

Logar Serves as Transit Route for Drug Smugglers

PUL-I-ALAM - Some provincial council members on Tuesday claimed drug smugglers paid money to Taliban insurgents for creating insecurity in central Logar province. The pc head, Hasibullah Stanikzai, told Pajhwok Afghan News insecurity enabled drug smugglers to easily transfer narcotics from one place to another and that was why they paid money to the Taliban. He said the smugglers used to transfer drugs from eastern Nangarhar province into Charkh and Kharwar districts of Logar on their



way to southern Ghazi province and then Iran. "The smugglers, in order to easily transfer their drugs, provide financial support to the Taliban for creating insecurity in areas of their choice," the public representative said. He said the Kharwar district served as a huge storage facility for drug smugglers and security forces could not deal with the powerful smugglers. Another member of the provincial council, Muhibullah Saleh, said security ... (More on P4)...(18)

Taliban-Daesh Clashes Spread to Chaparhar



JALALABAD - Ongoing clashes between Taliban and Islamic State fighters stretched to other parts of eastern Nangarhar province, with the death toll from the conflict rising to 38, officials said on Tuesday. Eight fighters from the rival groups were killed in the latest clash in the Chaparhar district near the provincial capital, Jalalabad. Previously 30 militants were killed and several others taken hostage during clashes between the two rival militant groups in a number of districts in the Shinwari zone that encompasses eight districts. The latest clash that erupted on Monday in the Parki area was still ongoing, the 201 Selab Mil-

tary Corps spokesman, Col. Numan Hatafi, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said a Daesh commander, Mullah Naeem, was killed along with his four fighters during the clash that left a Taliban commander, Maulvi Ismail, and his two fighters dead. The governor's house has said nothing about the latest clash, but it had confirmed previous clashes between the two groups in the Shinwari zone. Meanwhile, a resident of the Chaparhar district's Manogi village, Abdul Rahman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the two groups had begun ... (More on P4)...(24)

300 Suspects Apprehended in Laghman

JALALABAD / CHARIKAR - At least 300 suspects have been apprehended during a search operation by Afghan National Army (ANA) commandos in Mia Dhair and Murcha Khail areas in Alishang district in eastern Laghman province, an official said on Tuesday. Sarhadi Zwak, spokesman for the acting governor, told Pajhwok Afghan News three militants were killed and 300 suspects were arrested during search operation and they were being interrogated. Acting Governor Said Fazlullah Mujadadi directed security forces to prevent civilian casualties. Said Mohammad, a local resident, said scores of security forces were seen in the area and started door-to-door search. Gun shots were heard in the area amid fear of casualties inflicted on militants. Taliban have not yet commented on the arrests as of yet. Brig. Gen. Abdul Kabir Faiq, police chief of Tagab district, told Pajhwok Afghan News that several areas had been purged of insurgents. He said five militants were killed and a policeman wounded in military operation. Zabihullah Mujahid, Taliban spokesman, said four policemen were killed and three others wounded in a bomb blast in Tagab district. (Pajhwok)

Kabul Blast Leaves 4 Dead, 40 Wounded

KABUL - At least four persons were killed and 40 more wounded as a huge explosion took place in the parking area of Ministry of Justice in capital Kabul on Tuesday -- a locality close to the Presidential Palace. The explosion took place at around 4:00pm local time. Sediq Seddiqi, ministry of interior spokesperson, told Pajhwok Afghan News four persons were killed



and 24 were wounded. A source at public health ministry, however, said more than 40 wounded people had been shifted to hospitals. A driver at ministry of justice, said the explosion took place when the employees of the ministry were preparing to leave for their homes. "The attack took place by a person who was driving a ... (More on P4)...(19)

Policemen Among 10 Dead in Badghis

QALA-NAU - At least eight militants and two policemen have been killed when insurgents mounted attack on security forces check posts in Bala Murghab district in western Badghis province, an official said on Tuesday. Deputy provincial council chief Aziz Baik told Pajhwok Afghan News rebels attacked security check posts three days before and the firefight continued since then. A policeman and two insurgents also wounded in three days long clashes, he added. More on P4... (22)

30 Rebels Dead in Jawzjan Operation: Police Chief

SHIBERGHAN - A senior security official claimed killing 30 insurgents and injuring 50 others in series of clashes in Aqcha, Marldjan and Mangjet districts of northern Jawzjan province. Brig. Gen. Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani, provincial police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Afghan security forces, Afghan National Army (ANA), Afghan National Police (ANP) and the National Directorate of security (NDS) launched codenamed Khanjar-1 offensive against ... (More on P4)...(23)

