

# Afghan Officer Shoots, Kills 8 Colleagues; Bomb Kills 11

QALAT - An Afghan police officer turned his gun on his colleagues as they were manning a checkpoint in the volatile southern Zabul province before dawn on Thursday, killing eight policemen, an official said. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the assault.

Elsewhere in Afghanistan on Thursday, a roadside bombing killed 11 civilians and wounded three when the van they were travelling in hit the bomb in the country's north.

And in the Dihrawud district of Uruzgan



province, two policemen were killed by a colleague in an apparent personal dispute, said district police chief Shah Muhammad. In the Zabul attack, the perpetrator escaped the scene in Qalat, the provincial capital, taking weapons and vehicles with him, said Ghulam Jalani Farahi, the provincial deputy police chief.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousaf said the insurgent group was behind the attack and that the shooter "is now with us."

Insider attacks are commonplace among Afghanistan's... (More on P4)... (15)

## Teen 'Kidnapped, Raped' by Fiancé's Family

MAZAR - A 17-year-old teenager who was allegedly kidnapped by members of her fiancé's family, before reportedly being beaten, shot and raped, has called for justice.

The family of the girl said that although the incident took place three months ago, no arrests have been made in connection with the incident. The victim is a ninth grade student from a poor family.

"I wanted to escape, but they took me to Ahangaran village, where there is no government. Then they beat me," said the victim. According to her, she has been sick for the past three months and despite numerous trips to hospital she has still not recovered. The incident allegedly took place after the teenager's... (More on P4)... (16)

## Afghan Army General Killed in Roadside Blast

KANDAHAR CITY - An Afghan army general was killed in a roadside bombing that ripped through his vehicle in the Shah Wali Kot district of southern Kandahar province on Thursday, officials said.

Muhsin Sultani, public relations officer of the Afghan National Army's 205 Atal Corps, confirmed the killing of Gen. Basir Shahrwand, the corps first battalion commander, but did not give more details.

However, Samim Khpalkwak, the Kandahar govern-



nor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News Gen. Shahrwand had gone to Shah Wali Kot district to reopen the Kandahar-Uruzgan Road, when his vehicle struck a roadside

bomb. The incident happened this afternoon and the body of Shahrwand had been brought to the Atal Corps headquarters by helicopter from Shah... (More on P4)... (17)

## Sugar, Flour Prices Go Up in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of sugar and wheat flour edged up during the outgoing week in Kabul, market source said on Thursday. Food Traders Union head Fazal Rahman told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of a 49 kilograms bag of Pakistani sugar rose from 2,150 afghanis to 2,250af. The rate of a 49-kg sack of flour increased

from 1,230af to 1,250af this week. He said the rate of sugar had jumped in international markets but the hike in flour price was linked to low imports. A 25kg-bag of Pakistani rice cost 1,600af and a 16 litres tin of Momin ghee 1,050af - the same prices as last week's. A shopkeeper in Kabul... (More on P4)... (18)

## Azerbaijani Cargo Plane Crashes in Afghanistan, 7 Killed

BAKUL - An Azerbaijani cargo plane crashed in Afghanistan, killing seven out of nine people on board, the State Civil Aviation Administration of Azerbaijan said on Thursday morning. "An An-12 cargo plane, rented from Silk Way (company) for cargo shipping purposes, crashed in the province of Helmand,

Afghanistan. There were an Uzbek, three Ukrainian and five Azerbaijani citizens on board," the administration said in a statement, conforming that seven people on board were found killed. Afghan officials also confirmed the incident to Xinhua.

According to Azeri local... (More on P4)... (19)

## Kabul Women Claims Husband, In-Laws Torched Her

KABUL - A woman in PD 1 district in Kabul city said on Friday her husband, his sister and her mother in-law poured fuel over her and set her on fire. The victim, Rahila, said the incident took place on Thursday in the street in front of people. Rahila, who is currently

being treated at the Istiqal hospital said: "My mother in-law covered me and my husband poured fuel over me and then they set me on fire. I was screaming and the residents came and put the fire out." "She has second and third... (More on P4)... (21)

## 9 of a Family Killed as Car Hits Roadside Bomb in Baghlan

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Nine civilians, including women and children, have been killed in a roadside bombing in the northern province of Baghlan, an official said on Friday. The explosion took place in Baghlan Markazi district on Thursday evening, when a van carrying the civilians struck the explosive device, the town's police chief said.

