

Woman, Iranian among 41 Alleged Drug Traffickers Held

KABUL - Forty-one individuals have been arrested and they are currently being investigated in connection with drugs related crimes during the past one month. A statement from the Criminal Justice Task Force (CJTF) received by Pajhwok Afghan News said the detainees included an Iranian national and a woman. Police had seized more than 315 kilograms of heroin, 203kg of opium, 129kg of hashish, thousands of kilograms of solid chemical materials, 302 litres of liquid chemical stuff, 747 litres of alcoholic drinks from the detainees, the statement said. It said the suspects' cases were currently under investigation at CJTF. However, the statement didn't identify the remaining detainees. Special prosecution department at the CJTF pursued 39 drugs related cases out of the total 88 it had, the statement said. Of 86 cases, 42 had been referred to the primary court, 23 to appellate court, and 17 to the Supreme Court of Afghanistan. ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Highway Closed after Attacks on Security Posts

PUL-I-KHUMRI - The highway linking Pul-i-Khumri and Mazar-i-Sharif was blocked for traffic following Taliban attack on security posts in northern Baghlan province on Wednesday, officials and residents said. Mir Zaman, an inhabitant of Baghlan, told Pajhwok Afghan News the insurgents stormed security posts on the busy highway in Chashma Shir area on the outskirts of the provincial capital. He said the highway had been closed for traffic as clashes between security forces and Taliban were still ongoing. Hundreds of vehicles were stranded on both sides of the road, Zaman added. Baghlan traffic chief Cap. Abdur Razzaq confirmed the highway blockade, saying vehicles were stranded in different areas. The cars have ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Afghan Man Accused of Killing Police Officer for Taliban Arrested in Germany



KABUL - An Afghan asylum seeker has been arrested in Germany on suspicion of having links with the Taliban group in Afghanistan. A statement by Germany's Federal Prosecutor's Office in a statement said the detained asylum seeker has been identified as Oamid N and was arrested on Friday. The statement further added that the asylum seeker is accused of killing a police officer when he was having contacts with the Taliban group. The attack by Oamid on Afghan police officer was reportedly carried out in early 2013, ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Afghan Judokas off to Japan for Asian Championships

KABUL - A group of Afghan judokas on Tuesday left Kabul for Japan to attend the Asian Judok Championship 2017 in Hong Kong. At least 48 countries will participate at the event which will start on May 26. "Our athletes have done inclusive exercises and we hope that they will bring honor to our country," said Farhad Hazrati, deputy head of Afghanistan Judo Federation. The Afghan team includes three men and one female judoka as well as a coach and advisor. "We were quarantined for four months and we are fully ready to hoist the Afghan flag at the Asian event. We call on the people to pray for our victory," said Nigara Shaheen, a female member of the judo team. "We have trained hard and we will bring good results to the country," said Mohammad Zahir Sarwari, another member of the national team. On May 13, three Afghan judokas attended the Islamic Solidarity Games in Baku, Azerbaijan. (Tolnews)



Afghan Cricket Team Heads off to Play West Indies

KABUL - The Afghan national cricket team wrapped up their training sessions in India on Tuesday before flying off to take on the West Indies in three T20 and three One Day International (ODI) matches. According to the Afghan Cricket Board, the team will play West Indies in their first match, a practice match, on Tuesday on the island of St Kitts. The team will then play three T20 ...*(More on P4)...(22)*



Governor Seeks Public Support for Security Forces

MAIMANA - The governor of northwestern Faryab province has asked religious to stoutly support the security forces and reject external pressures in this regard. Provincial government officials and civil society activists sought support for the security forces at a gathering attended by elders, influential individuals and common people. Governor Syed Anwar Sadaat told the participants that despite operations by militants supported by outsiders, the security forces had been combating terrorism effectively this year. The governor said that over 200 militants had been killed in the past one month while 500 civilians suffered casualties in Faryab over the past three months. He said Afghan scholars were in no way weaker than their Arab and Pakistani counterparts and should not be influenced by foreigners in issuing jihad-related decrees. Abdul Ahad Aailbaik, deputy head of the provincial council, hailed security forces as courageous ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

Ex-MP Wounded in an Attack in Kabul

KABUL - A former lawmaker of the Lower House of the Parliament, Wolesi Jirga, Najibullah was wounded in an attack in Kabul city late on Tuesday night. Informed security sources are saying Kabul sustained injuries during a gun battle triggered by an explosion. The sources further added that a magnetic bomb was initially detonated near the vehicle of Kabul which resulted into a brief gun battle, leaving Mr. Kabul wounded. According to the sources, the incident took place in the vicinity of the 7th police district of the city. No individual or group has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident. In the meantime, the eyewitnesses in the area are saying that the incident took place

around 10 pm local time after the security guards of Kabul exchanged fire with a local trader. Kabul is a former Afghan MP and the head of the National Partnership Party of Afghanistan and has long been criticizing Iran for interfering in internal affairs of Afghanistan. He has earlier claimed that several ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

