

874 Commandos Commissioned to Afghan Special Forces Division

KABUL - A total of 874 commandos after completion of three-month training course commissioned to Afghan Special Forces Unit here on Wednesday.

"With commissioning these commandos to the Special Forces Division the capability of the armed forces would further increase," Deputy Chief of Army Staff General Murad Ali Murad said in the graduation ceremony. From now on, these commandos are members of the Special Forces Unit, General Murad said, ordering the newly graduated commandos to target the terrorists and enemies ruthlessly. (Xinhua)



District Police Chief Injured in Traffic Accident

QALAT - The police chief for Safa district in southern Zabul province wounded in a traffic mishap on Wednesday, an official said.

Malak Ali Mohammad, the town's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that police chief Sardar Mohammad Hotak's vehicle collided head-on with another vehicle. The police chief and a policeman sustained injuries who were instantly shifted to hospital for treatment, he added. Dr Zalmay Rekhteen, head of civil hospital, said both the injured were in stable condition. (Pajhwok)

Slow-Paced Work on Kabul-Bamyan Road Denounced



BAMYAN CITY - A number of people accused the construction company working on the Maidan Wardak-Bamyan road of negligence, saying the road blacktopping was said to be completed within a year but it could not be materialized.

But the Iranian company Abadar Ahan Pars working on the road construction said that the work was halted as a result of lack of budget that must be provided by Italy, the country that sponsors the project.

There are two transportation highways for Bamyan to the capital Kabul. The first crosses Hajigak passage through Maidan Wardak province and the second highway crosses Shebar passage through Parwan province.

The distance between Bamyan and Kabul through Parwan highway is 235 kilometers while the distance through Maidan Wardak province is around 175 kilometers.

The road under construction starts from the capital of Bamyan province and ends at the Oni passage of Maidan Wardak is 50 kilometers long and eight meters wide.

The total length of the highway is 82 kilometers long with 35 kilometers of it was asphalted by two Afghan companies last year. The overall cost of the project is \$55 million donated by Italy.

Abdul Rauf, an elder from Bamyan province, said the highway should have completed in 2014 while the project was still under construction. "The construction of this highway is important for us because it reduces the distance between Bamyan and Kabul. Businessmen will pay less fare for transportation," he said, adding there was also a significant reduction in the rates of goods transported through Maidan Wardak-Bamyan highway.

A driver Sher Mohammad said that they use Parwan highway which costs more... (More on P4)...(24)

29 Rebels Dead in Helmand Clashes

LASHKARGAH - At least 29 Taliban fighters were killed and score others wounded in two separate security incidents in southern Helmand province, security officials said Wednesday.

Brig. Gen. Sultan Mahmood Mahmood, commander of 604 border security force, told Pajhwok Afghan News at least 16 insurgents were killed and an unknown number wounded in overnight clashes with



security forces. Security forces, he said had seized some suicide vests from the dead rebels whose corpses were still lying in the battle ground.

Separately, 2nd Lt. Mohammad Eisa Khan, Musa Qala district chief, said security forces pushed Taliban back in another clash that erupted on Tuesday night. Heavy losses were inflicted on militants, he noted.... (More on P4)...(19)

Civilians Among 20 Dead in Baghlan Operation

PUL-I-KHUMRI - At least 10 civilians and eight insurgents have been killed and 28 others wounded during firefight between Afghan security forces and rebels in Baghlan-i-Markazi district of northern Baghlan province, officials and residents said on Wednesday.

Deputy Governor Abdul Qadim Niazai told Pajhwok Afghan News eight rebels were killed and five others wounded during a clearing operation in the district.



The operation was jointly conducted by Afghan National Army (ANA), Afghan National Police (ANP), National Directorate of Security (NDS) and special security units, he said.... (More on P4)...(20)

Govt. Urged to Invalidate Intelligence Agreement with Pakistan

KABUL - The government of national unity has been urged to immediately invalidate the Memorandum of Understanding between the Afghan intelligence - National Directorate of Security (NDS) and Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI).

