmi Farooqi said. Meantime, Zabihullah Majahdi who claims to speak for the Taliban outfit, in contact with media disputed the claim, claiming the militants destroyed a battle tank in Chardara district on Thursday inflicting casualties on security personnel. Parts of Kunduz province including Chardara and Qala-e-Zal districts have been the scene of Taliban-led bloody insurgency over the past couple of years. (Xinhua)

## 2 Wounded in Rocket Strike on Bagram Airfield: Police Chief

CHARIKAR - Two civilians have been wounded in a rocket attack on the Bagram Airfield in central Parwan province, local security officials said on Friday. Brig. Gen. Mohammad Zaman Mamozai, the provincial police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident occurred at midnight. Two civilians injured in the rocket strike had been transferred to hospital, he said, adding police were investigating the attack. Meanwhile, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the strike, saying the US troops stationed at Bagram had been harmed. (Pajhwok)

## 3 Fighters Killed, Landmines Seized in Zabul Operation

KABUL - Three insurgents have been killed in Afghan National Army (ANA) operations in the southern Zabul province, the military claimed on Friday. The operations were conducted in the provincial capital Qalat and Shinkai and Shahr-i-Safa and Shah Jai districts over the past 24 hours. A statement from the ANA Atal Corps said several fighters were wounded in the offensives, which also led to the seizure of 48 landmines and weapons. (Pajhwok)

## Thousands of Stranded Migrants Launch Protest near Macedonian Border

BERLIN - Refugees and migrants stranded at a makeshift camp near the Greek village of Idomeni scuffled with police on Thursday after trying to pitch a tent near the Macedonian border. More than 53,000 people were left stranded on the Greek side after authorities shut border crossings into Macedonia earlier this year. About 10,000 of those remain stuck at the closed border crossing at Idomeni. "Why? Why sitting here two months,



three months, four months? It's a problem, my friend. The police says 'no border, no border'. What are you doing, Europe? What are you doing, Europe?" said Mohamed, a Syrian refugee. May migrants have refused to leave, hoping that the border will be reopened and they'll be allowed to travel to western Europe. This comes after at least *... (More on P4)... (24)*

## Pajhwok Staffer Wins Best Photojournalist Award

KABUL - Pajhwok Afghan News staffer Fayyaz Umari has won the best photojournalist award of the year from an independent media support organization. NAI presents awards to media professionals in different categories every year. Umari was adjudged the best photographer this year and presented with the coveted prize. NAI Executive Director MujibKhilwagar told reporters they had asked media outlets a month ago to dispatch their best works. On the bases of that, winners were selected. While assuring of transparency in the process of choosing winners, he said the competition was purely based on merit -- not part of any project. Aryana TV reporter Ahmad Furshad Saleh won the best reporter award and Zainab Aziz of Arzo TV was given the best presenter award. (Pajhwok)



## Poetry Session Held in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - Hundreds of poets and culturists from different provinces participated in a lively poetry session in the southern city of Kandahar, organizers said on Friday. Minister of Information and Culture Abdul Bari Jehani travelled all the way from Kabul to Kandahar City to attend the poetry recital titled Anar Gul (pomegranate flower). Beginning on Thursday evening, the traditional poetry session concluded at 3am, with participants presenting a wide variety of poems and skits on the overall situation in the country. In his remarks, Jehani said the regular conduct of the mushaira over the years was reflective of the cultural and intellectual prowess of Kandahar residents. The minister, who recalled that Kandahar was once a great seat of learning and erudition, urged *... (More on P4)... (25)*

## Taliban Group Commander Detained: NDS

KABUL - Security forces captured a Taliban group commander in the eastern Wardak province, National Directorate for Security (NDS) said in a statement on Friday. "The arrested commander of Taliban terrorist group, Qari Sayedullah nickname Wareshman was involved in conducting terrorist activities including planting mines on the roads to target military convoys has been arrested," the statement said.



A number of arms and ammunitions including a 82 mm caliber gun was also recovered from his possessions, the statement added. Taliban militants haven't commented. (Xinhua)

## Rebel Commander Nabbed in Wardak

KABUL - Intelligence operatives have detained a Taliban commander in central Maidan Wardak province, NDS announced on Friday. Qari Yousaf was nabbed during a special raid in the Sheikhabad area of Syedabad district, a statement from the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said. The commander was accused of planting landmines on Kabul-Kandahar highway, attacks on security forces' logistical convoys and other terrorist activities. Without giving any date for the arrest, the NDS claimed seizing two heavy machine guns, a Kalashnikov assault rifles, ammunition and a walkie-talkie from Qari Yousaf. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You're inclined to see the best in others but you can be led off course now by your misguided interpretation of their intentions. Unfortunately, your willingness to accept everyone at face value might create problems. Although everything may truly be wonderful, it's still helpful to moderate your optimism.

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

You might have totally unrealistic expectations about what you can accomplish at work today. People seem to be very excited about their plans, but their innovative ideas may not be as brilliant as everyone thinks. Although you're wise to be cautious about an opportunity that appears disarmingly good, there's no reason to be overly negative, either.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your current visionary outlook motivates you to solve a pressing problem today. However, you also might be tempted to gloss over any upcoming challenges with your optimism. Thankfully, your key planet Mercury harmoniously sextiles innovative Uranus now, empowering you to inspire others with your out-of-the-box thinking. However, nothing is gained by exaggerating your ability to handle everything on your own.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may choose to luxuriate in the past today, reminiscing about childhood memories triggered by something that happens at home. Shaking off these powerful recollections is challenging even if you are busy at work, whether they are mildly irritating or sweetly nostalgic. Enjoy pursuing your fantasies, but find your way back to the present moment as soon as

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

Amazing people in your immediate surroundings are standing in the wings now waiting to be your greatest supporters. Nevertheless, you need to invite them to help or you might miss the benefits of what they could offer. Don't hide your head in the sand today, pretending you are self-sufficient in order to impress others. Paradoxically, it is your vulnerability that sets the stage for the magic to happen.

