

# Afghan Interpreters for French Army Sue for Visas

KABUL - A group of Afghan interpreters is suing the French state for refusing them visas despite the alleged risk to their lives because they worked with France's army in the war against the Taliban. Thirty-two interpreters who worked with the French army when it was in Afghanistan have filed cases with a court in the western city of Nantes, the only court in France to handle such cases according to their lawyer, Magali Guadalupe-Miranda. About 20 others are set to file suit in the next few weeks.

"This is an unprecedented case," Guadalupe-Miranda told the AFP news



agency, explaining that this is the first time that locally recruited personnel have sued the French state.

The case will be based on a 1983 law that obliges France to protect state employees and contractors who are subject to threats due to their responsibilities.

Targets for Taliban  
Afghans who worked for the French armed forces are targets for the Taliban and other insurgent groups, according to an organization they have formed to fight for asylum in France. Of 252 visa applications, only 100 have been accepted, ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## Woman Says Raped by Police Chief when She Tried to Report her own Rape

LONDON - A young Afghan woman who went to the police station to report being raped was then raped by the district police commissioner in his office, she said on Monday.

The 18-year-old, who gave her name as Mariam, was taken at gunpoint from her house in the Zareh district of Balkh province in early July.

The man took her to a house on the same street where he and another man raped her, she told the Thomson Reuters Foundation by phone.

"When I went with my father to report the rape case, the police commis-

sioner ordered my father to wait outside, and took me into his office where he also raped me," said Mariam.

After raping her, he warned her to "keep her mouth shut" or she would be killed, Mariam said by phone from Kabul where she is staying with her father.

Afghanistan is one of the most dangerous countries to be a woman or girl in, and a shortage of female police officers means women rarely report abuse, rights groups say. Research indicates that more than eight in 10 women in Afghanistan ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## Govt. Launches Probe into RTA Reporter's Murder

QALAT - A high-level government delegation has arrived in the capital of southern Zabul province to investigate the assassination of a state-run Radio Television Afghanistan (RTA) reporter, an official said on Tuesday.

On October 16, Yaqoob Sharafat, the RTA reporter, was shot dead by unidentified armed men, prompting calls from media outlets, journalists, civil society organizations and members of the parliament on the government to investigate the incident.

Zabul governor's spokesman Gul Islam Seyal told Pajhwok Afghan News a high level government delegation reached Qalat, the provincial capital, on Monday to investigate the incident.

The delegation included representatives from the Presidential Palace, interior and defense ministries, the National Directorate of Security (NDS), the Attorney General Office, and the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), he said.

The delegation on Monday visited the victim's family and extended condolences on behalf of the president, Seyal said. The investigation team on Tuesday morning met the reporter's family to get their views regarding the case. The delegation...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## 11 Rebels Join Peace Process in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Local officials on Tuesday said 11 militants including a commander have joined the peace process in eastern Nangarhar province.

Governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militant's shunned insurgency as a result of efforts by operatives of the National Directorate of Security (NDS).

He said the reconciling individuals also turned in 10 Kalashnikovs and a rocket launcher to security forces.

The militants had been fighting against the government

and planting roadside bombs in several districts of Nangarhar, he said.

The militants recently realized they were being used as pawns in the war which has been imposed on their country under leadership of foreigners. The ex-fighters urged all their former col-

leagues to give up insurgency and take part in their country's development. (Pajhwok)



## Robbery Kingpin Killed in Kabul Police Encounter

KABUL - A notorious leader of a robbery gang was killed and his three friends arrested during an encounter with police in capital Kabul on Tuesday, an official said.

Kabul police Chief Lt. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi told reporters here that the leader of the armed robbers group, Zubair, had been involved in looting homes and people and stealing cars over the past seven years in Kabul city.

He said the thieves were cunning and skilful who had escaped several times

from police custody. Police wanted to arrest Zubair alive, but he and his accomplices opened fire at police and he was killed in retaliatory firing, Rahimi said, adding three other thieves were arrested. Rahimi added three pistols and three Corolla model cars were seized from the robbers.