Ghazni Education Dept. Official Killed in Blast

GHAZNI CITY - Property manager at the Education Department of southern Ghazni province was killed in a roadside bombing on Wednesday morning, officials said. Mohammad Abid Abid, department director, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Sakhi Dad was killed when his car struck by a roadside bomb in Pas Hesar area. Police spokesman Fahim Amarkhel confirmed the incident and said no one else had suffered casualties in the blast. This week, two schools were blown up with landmines in Ghazni. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may be marvelous at initiating action, but sometimes you're not the best at finishing what you start. Although the determined Taurus Moon encourages you to complete one task before chasing after a new one, satisfaction is elusive even when you follow through to completion. You're less interested in fulfilling your obligations than you are in giving it your best shot.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You want to focus on concrete issues today, but it's easy to forget your original intention once a discussion becomes intense. In fact, you could even be the one who steers the dialogue from a pragmatic debate into the realms of spiritual conjecture. It's fun to explore ideas and philosophies through the give and take of communication, but don't wander so far off track that you lose the message.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You need a day off, but not only from work. Instead, consider taking a mini staycation by temporarily severing all communication links with everyone beyond your immediate environment. But avoiding social media for a few hours is not enough; you must also turn off your phone, and all other electronic devices, if you truly want to unplug. Disconnecting from the outside world radically changes everything.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Talking about your plans with a close friend enables you to be seen in a deep and profound way. But your current desire to keep communication simple makes it more challenging to convey the subtleties and nuances of your professional yearnings. Nevertheless, you are committed to understanding the big picture and may even consider enrolling in a course to further your studies.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You naturally like to be seen by others, but you're weary of always having to look your best. You wouldn't mind some time off for good behavior today, but you keep getting dragged back into controversies that affect your friends and coworkers. Strive for clarity above all else because others will come to you for advice now.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're uninterested in trivial matters and may steer clear of watercooler topics like sports, weather and celebrities. However, an intellectually stimulating dialogue attracts you like a moth to a flame. You think smart is sexy and can't wait to engage in a lively debate about the practical application of astrology, numerology or tarot. Meanwhile, your head is buried in more tedious subjects in order to keep up with your tasks at work.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

A conversation with a friend can take you in a totally unexpected direction today. In fact, you may be touched by the fickle finger of fate when someone says something that acts like a catalyst and opens a new world of possibilities. But simply going along for a ride now is not on your agenda, even if you're being carried to a magical destination.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Interpersonal dynamics become more complex today because it's extremely difficult to resolve a difference of spiritual beliefs or personal values. It's much easier to live with variations of favorite foods, colors and music. But this emotional dilemma doesn't necessarily indicate the end of the road; you must continue to hold one another in a place of love and respect. Basketball coach Phil Jackson

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You imagine being a muse for someone whose work you admire. You want to be clever and entertaining, bringing new dimensions of fun into another person's world. However, upon deeper analysis, it becomes apparent that you long for an individual to play this very same role in your life. Thankfully, there's no reason to be stuck in a creative rut now.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

A practical approach to love could open a few doors today, reconnecting you to someone who is drifting away. It's tricky when unresolved issues return from the past with such intensity that they seem to be relevant all over again. Separating the painful memory from the present moment is necessary to sustain a relationship. However, you must be brave enough to start conversations that matter.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may be harboring unrealistic expectations, even if you're not conscious of your current idealism. It's much easier to form an opinion and then cling to it, no matter what. But keeping your feelings to yourself fosters separation and even alienation. If you want to grow closer to someone now, you must make a commitment to deepen your emotional connection.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You are swimming in a sea of infinite relationship possibilities, yet a constructive energy enables you to narrow your vision and concentrate on a single goal. Nevertheless, there are a few obstacles that must be overcome if you are to successfully choose a direction and stay on that trajectory. Rather than skimming the surface, dive deep.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-63.

Across: 1. Blackthorn, 5. Suit, 10. Toil, 14. Retained, 15. Service man, 16. Double-reed woodwind, 17. Inactiveness, 19. Unique, 20. Faster than light, 21. It makes dough rise, 22. Graven images, 23. Dinosaur bones, 25. Alphabetical listing of topics, 27. Terminate, 28. Berating, 31. Big band music, 34. Gusty, 35. Petroleum, 36. Warm-hearted, 37. Boast, 38. Ballet attire, 39. S, 40. Banquet, 41. Something of value, 42. An injury to the neck, 44. Arctic bird, 45. Impolite dinner sound, 46. Yellowish annual clover, 50. Type of rubber, 52. Nymph, 54. Card with one symbol, 55. Among, 56. Hard unglazed brownish-red earthenware, 58. Make melodious sounds, 59. Catkin, 60. University administrator, 61. Wise one, 62. "Beau ___", 63. Terminates. Down: 1. Small boat, 2. Slowly, in music, 3. Opaque gems, 4. And so forth, 5. Far away from home, 6. Stars on stage, 7. Allies' foe, 8. Underskirt, 9. Attempt, 10. Forested, 11. Offensive, 12. Somersault, 13. Lock openers, 18. Fastening, 22. Lazily, 24. Transmit, 26. Nothing (British), 28. Make a splashing sound, 29. Anagram of "Tine", 30. Oversupply, 31. Distort, 32. Desire, 33. Asserting, 34. Utter profanities, 37. Equipment, 38. Sounds of disapproval, 40. In constant change, 41. Golden, 43. Promise, 44. Ventilate, 46. Charred, 47. Consumed, 48. Toward the outside, 49. Intends, 50. Young girl, 51. Dogfish, 53. Mining finds, 56. Children's game, 57. Lyric poem.

Yesterday's Solution: EBBED THOU DHAK, LARGE HORN ROBE, ABOUT TOES EVER, NEWSPERSON SELF, HAD A ISLE, MISFIT SCRIM, TONIC SPOLIATES, SWITC HALES KALE, SATURATED TENSE, REPEL BARKER, SHADE SOB, CHIT RELAXATION, RAINY TOOL SURGE, ERGO EGOS CRIES, WEEEN SETA ONSET.

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