

'Sharp Rise Noticed in Number of Drug Addicted Teachers'

FAIZABAD - A number of students in northeastern Badakhshan province allege some of their teachers are addicted to drugs, leaving far-reaching negative impact on their studies. "When a teacher comes to class, he is high on drugs and fall asleep in a corner," said Abdul Mohsin who is a graduate of Roshan High School in Sheghnan district. He said an addicted teacher could not convey his message to students and while teaching they could not remember much of the lessons themselves.



Abdul Mohsin who could not pass the Kankur or entry test told Pajhwok Afghan News: "The students study, but presence of such addicted and unprofessional teachers is really a serious matter of concern for the entire education sector." Of 30 teachers that teach at the Roshan High School, half of them are drug addicted, he remarked. Talabuddin Qaderi, deputy provincial council member, expressed concerns about the surging number ... (More on P4)...(16)

138 Insurgents Killed in Joint Security Force Operations



KABUL - Afghan National Police discovered and confiscated light and heavy rounds of ammunition and 55 motorcycles during several anti-terrorism joint operations with Afghan National Army and NDS members over the past 24 hours, reported the Ministry of Interior on Saturday. The operations were conducted in Kunduz, Faryab, Badakhshan, Sar-e-Pul, Kandahar, Zabul, Uruzgan, Ghazni, Paktika, Nangarhar and Ghor provinces. In addition to those killed, 83 were wounded and seven others were arrested. Armed insurgents suffered the heaviest casualty in Ghor province, read the statement.

Also, during these operations, Afghan National Police discovered and confiscated light and heavy rounds of ammunition and 55 motorcycles. During the same 24 hour period, Afghan National Police discovered and defused seven different types of IEDs placed by insurgents for destructive activities in Baghlan and Kandahar provinces. Afghan National Police are working diligently with local leaders and the public to prevent these types of acts - acts which have resulted in a sharp increase in civilian deaths in the past few weeks. (Tolnews)

Over 100 Insurgents Killed a Troops Reclaim Ghor District

FEROZKOH - local officials in western Ghor province on Saturday said that more than 100 insurgents were killed in clashes in Charsada district in the past six days.

Sayed Anwar Rahmati, the provincial acting governor said that Charsada is no longer in the hands of insurgents - following a six day battle by the national security forces to regain control. However, the bodies of numerous insurgents still litter the battle field, said Rahmati.



"In this operation 100 insurgents were killed, 30 injured and 50 of them were arrested. The security forces also seized weapons. In addition eight security force members were killed during the operation," Rahmati said. Military officials of 207 Zafar military corps said that insurgents were killed by ground troops and air strikes.

"We are saying to insurgents that we will kill... (More on P4)...(19)

MSF Treats Wounded As Spring Offensive Rages in North

KUNDUZ - Heavy fighting between Afghan forces and armed groups in the northeastern Kunduz province is increasingly isolating people living in districts outside the provincial capital, where the doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) trauma center has been treating wounded patients, a statement from the MSF said Saturday.



Kunduz had been considered one of the more stable provinces in the ongoing conflict in

Afghanistan, but fighting in the area increased significantly last year and now the so-called "spring offensive" has brought with it intense combat, the statement added.

In a recent three-week period, MSF medical staff in at the Kunduz trauma center treated 204 war-wounded patients, the vast majority of ... (More on P4)...(17)

9 Rebels Dead in Fresh Bout of Kandahar Violence

KANDAHAR CITY - Nine Taliban fighters were killed and two others wounded in different security incidents on Saturday in different parts of southern Kandahar province, an official said. Zia Durrani, police spokesperson, told Pajhwok Afghan News a suicide bomber was planning to storm a check post but police shot him dead along with his four companions before they could reach their intended target. The dead bodies of militants were taken by police, he said, adding that security official recovered some ammunition after the fire-fight was over... (More on P4)...(20)

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Taliban Seize Baghlan Police Training Centre

PUL-I-KHUMRI - A Provincial Council Member said on Saturday that Taliban captured a police training centre in the Dand-i-Ghori district of southern Baghlan province.



machine gun and police vehicle from the base. The deputy provincial council member said 15 security officials, including an injured Afghan Local Police (ALP) official, who were trapped inside the facility had been evacuated with the help of local elders... (More on P4)...(18)

Fairuzuddin Aymaq said militants had surrounded the area since three days which was eventually captured late on Friday. The insurgents recovered 15 Kalashnikovs, a

