

District Chief Accused of Slayings, Torture & Extortion

FARAH CITY - The Parchaman district's administrative head is involved in killing and torturing several civilians, besides extorting cash from the people, residents of western Farah province allege.

More than 3,000 families have allegedly been forced into migrating from Parchaman owing to the strong-arm tactics of the district chief, Mohammad Daud Mobarez, and his supporters.

The Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commis-



sion (AIHRC) has also voiced its grave concern at the overall situation in the district, where only one family has literally been assigned with the district's administrative control.

Worse still, the government has failed to initiate the required measures to address public concerns at bad governance and brazen violations of constitutionally-guaranteed human rights. Residents lament their gripes have fallen on deaf ears. Mobarez is accused of killing two... (More on P4)... (22)

Suicide Bomber and Gunmen Attack Court Building



MAIDAN SHAHR - At least four unknown gunmen attacked the court building in central Maidan Wardak province early Tuesday, killing two policemen, local officials said. The attack took place in Maidan Shahr, the capital of the province after a suicide bomber detonated his explosives near the entrance of the court, allowing three accomplices to enter the building.

However, they were shot dead by security forces inside the building, provincial police chief Khalil Andarabi said. "Two policemen were killed in the suicide attack and three civilians were also injured," he said.

The victims were taken to a nearby hospital, he added. No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolonews)

58 Rebels Killed in Military Operations Across the Country

KABUL - 58 militants have been killed during separate military operations across the country.

Ministry of Defense (MoD) issuing a statement on Tuesday morning states that the operations were conducted in eleven provinces where 41 insurgents also wounded and 25 suspects arrested in past 24 hours.

The areas of the operations were Surkh Rud and Chaparhar districts of Nangarhar province, Khogyani District of Ghazni province, Gumal and Gilan districts of Paktika, Dehrawoud, Charchino and Sirab districts of Urozgan, Gizab and Kujran districts... (More on P4)... (23)



Unknown Gunmen Attack Police Post

KABUL - At least two unknown gunmen attacked a police post in southern Kandahar province on Monday night. Officials said Tuesday the clash is still ongoing.

The attack took place in 4th district of Kandahar city after the unknown gunmen attacked the police post and then took refuge inside a building near the post. One policeman was injured during the clashes, a spokesman for the provincial governor

Samim Ikhpelwak said. "The gunmen are still continuing clashes with the security forces from a building and the security forces have surrounded the building," he said.

But a member of the Provincial Council of Kandahar has said that a woman was also killed in the attack and three policemen were injured. No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolonews)

Six Injured in Rocket Attack in Baghlan

MEHTARLAAM - At least six civilians, including two women, were injured after insurgents fired two missiles into the capital of northern Baghlan province, local officials said on Tuesday. The attack took place on Tuesday afternoon after the insurgents fired two rockets into Pul-e-Khumri, the capital of the province, head of police media office in Baghlan, Jawid

Basharat said. "The rockets were fired from Dand-e-Ghori district of the province into Pul-e-Khumri. The police have started investigations into the attack," he said. The victims have been taken to a nearby hospital for treatment, he added. No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolonews)

3 Suicide-Bombing Planners Arrested



KABUL - National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - has arrested three suicide-bomb-

ing planners in capital Kabul. A statement issued Tuesday by NDS states that the three terrorists belong to Haqqani terrorist network that planned to carry out a suicide attack through a corolla in Kabul. The arrested terrorists are identified as Muhibullah alias Ehsanullah a resident of southern Kandahar province who planned to carry out the suicide bombing.

Habib Rahman S/O Wazir Gul a resident of Deh Sabz District of Kabul who was planning suicide bombings and transporting suicide bombers. Fida Mohammad S/O Abdul Malik a resident of Deh Sabz District of Kabul who was planning suicide bombings and keeping suicide bombers. The group planned to target a busy part of Kabul city. (KP)

Investigation Continues Into Death of Soldier from Melbourne in Afghanistan

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - A Fort Bragg-based Special Forces soldier from Florida has died in Afghanistan. The Pentagon said late Monday that 37-year-old Sgt. 1st Class Pablo A. Ruiz of Melbourne died Sunday in a noncombat incident.