The Unity of Hezb-e-Islami Councils of Afghanistan expressed concerns regarding the conclusion of agreement between intelligence agencies of the two nations.

A statement released by the Unity of Hezb-e-Islami Councils of Afghanistan said ISI has been direct involved and played a key role in destructive activities in Afghanistan during the past four decades. The statement... (More on P4)...(21)

Tajik, Afghan Drug Control Officers Seize 32 Kg of Heroin

DUSHANBE - Tajik and Afghan drug control officers seized a large amount of heroin in a joint operation conducted in Afghanistan's Badakhshan Province, Tajikistan's Drug Control Agency said Wednesday.

The DCA received operational information that an Afghan national has been engaged in smuggling drugs into Tajikistan and immediately informed the Afghan Interior Ministry. Over 32 kilograms of heroin have

been found in a home of a resident of the village of Ab-e Barak in Argu Wuluswali, Badakhshan Province. Criminal proceedings have been instituted against the alleged drug trafficker. An investigation is under way. (Agencies)

Week-Long Book Exhibition Commences



SHAHRAAN - Scores of civil society members, young people, university students and government officials participated in the first ever week-long book fair exhibition in southeastern Paktika province on Wednesday.

Bashir Muhammadi, director information and culture, told Pajhwok Afghan News the number of book readers had been increased in last few years and people appreciated civil society members and 'Lincoln' education center to organize the

book fair.

"The book reading culture should be developed among students since it is mandatory for development, education, information and capacity building of human beings," he said.

The last week of the recent month in Afghanistan calendar is named as 'Book week' throughout Afghanistan. Yasin Gul, a resident, regarded book as good friend which guides man towards development.

"Study culture recently has been developed in the province but social media such as Facebook, twitter and others have affected book reading culture too," he added.

Said Anwar Saadat, director of Lincoln, said that 3,000 people were facilitated... (More on P4)...(23)

Kabul Court Sentences Man to Death for Repeatedly Raping Her Daughter

KABUL - A man was sentenced to death by Kabul's primary court for repeatedly raping her own daughter. Identified as Abdul Halim, the convict was found guilty of repeatedly raping her daughter during the past 12 years.

The victim identified as 23-year-old Khatera was impregnated two times by her father and currently she



is the guardian of two small children. The first child is a 4-year-old girl while the second child was recently born and is only 3-month-old.

Khatera's father was due to face a court hearing in the preliminary court of Kabul on Saturday but it was delayed due to unknown reasons.

In an interview with the Radio... (More on P4)...(22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may struggle with an inner conflict today between your desire to hang out with friends and a need to stay true to yourself. You crave the casual camaraderie that comes from socializing with your peers, yet you aren't willing to risk your emotional security by spending extra time away from your home and family. Rationalizing your behavior doesn't change the circumstances.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

The tables are turned now because you could actually be too adaptable rather than overly stubborn. Perhaps you are just tired of struggling and have little patience to explain your position. However, too much flexibility might get in the way of your happiness now. You must take the credit or the blame for your present condition, but don't waste your energy regretting previous actions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