Col. Mohibullah told Pajhwok Afghan News the



ill-fated vehicle hit the roadside bomb on its way from New City to Qanghar Atha village.

Nine people of a family, including four women

and three children, were killed and three others wounded in the explosion, he said, adding the injured were evacuated... (More on P4)... (22)

## Thirteen Baghlan Mine Victims Buried

KABUL - Thirteen Baghlan residents, all from one family, that were killed in a roadside mine blast were buried on Friday. The incident happened on Thursday when a civilian vehicle hit the roadside mine in central Baghlan district. Among the dead are women and children.

Relatives of the victims said that the killing of civilians must end in the country. Six children, four women and three men were killed in Thursday's incident. "Yesterday when they were on the way to the village their vehicle hit a roadside mine," said one relative.

"Men and women all killed," said another relative. Meanwhile Baghlan local officials blame Taliban militants for the incident, but Taliban has not yet claimed responsibility for the incident.

"Most of the time in clashes between the Afghan forces and the armed Taliban opposition, Taliban use roadside mines which result... (More on P4)... (23)

## Unknown Gunmen Attack Kunar Schools

ASADABAD - Unknown gunmen torched and blew up buildings at three schools in Kunar province, local officials said Thursday.

According to them, the incident occurred during the night on Wednesday in the Dara-i-Pech district of Kunar province. The Kunar education director has confirmed the incident and said investigations are underway. Officials said the gunmen torched a girl's school and two boy's schools.

"They [unknown gunmen] targeted three schools in Dare-i-Pech, and they blew up one school and two classrooms of the school were destroyed and two other classrooms damaged and a primary school was completely destroyed after being torched and one other classroom affected," said Sayed Jamaluddin Husaini Kunar, an education director. The incident... (More on P4)... (24)

## 15 Injured in Bomb Attack in Maimana

MAIMANA - Some 15 civilians were injured in a bomb attack in Afghanistan's northern Maimana city Thursday morning, a local official said.

The attack took place at around 10:15 a.m. local time (0545 GMT) in Turab Khan, a crowded area of Maimana, capital of northern Faryab province.

"A total of 15 civilians, including two children, were admitted to Maimana's main hospital this morning. Some of the injured remained in critical condition," Maruf Samar, head



of the hospital, told Xinhua. "The explosion was caused by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attached to a bicycle. The target of the blast remained

unknown," a local police official said earlier. Local authorities have launched an investigation into the incident. No... (More on P4)... (20)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



You are transmitting more energy than a quasar today, but it may be impossible to sustain the power for more than a short burst each time. The breezy Gemini Sun is flying through your 3rd House of Communication, fueling your words with irrepressible excitement. Although you might be handed an unexpected opportunity to launch off in a new direction.

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



Catching glimpses of your future leaves you feeling more annoyed that your plans are moving so slowly. Nevertheless, you must attend to more practical matters now that the Sun is lighting up your 2nd House of Money. Spend time organizing your finances and making your immediate surroundings more pleasant. Don't be lazy and slip back into your old habits when you should be working.

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



Your personal radiance is undeniable throughout your astrological birthday month. Make optimum use of the intellectual Gemini Sun as its rays warm your 1st House of Self, filling you with confidence about your future. Your heightened curiosity is an asset now, so don't hesitate to ask others for their opinions. But remember that seeking advice is only half of the equation. You must listen with an open mind to gain something valuable from this exercise.

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



You need to complete projects you began over the winter rather than starting new ones as the Gemini Sun marches through your 12th House of Endings this month. Forget about the regular calendar; your astrological year is coming to a close and you must do everything possible to prepare for your next steps as summer approaches.

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



Your crazy social calendar is strong evidence that your presence is in high demand this time of year. The Sun's presence in your 11th House of Social Networking encourages you to take on a more prominent role within a group. Rather than working on your own now, it's more fun to collaborate with like-minded folks. Put your personal issues in order quickly so that you can be the best team player possible.

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



You are becoming painfully aware of the strict self-discipline needed to keep the lights shining on your career path. The clever Gemini Sun is busy in your 10th House of Vocation this month and although you may be in the spotlight, something about all the attention might feel awkward. Rethink your goals and your limitations; decide what you're willing to forego in turn for financial security and professional success.