Ruiz was assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, Maj. Allison Aguilar said Ruiz was found dead on the base where he was stationed in Bagram.

Aguilar said the death is still being investigated. Ruiz had joined the Army in 2003 as a cook. He had deployed three times as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He had been assigned



to the 3rd Special Forces Group as a noncommissioned officer in charge of the forward dining facility in Afghanistan. (Agencies)

Unidentified Gunmen Kill Tribal Elder

HERAT CITY - Unidentified gunmen shot dead a leading tribal elder in the Guzra district of western Herat province, said an official Tuesday.

Abdul Rauf Ahmadi, police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Haji Hafizulla, the slain elder was the resident of Ziaratja village.

Two armed motorcyclists gunned down the elder on Monday night and then fled the scene after committing the crime, he added. He said police had launched investigations to nab the killers. Mohammad Rafiq Sherzai, spokesman for Herat Civil Hospital, confirmed receiving dead body of the elder. He said postmortem revealed the elder had many gun shots on his body. (Pajhwok)

Four Civilians Wounded in Khost Explosion

KHOST CITY - Four civilians have sustained injuries in a bomb explosion in front of the grand mosque of Khost province.

Faiz Mohammad Saw, a security official from the provincial police headquarters said that the explosive materials were placed in front of the mosque which exploded at around 12:00 PM on Tuesday.

He said four civilians including two children sustained injuries in the explosion, noting that there injuries are not life threatening.

No group has immediately claimed responsibility for the attack but security agencies have initiated an investigation into the incident. (KP)

Work on Vital Panjsher Bridge Launched

PARAKH - The construction work on a vital bridge in Paryan district of central Panjsher province has been launched, officials said on Tuesday.

Abdul Rahman Kabiri, acting governor, told Pajhwok Afghan news the bridge was being built at a cost of 7.5 million af\$ funded by the World Bank (WB). "Apart from facilities to traders, construction of this bridge will facilitate thousands



of commuters in Paryan district," he said. The nine metres long and seven metres wide bridge would connect around 500 fami-

lies in Kalakwa locality. Shah Mahmood, a local elder, said: "Without a proper passage, we are faced a number of problems. After completion of the bridge, the distance would reduce to two-kilometres." Two weeks back also, two bridges were inaugurated in Anaba and Khenj districts of the province and both the projects were funded by the World Bank. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You may solve a problem at work through sheer willpower, enabling you to turn a sticky situation to your advantage. However, you also realize your small victory is part of a larger issue for which there's no fast and easy fix. Meanwhile, criticism about your productivity shifts from logistical concerns, opening the door to an ideological power struggle.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



There's no need to make a quick decision about an ongoing project today because the more time spent in the revision process, the deeper you can go in reassessing your resources. And although you have something practical to learn now, it's still tempting to take the easy way out in order to end an unpleasant conflict.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You've had more than your fair share of doing exactly what others expect from you. You are eager for more fun and games in your life, even if you have important obligations to meet today. Luckily, you will be quite productive if you buckle down and concentrate on your work. You can't help but feel wonderful when you have something tangible to show for your efforts.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Simmering relationship tension raises uncomfortable issues today, even if everything appears copasetic on the surface. Although you may do your best to avoid confrontation, you can't help but notice there's a showdown brewing. Your gut tells you to retreat, yet you could be cajoled into reacting emotionally if you're unsure of where the current changes will lead.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