The frenetic pace of your life picks up today as the energizing Sun returns to your sign, stimulating a higher frequency of love. Take any sweet moments as they come, for the pressing need to make a decision won't let you check out whenever you so desire. Think about what you could learn. Pursuing your passions without committing to any one particular path isn't as easy as it sounds, but it's exactly what you need to do now.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You can feel the stress intensify as the necessity to change confronts your current plans. But don't rush to resolve the tension; instead, reconsider what you really want to do or you could end up making the situation even worse. You might not be able to separate a good fantasy from reality now, so avoid making any significant plans for a couple of days.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your social life is reenergized today by the brilliant Sun's shift into your 11th House of Groups. Instead of being concerned with your personal calendar, use the next few days to increase your involvement with the larger issues of your community or even humanity itself. But remember there's no right or wrong when it comes to your life path.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're temporarily distracted by one minor event after another now that three planets are dancing through restless Gemini. But rather than trying to force an issue by placing yourself smack dab in the middle of a complicated situation, take the solitary route, instead. Relax your focus and follow your thoughts wherever they may take you. Unfortunately, trying to constrain your mental process only leads to frustration.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're ready to pack your bags and head out on a much-needed vacation now that three planets are joining forces in your 9th House of Adventure. You might be so loquacious that you could occupy all your time talking about your ideas instead of actually going anywhere. Take a first step toward manifesting travel plans that can still bend a bit with the changing tides of your life.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You could be confused by people's inconsistent feelings. The ever-shining Sun joins a cosmic party that's already spicing up your 8th House of Transformation. Even your close friends might seem elusive now if you try to address your concerns directly. You could make an error in judgment while assessing the current situation, prompting you to take an ineffective course of action.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You may experience existential conflict between your current work duties in relationship to the personal circumstances of your life. Your rational mind is so purposeful now that you could overlook the advice of your friends and partners as you search for a solution. Listen to someone else's point of view as long as it's based on facts. Reestablishing harmony between home and career isn't as hard as you think when you're on the side of truth.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Although you want to find time for personal enjoyment, there's too much on your calendar now even for a quick escape. Cover as much ground as you can on all your projects, but don't stress about having unfinished business when the workday is over. It feels as if your life has become a series of powerful transformations. You're not who you once were, yet you aren't the person you are still becoming.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

There's little you can do to prevent someone from going through his or her own angst now when adapting to a new situation. Thankfully, you can be quite comfortable with the idea of making big changes in your life when necessary. However, just the thought of having to deal with another major shift is upsetting today because of all the uncertainty in the air.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

A specific tactic in managing relationship dynamics that once worked particularly well for you isn't necessarily as useful now. There's no reason to hold on to memories that only bring you sadness. Let your thoughts bubble into consciousness one last time and then leave them in the past where they belong. Your current ability to emotionally detach while staying intellectually engaged could save the day.



Across

1. Blackthorn, 5. Display, 10. Cain's brother, 14. Microwave (slang), 15. Anklebone, 16. Attraction, 17. Combine together, 19. Containers, 20. Effeminate, 21. Property claims, 22. A boneless steak, 23. Disentangle, 25. Make improvements, 28. Pharyngeal tonsils, 31. Voting groups, 34. Incited, 35. Prefix meaning "Modern", 36. Pig sound, 37. ____ in = aware, 38. Matured, 39. Arrive (abbrev.), 40. Foundations, 41. Tufts, 42. Wieners, 44. Not brilliant, 45. Tendon, 46. Ductile, 50. Fire residues, 52. Throw with effort, 54. Sprocket, 55. Slaloms, 56. Indulgent, 58. Kick, 59. Prods, 60. Views, 61. Epic, 62. Crystal-lined rock, 63. At one time (archaic)

Down

1. Foul-up, 2. Unit of luminous flux, 3. Approves, 4. Snake-like fish, 5. Steps, 6. Dromedary, 7. Distinctive flair, 8. Nutgrasses, 9. East southeast, 10. A person without pigment, 11. Skyscrapers, 12. Sea eagle, 13. In order to prevent, 18. Tumbler, 22. Ward (off), 24. Make out (slang), 26. A fitting reward (archaic), 28. Chills and fever, 29. Bottomless, 30. Mats of grass, 31. Feathery scarves, 32. Former Italian currency, 33. Charging, 34. Not here, 37. An enclosure, 38. Goals, 40. Prohibits, 41. Bordeaux and Dubonnet, 43. Afternoon nap, 44. Concoct, 46. Domesticated, 47. Less friendly, 48. Adores, 49. Excrete, 50. Vipers, 51. Gull-like bird, 53. Therefore, 56. Type of dog, 57. South southeast

Yesterday's Solution

active, advice, ahead, alert, alive, approach, battle, bling, cant, chocolate, color, corner, cows, dame, darn, drunk, friend, lesson, lust, maul, movie, picture, piston, radar, rainbow, rescue, rich, rinds, sheep, slight, sober, state, stream, tremendous, violent, winsome, yearn.