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



You are given a chance now to explore worlds that lure you beyond your current hopes and dreams. The Sun naturally harmonizes with your sign as it travels through airy Gemini and your 9th House of Journeys. Entertain new ideas that expand your mind, even if you don't actually pack your bags and take a trip. Studying metaphysics, philosophy or religion enriches your personal wealth of knowledge.

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



You are fascinated by investigating whatever lies beneath the surface and uncovering the mysteries of the dark side of the Moon. However, the Sun is wending its way through your 8th House of Deep Sharing now, triggering your basic issues of intimacy. Self-discovery is encouraged by self-inquiry. Using language enables you to start the process, but you must access your feelings to get to the real stuff.

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



You may be overly sensitive to the cosmic tides these days; progress is too slow for your taste now that Mars and Saturn are backpedaling in your sign. However, the emphasis could be on someone else while the Gemini Sun sheds light on your 7th House of Partnerships, setting up a dilemma between your internal and external worlds. Consider ways to express your own needs while still honoring the most significant relationships in your life. Being

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



This is not a time to travel alone even if you're a rugged individualist. The four-week journey of the Sun through your 6th House of Logistics emphasizes the regular routine of your daily life. Face the light of awareness, even if it forces you to blink twice and rethink your assumptions. Whether you're currently in a happy relationship or motivated to start a new one, just make sure that you don't lose track of your own dreams.

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



Depending upon the intensity of your struggle for self-expression, you will likely notice your load lightening during the weeks ahead. Although you must apply your thinking to earthly matters, the cerebral Gemini Sun's dance through your 5th House of Creativity does most of the work now. Keep in mind the month will also bring its share of serious issues into the light.

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



A distracting stream of noise prevents you from attending to more personal issues while the chatty Gemini Sun visits your 4th House of Family. Unfortunately, all that verbal interaction can be exhausting now, since you Fish prefer swimming in the watery realm of emotions. Suddenly, you have more information than you need or want. If you are overwhelmed by too much data.



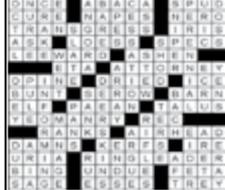
#### Across

- More recent, 6. Doing nothing, 10. Incline, 14. A kind of macaw, 15. By mouth, 16. Arab chieftain, 17. Autochthonic, 19. Quick note, 20. Renter, 21. Mineral rock, 22. 1 1 1 1, 23. Sharpshoot, 25. Pretentious, 26. Coalition, 30. Women's stockings, 32. Brighten, 35. Spire, 39. Cream-filled pastry, 40. Inflow, 41. Adolescent, 43. Rouse, 44. Cringe, 46. Caustics, 47. An inferior black tea, 50. Improve, 53. Urine component, 54. Utilized, 55. Not greater, 60. Blah, 61. Likeness, 63. Respiratory organ of aquatic animals, 64. Wicked, 65. Smooths, 66. Being, 67. A pack of playing cards, 68. Lingo.

#### Down

- Found on a finger, 2. Sea eagle, 3. Bankrolls, 4. Goddess of discord, 5. Angers, 6. Charged particle, 7. Sagging, 8. Honors, 9. If not, 10. Repentant, 11. Catkin, 12. Acts out without words, 13. Lacking wit or imagination, 18. Poetic dusk, 24. Hotel, 25. Concerning (archaic), 26. Decay from overripening, 27. Bloodsucking insects, 28. Leer at, 29. Mutable, 31. Ear-related, 33. Crown, 34. Therefore, 36. Participate in games, 37. Pear-shaped instrument, 38. Former lovers, 42. Ambiguous, 43. Completely, 45. Bloating, 47. Move very slightly, 48. German iris, 49. Makes well, 51. Sick, 52. African antelope, 54. Utilized, 56. Celebrity, 57. Vocalized musically, 58. Cocoyam, 59. A musical pause, 62. Type.

#### Yesterday's Solution



appear, arrows, assemble, breast, commission, compromise, cross, first, gore, greet, hoed, honey, lads, lodge, manure, mediocre, mineral, nets, never, number, pail, plane, poker, proper, punk, remand, ride, right, send, sins, sister, soil, somber, start, strong.