Gunmen Kill Jawzjan Judge of a Primary Court

SHIBERGHAN - Unidentified gunmen shot dead judge of a primary court in Shiberghan, the provincial capital of northern Jawzjan province, on Saturday, an official said. The incident took place at around 3:00 pm in the limits of 2nd municipality district and 600

meters away from provincial police headquarters, director of the National Directorate of security (NDS) said. Lt. Col. Abdul Hafiz told Pajhwok Afghan News two motorcyclists opened indiscriminate fire on Judge Qazi Ghulam Sakhi who died on the spot. He said the perpetrators managed to

flee the scene and police had started investigations into the case. An eyewitness Hasibullah said the slain judge was traveling in his car when two masked motorcyclists blocked his way and shot him dead. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the killing of the judge. (Pajhwok

Drone Strikes in Nangarhar Kill 45 Rebels

JALALABAD - At least 45 militants, including a Taliban's-designated district chief, were killed in US drone strikes in eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Saturday.

Col. Nauman Hatafai, spokesman of 201st Selab Military Corps, said that the missile strike killed 15 insurgents in Nazyan district, 25 militants rebels were killed in two drone strikes... (More on P4)...(21)

Taliban Release Some of the Abducted Paktia Passengers

GARDIZ CITY - Some abducted passengers in southeastern Paktia province have been released after an operation, Paktia police chief said. But Taliban claimed releasing the passengers by their own.

Taliban gunmen have kidnapped dozens of passengers in Sayed Kar-am district of southeastern Paktia province on Saturday morning, local officials and residents said.

22 Militants Joined Peace Process in Kunduz

KUNDUZ CITY - A group of 22 militants who were fighting against government in northern Kunduz province have joined peace process after efforts being made by Afghanistan's intelligence agency or National Directorate of security (NDS).

The group laid down their guns during a special gathering attended by several government officials and local elders in Kunduz. Commander of the group after separating ways with insurgents and stepping back from war promised to live in peace.

The group was involved in fighting against government in Gur Tepe, Zarkharid and Logari localities of Kunduz city. After laying down guns, the group apparently weakened the current resistance of Taliban against security forces in Kunduz city. A few weeks before hundreds of Taliban rebels attacked security check posts in Imam Sahib District and Gor Tepe and other areas of Kunduz city which engulfed a serious gun battle between the two sides. Security forces have pushed back Taliban from several areas but the resistance is not ended yet. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Luckily, you can effortlessly balance your social life with your current obligations as long as you pare back your expectations. Rather than aimlessly wandering through your day, create a viable plan to finish what is left undone. Managing your time efficiently frees you up to spontaneously accept an invitation to a fun event. Your key to happiness today is minimizing the distractions.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You have the power to turn a potentially busy day into a very relaxing one, even if you have specific things you must cross off your list. Although circumstances may test your mettle, the sensible Taurus Moon helps you maintain a positive attitude. You won't be deterred from reaching your destination, since you're able to effortlessly take everything in stride now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You might think that someone is hiding the truth from you now that the Sun and Moon are busy conspiring in your 12th House of Secrets. You're content to dig around in the shadows as you search for clues to the mystery. The lack of tangible data leads you to conclude that others are withholding important information. Although your suspicions are largely unfounded, a miscommunication can still send you on a strange detour.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

It's not about the quantity of friends you possess; it's the quality of the relationships that sets you apart. Luckily, the solid Taurus Moon's presence in your 11th House of Community means your social life should be relatively stable now. Feeling emotionally secure is especially important today and it makes you happy when you can lean on a few trustworthy friends.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

A close friend or relative may enlist your support today because you seem to be capable of holding your position with grace when the going gets tough. Thankfully, no one expects you to have all of the answers; just lending a friendly ear is more than enough now. Although it isn't the best time to give advice, you can offer a valuable alternative point of view.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You might overlook what someone wants today because you have a very particular notion of your perfect day and you're already well on your way. Unfortunately, your friends may not understand your current choices and the interpersonal dynamics can get complicated quickly if you don't take the time to explain yourself. However, your narrow focus on your agenda prevents you from seeing the obvious.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may think you know the exact recipe to make your partner happier or your friends feel better. But personalizing someone else's problems can lead to plenty of frustration. Unfortunately, linking your satisfaction to others is a complicated business that could leave you feeling emotionally drained and depleted. The trick is to be a sympathetic listener and offer sincere support without trying to fix anything.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