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

A steady stream of insights today offers down-to-earth solutions to lingering problems. Thankfully, trusting your instincts now should guide you toward an acceptable resolution for all involved. Clever Mercury forms a cooperative sextile with philosophical Jupiter, increasing the current potential to inspire others with your words. But demonstrating your intellectual finesse isn't as convincing as changing people's lives for the better.

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

Your diplomatic skills enable you to make the best of a tough situation today. The reflective Moon is hanging out in your sign, arousing your emotions -- and you can use your subjectivity to your advantage now. Ironically, covering up your feelings produces the opposite effect of what you expected. Express your desires openly and let the events of the day flow wherever they lead.

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

It's not shocking if others find out you are keeping some of your emotions under wraps today. In fact, it's quite likely you're holding a wild card up your sleeve that substantially changes the dynamics once played. Although your intuition tells you to stick with the status quo for a while longer, your irrepressible smile will possibly give your secret away.

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

You may be pursued by your coworkers to join them for social activities rather than business reasons today. Fortunately, you're not as constrained by your previous commitments now, allowing you to enjoy your time with others even in a professional setting. Luckily, you're at the top of your creative game, whether you're engaged with interpersonal dynamics or lost in producing tangible art.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

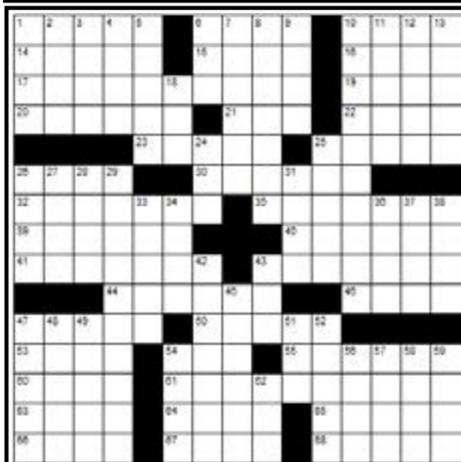
Much to your surprise, you might finally receive the peer recognition you've been seeking all along. Your consistent hard work may even bring you a long-awaited raise or well-deserved promotion. Meanwhile, your caution is beginning to dissipate. Bask in the current light of admiration while it is shining on you, but remember that everything can quickly revert to normal.

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

It feels as if there are fewer restraints on your life now, but you ultimately still must answer to the same authorities as before. It's just that you see more options now and eagerly anticipate the moment when you can start to explore them. Be careful that you don't overextend yourself in the discovery process. Think long and hard about where you want to go before you agree to a plan that.

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

You strive to be fair-minded in your approach to a problem, but you may have already made up your mind based on what someone else said. Unfortunately, your inflexibility could shut the door on a conversation before it even happens. Thankfully, the Moon's presence in your 8th House of Intimacy increases your desire to delve beneath the surface issues. Get the ball rolling today.



#### Across

- 1. Crown, 6. Precious stones, 10. Young bears, 14. Anaglyph, 15. Murres, 16. Unique, 17. A long artificial mound, 19. Part of a comparison, 20. Freeload, 21. Born as, 22. Novice, 23. Enjoy, 25. Acted gloomily, 26. Being, 30. Rouse, 32. Morally obligatory (archaic), 35. An informal term for money, 39. Rotten, 40. Harvester, 41. Not artificial, 43. Business executive, 44. System of weights and measures, 46. Not a win, 47. Assists, 50. Alpha's opposite, 53. Test, 54. Hit on the head, 55. Clothing, 60. Skin disease, 61. Deductive, 63. University administrator, 64. Depend, 65. Sporting venue, 66. Narrow opening, 67. Scottish hillside, 68. Varnish ingredient.

#### Down

- 1. Air force heroes, 2. Humid, 3. Part of an ear, 4. Low-fat, 5. Forceps, 6. Some people chew this, 7. Heretofore, 8. Inorganic, 9. Satisfy, 10. Common small rabbit, 11. Not cool, 12. Cacophony, 13. Church council, 18. New Zealand parrot, 24. Delivery vehicle, 25. Dishes out, 26. River of Spain, 27. Fly high, 28. Vocalized musically, 29. Campground, 31. Composer Jerome, 33. Eats, 34. Modify, 36. Style of hairdo, 37. C C C C, 38. Makes a mistake, 42. Balladeer, 43. Frozen water, 45. African antelope, 47. Skulls, 48. Surpass, 49. Hawaiian veranda, 51. Cheery, 52. Fragrant oil, 54. Stinging remark, 56. Rubber wheel, 57. Frosts, 58. Hindu princess, 59. Distinctive flair, 62. Alkaline liquid.

#### Yesterday's Solution

amplify, calumny, change, coast, crack, criticize, crush, dead, define, derogate, divert, doubt, evolution, explodes, float, flop, grenade, growth, harm, health, liability, limit, loathe, lost, lower, oblige, odious, past, resolve, ruler, seat, shell, teach, teal.