The rapid pace of events makes you believe your schedule is out of control today, but it's not too chaotic for you to effectively manage your affairs. However, you might feel overwhelmed later in the day, especially if you're already thinking of everything you must do tomorrow. Don't get stressed out over how much you have to finish.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You are doing your best to keep the lid on your emotions, but you might have a minor meltdown today, revealing your doubts about your ability to handle your current workload. However, the pendulum is swinging the other way now as you find the time to catch up or even get ahead. Setting priorities is crucial, for it's important to know when to let go and move on to what's next.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Just because you're not talking about your feelings today doesn't mean they are non-existent. But, your silence won't necessarily improve your chances of reaching your goals, either. Although your thoughts may be flying all over the place, it's still hard to turn any of them into concrete reality now. This doesn't mean they are bad ideas; it simply indicates that your timing might be off if you push too hard.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your self-criticism continues to grow lighter day by day. In fact, you might even take a tentative step and acknowledge that you did a great job, even if it didn't turn out exactly as expected. Happily, you are in touch with a more nurturing side of yourself now. But you can do even more good by expressing your feelings outwardly, so shower your unrelenting support on those you love.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You can experiment with letting down your guard today, even if you recently had to hold a position of authority longer than you wanted. If your command was successful, you will be able to relax and allow events at work to run their course. But even if your reign hasn't produced your desired results, it's still a good idea to back off and let someone else take charge. Knowing when to relinquish power is the sign of a confident leader.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You might be so intent on reaching the top of the mountain that you could trip and fall if you don't watch where your feet are going today. You must turn your vision into something concrete, but this can be tricky business if your mind is wandering so far off into the future that you're no longer interested in engaging in the present moment. There's nothing wrong with daydreaming when your work is done.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Complications keep popping up now no matter how hard you try to get your schedule under control. It's not that you long for simplicity; in fact, you enjoy the creative buzz when there's a lot happening around you, as long as you can figure out where you fit into the picture. Luckily, your path becomes more obvious as the day wears on.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You can usually rely on your intuition to steer you in the right direction, but something is slightly off center today, challenging you to make healthy choices. Unfortunately, your self-confidence may suffer when you realize your tried-and-true approach to problem solving just isn't working right now. You can't close your eyes, assuming the Force will guide you safely to your destination.

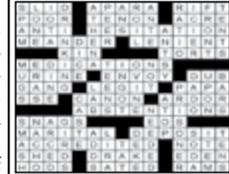
Across

- Lacquer ingredient, 6. Not first, 10. Desire, 14. An evil supernatural being, 15. Arab chieftain, 16. Cozy corner, 17. Paces, 18. Scoff at, 19. A ridge of sand, 20. Zeal, 22. Quaint outburst, 23. A parcel of land, 24. Rowed, 26. Jargon, 30. Water holes, 32. Fruit of the oak tree, 33. Dancing, 37. Cold-shoulder, 38. Prods, 39. Region, 40. Dictatorships, 42. A simple seat, 43. Pile, 44. Reddish brown, 45. Hard fats, 47. An Israelite tribe, 48. Tale, 49. A shortened version, 56. Death notice, 57. Godsend, 58. Creepy, 59. Forearm bone, 60. Boor, 61. Harangues, 62. Bobbin, 63. Anagram of "Seek", 64. Mixture of rain and snow.

Down

- Border, 2. Low-fat, 3. Send forth, 4. Sweater eater, 5. Diabetics lack this, 6. On the up and up, 7. Dogfish, 8. Brothers and sisters, 9. Vibratos, 10. Downplay, 11. French for "Red", 12. Testicle, 13. Barely managed, 21. Mayday, 25. Altitude (abbrev.), 26. Long ago, 27. Sore, 28. See the sights, 29. Decorative, 30. Engaged, 31. Nights before, 33. Smile, 34. Weightlifters pump this, 35. A noble gas, 36. Big party, 38. Useless, 41. Excluding, 42. Vocalists, 44. Unhappy, 45. Expensive fur, 46. Pee, 47. Means, 48. Not mine, 50. A novel, 51. Debauchee, 52. Lunch or dinner, 53. Sea eagle, 54. Anagram of "Tine", 55. Exam.

Yesterday's Solution



advise, alien, attitude, beds, brawn, burn, charge, chilly, clean, comet, cubs, current, deem, doily, early, empire, empress, encouragement, fable, flake, least, locale, march, penetrate, rabid, retired, river, ruse, sets, sheep, slink, smile, stalls, stream, sues, survival, tales, think, total, tryst, wife, winter.