No matter how high your confidence level is, it's still wise to remember that your perspective is only one point of view. It isn't that you have drawn an incorrect conclusion; it's just that there are many roads leading to an infinite number of destinations. Reality isn't always as fixed as it appears. Flexibility is your ally now, for new possibilities will appear sooner than you expect.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You could become so obsessed with making something special happen that you become limited by your goals, rather than inspired by them. The current situation may play out much differently. You are more willing to shift your approach when you balance practicality with inspiration. Altering the direction of your arrows of intention while they are already in flight is not only possible -- it might be your most ingenious move yet.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

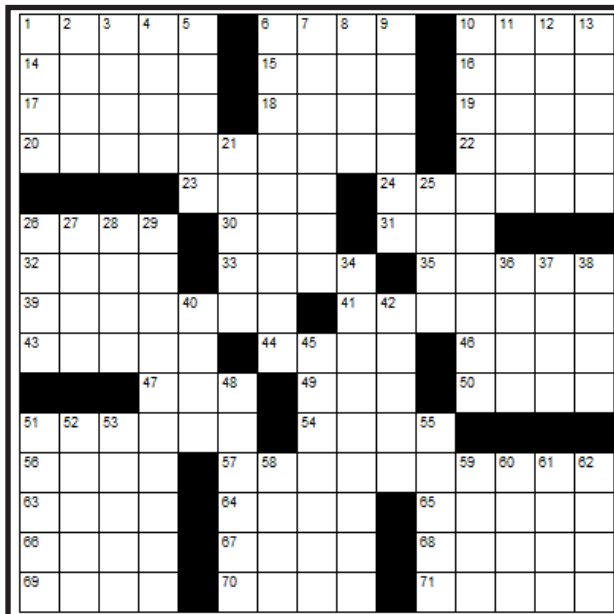
You are quite capable of delaying personal gratification when you are motivated by a long-term goal. However, today's presence of the Sun and Moon in your 5th House of Spontaneity indicates that you're now ready to put pleasure ahead of responsibility. Fortunately, you Goats may be the best planners in the zodiac, but you also know how to live in the moment.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may experience mixed emotions about domestic commitments that restrain your freedom. Nevertheless, a solid home life can be a significant blessing while the moody Moon is hanging out in your 4th House of Roots. Family relationships feel like a double-edged sword because the potential rewards go hand-in-hand with heavy responsibilities.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your rendezvous with destiny is right on schedule, even if it doesn't appear on your calendar today. You might be hesitant to make major changes to your routine now, especially if the big pieces are already in place. Nevertheless, you feel a growing pressure from within and realize that sooner or later you will have to acknowledge what's in your heart, even if it messes with the stability of your personal life.



Across

- 1. Spherical toys, 6. Rascal, 10. Notion, 14. Face with masonry, 15. Wealthy, 16. Not a single one, 17. Come up, 18. Reflected sound, 19. Banner, 20. Horn, 22. Hubs, 23. Body of water, 24. Turns away, 26. Probabilities, 30. Frequently, in poetry, 31. 19 in Roman numerals, 32. Pinnacle, 33. Beams, 35. Name of a book, 39. Shedding, 41. Supercilium, 43. Hangman's knot, 44. Tall woody plant, 46. Alley, 47. Bird call, 49. Historic period, 50. Visual organs, 51. Scant, 54. Sleeveless garment, 56. Aquatic plant, 57. Painkiller, 63. Half-moon tide, 64. Male offspring, 65. Delete, 66. British title, 67. Border, 68. Expensive fur, 69. Sun, 70. Dregs, 71. S S S S.

Down

- 1. Fiber source, 2. Relating to aircraft, 3. 57 in Roman numerals, 4. Not more, 5. Metal, 6. Morning meal, 7. Wobbly, 8. Dull pain, 9. Chest, 10. Rigid, 11. Painful grief, 12. Make into law, 13. Auspices, 21. New Zealand native, 25. Briskly (music), 26. Not closed, 27. A style of design, 28. Carpenter's groove, 29. Tall building, 34. Prophetesses, 36. Found in a cafeteria, 37. Solitary, 38. Female sheep (plural), 40. Oceans, 42. It makes dough rise, 45. Retaliation, 48. Small carnivorous mammal, 51. Smooths, 52. Skirt fold, 53. Small terrestrial lizard, 55. Not those, 58. Connecting point, 59. Historical periods, 60. Checks, 61. Small island, 62. C C C C

Yesterday's Solution

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