Taliban Surround Daesh Stronghold in Farah

FARAH CITY - Hundreds of Taliban militants have laid siege to a stronghold of rival Daesh group in the Khaki-Safed district of western Farah province, the district chief said on Tuesday. The self-styled Islamic State group has launched its activities in the district several months ago and has established centres in Mazar Qala and Jar areas. Khaki-Safed district chief Abdul



Khaliq Noorzai told Pajhwok Afghan News they intercepted communications between the two groups a day earlier. In their conversations, he said, the Daesh fighters called the Taliban as servants of Pakistan and... (More on P4)...(20)

Most Eastern Zone Hospitals Deprived of Midwife Services

JALALABAD - The mortality rate has been reduced in areas where midwives provide services where the same ratio is high in areas where there health centers are facing shortage of midwives, officials said on Tuesday.

On the eve of international midwife day in Jalalabad City, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, Najibullah Kamawal, head of Nangarhar civil hospital, told Pajhwok Afghan News that 617 midwives had been graduated from the hospital since 2002. Almost 90 percent of the trained midwives had jobs which reduced mortality rates where they were discharging their duties. ... (More on P4)...(21)

Uruzgan Fight Leaves 4 Policemen, 6 Rebels Dead

TRINKOT - 4 policemen and 6 rebels have been killed in the ensuing clashes after militants stormed security forces on Monday night in Khas Uruzgan district in central Uruzgan province, an official said on Tuesday. Dost Mohammad Nayab, spokesman for the acting governor, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban were pushed back from the area and the situations were now under control of security forces. Mohammad Ismail, Charchino district chief, said militants mounted attack on security check posts in Sarab area. Fresh reinforcement had been dispatched to the area in the ongoing battle. Taliban did not say a word regarding Char Chino battle but claimed three police check posts had been captured and heavy casualties were inflicted on security forces. Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, Taliban spokesman, said only one fighter was killed and two others wounded in the gun battle. (Pajhwok)

Noted Uruzgan Poet Dies in Roadside Bombing



TARINKOT - A noted poet and writer was killed in a roadside bombing in central Uruzgan province on Tuesday, an official said. Dost Mohammad Nayab, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place at around 7:00am in the Park locality of Chorai district. He confirmed Dawar Khan Khaksar was killed in the bombing while he was on his way to a medical store. The slain poet did not have any government job. He said Khaksar was an eminent poet who had written few books. He contested last year's provincial council election but could not win the ballot. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Contrary to popular belief, you Rams can also behave like lambs; your gentle way of caring for those you love is obvious while the watery Cancer Moon softens your harder edges today. But nurturing others requires that you tend to your own needs, too. Instead of adding to your current stress by attempting to be everything to everyone now, slow down and be good to yourself.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Although you're feeling positive about your future today, there's still a serious streak within you that might find its way to the surface. It's not wise to blindly set your fears aside, for your concerns may be based on very real experiences from your past. To deny them is just plain foolhardy. Nevertheless, it's healthy to remember that current events are not identical to previous ones.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You're riding some pretty intense cross-currents now, like an eagle gaining altitude while effortlessly gliding on the thermals. However, you may be carrying extra baggage in the form of unresolved feelings and the extra weight can turn easy soaring into a struggle against the prevailing winds. Fortunately, you have the ability to transform lingering negativity into something that motivates you.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Allowing your past memories to surface can deepen your emotions today and add power to your reactions. The tenacious Cancer Moon may look back with nostalgia, yet your fear of the unknown needn't distract you from your current experience. Sometimes surging feelings are so overwhelming that they tempt you to shut out others, even the ones you love the most.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You may have a spring in your step and a twinkle in your eyes, even if you're not sure why. Although nothing significant has changed, believing that the most important issues will simply sort themselves out on their own. In the meantime, you can't let go of your previous obligations. It helps all the way around to maintain your joyful demeanor, even while taking care of serious business.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Significant changes are in the air, even if you think you're quite content with the status quo. Although you want to avoid any form of confrontation, letting someone else dictate your needs now is not an option. There's no reason to mince words; be specific when talking about what your heart wants. If you state your case clearly and have a sensible plan to back up your intentions, you could very well improve the quality of your life before you know it.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your path might be obscured as you try to chart a course between your emotional needs and your obligations to others. Your positive attitude can make all the difference in the world. People will jump in to help clear the way if you are feeling honest and competent. Fortunately, you excel at getting along with your peers; being a team player now is your ticket to success.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You may be currently working harder than you prefer, leaving you little time to enjoy the finer things of life. People might see you as more emotionally self-contained than usual, but that isn't necessarily how you feel on the inside. Although your determination to keep everything running smoothly can be your greatest asset now, don't be afraid to step out and have a little fun.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Strong undercurrents of emotions today could make you afraid that you're going to be pulled off course by your own zest for life. Paradoxically, giving in to your exhilaration now can actually propel you in your desired direction. Let your enthusiasm give you the extra energy boost that you need in order to accomplish everything you promised. Don't hold back; allow your rising optimism to carry you to success.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

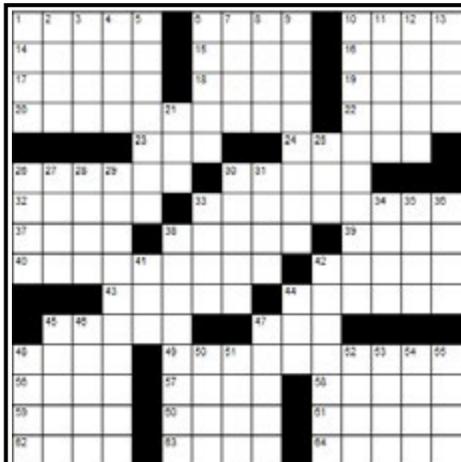
Marginalizing your feelings isn't a viable strategy today, even if you seriously distrust the unreliability of subjective perceptions. Naturally, you prefer placing your faith in hard cold facts. However, it's time to tap into the irrational emotional wisdom you often dismiss. Your intuition is opening now, so don't be afraid of listening to a hunch that comes from within.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Alternating mood swings can rock your day. One minute you're lost in deep meditation as you feel nostalgic and apply your memories to the present circumstances. The very next moment has you wondering who you're fooling when you slip away into your imagination. Give yourself enough freedom so that your mind can seamlessly move between these two extremes.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your compassion is working on overdrive today, tempting you to bury your heart in the sand to cope with the pain and suffering. Instead, take the exact opposite approach and fully engage the outer world. You have little time to waste silently worrying about others when you could be volunteering in the community, fundraising for an altruistic cause or just lending a helping hand to someone in need.



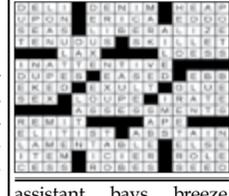
Across

- 1. Secret agent (slang), 6. Incline, 10. Not under, 14. Stage between egg and pupa, 15. A long way off, 16. Sheltered spot, 17. Canker sore, 18. French cheese, 19. Dash, 20. Emissions, 22. Litter's littlest, 23. Child, 24. Cut wood, 26. Half-diameter, 30. Alcoholic, 32. Coral island, 33. Assessed, 37. Gangster's gal, 38. Wash out with a solvent, 39. Bloody, 40. Utters with a spitting sound, 42. Meat cut, 43. Gloss, 44. Main course, 45. Nymph chaser, 47. Consumed food, 48. Prod, 49. Pronounced, 56. Greek letter, 57. Angers, 58. Unwind, 59. Part of a plant, 60. Blue-green, 61. Wear away, 62. If not, 63. Oxen's harness, 64. Showers with love.

Down

- 1. Swing around, 2. Inside of your hand, 3. Killer whale, 4. Baking appliance, 5. A breed of sheep, 6. Fanatical, 7. Hairdo, 8. Principal, 9. Coerce, 10. Obese, 11. Worth, 12. African antelope, 13. Lease, 21. "___ the season to be jolly", 25. An Old Testament king, 26. Adult male sheep, 27. At the peak of, 28. A girl's toy, 29. Depict, 30. Reject, 31. Chooses, 33. Away from the wind, 34. Fly high, 35. Sea eagle, 36. Dam, 38. Forever, 41. Your (archaic), 42. Smiled contemptuously, 44. And so forth, 45. Thread holder, 46. Cars, 47. Passageway, 48. "Your majesty", 50. Chocolate cookie, 51. Heavy, durable furniture wood, 52. Relating to aircraft, 53. Smudge, 54. Stow, as cargo,

Yesterday's Solution



assistant, bays, breeze, class, closet, crave, debate, dream, dross, fable, intense, linger, moat, money, naked, prince, quiet, rough, seer, shower, space, stork, storm, story, strive, stroke, teat, think, thrusts, tornado, treatment, trick, trill, true, vein, weiner