He ordered police forces to advise robbers of all level to surrender or they would be killed. Kabul police on Sunday said they had arrested 191 people involved various crimes. (Pajhwok)

## SDA Drivers Kidnapped in Logar, Taliban Deny Hand

PUL-I-ALAM - Suspected Taliban militants kidnapped four drivers of a demining firm along with their vehicles in Khwashi district of central Logar province, an official claimed on Tuesday, but the Taliban denied their involvement.

The Sterling Demining Afghanistan (SDA)'s employees and vehicles were confiscated by Taliban militants late on Monday in Barkano area of the district, said Abdul Hamid Hamid, the town's admin-



istrative chief.

"The Taliban took four coasters and three Supper Costumes vehicles and abducted four drivers and possibly shifted them to Zankhar locality of Mohammad Agha district," he told Pajhwok Afghan News.

The official said efforts at ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Taliban Behead ALP Man in Captivity in Sar-I-Pul

SAR-I-PUL CITY - A policeman has been decapitated in northern Sar-i-Pul province, where four reconciled insurgents rejoined the Taliban along with their weapons, an official said on Tuesday.

Sayed Naqibullah Darman, an official at the provincial police headquarters, told Pajhwok Afghan News that insurgents held an Afghan Local Police (ALP) man captive in Khwaja Yagan locality of Siyad district during a clash



on Monday night.

The rebels beheaded the ALP member on Monday night and his body was handed over to his family

by ALP personnel.

Meanwhile, a four-member Taliban group led by Amrullah, who joined the ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Wrapping your mind around another strange twist of fate seems nearly impossible today, but you simply don't have a choice.

You are being blown around on the fickle winds of change, preventing you from sinking into your feelings in any one spot. Take each surprise as it comes now, instead of resisting the entire string of them. As soon as you block your true destiny.

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

Relationship issues are on the table today but you aren't willing to say the correct words just to placate your partner. Dreams of perfect love are meant to inspire you rather than bring you down. Falling short of your ideals is natural when you set your expectations so high. Be gentle with your heart and try not to let someone else's insensitivity influence your self-worth.

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

You aspire to reach high for your dreams today, but it's hard to make a rational decision with illusions about your professional ambitions floating around your head. You must stay alert to keep up with all the surprises. Your normal agility serves you well now because you may have to change your tune in a moment's notice. Forget about long-term plans. How well you respond to current challenges sets the stage for the days ahead.

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

You're called to push the limits of relationships today as previous assumptions about personal and professional connections are stripped away. A collaboration may reach the end of its road and recognizing that it's no longer serving a purpose could mark a turning point in a significant alliance. However, this is not an emotional issue, but a practical one.

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

A blend of sweet and weird describes the events of the day as old dreams fade, projects are completed and a new cycle of social activity begins. Uncharacteristically, hiding under the covers is a more likely response to a misunderstanding today than working hard to make yourself heard.

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

You can see right through people's stories as you work your way toward the truth today. Although secrets may be revealed in intimate conversations, it's still difficult to tell what's most important. You tend toward indecisiveness now, so don't let someone else's negative opinion overrule your best instincts. Once you take the next step, support is likely to come from unexpected sources.

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

Your emotions continue to pick up additional intensity today, but you could let your mind wander off without even realizing what happened. It's impossible to gauge the relative significance of any one idea with so many subtle cosmic influences coming at you from different directions. Thankfully, focusing on your feelings rather than your thoughts can help you successfully navigate through this confusing day.

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

Knowing where you stand in a relationship can be tricky now. Conversations may take on an edge of anxiety if you're afraid that time is running out. Even your smoothest moves might be interrupted by unexpected events today, so be prepared to make quick adjustments to remain on course.

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

You're standing between two worlds today with one foot comfortably planted on familiar ground and the other ready to step into the unknown. You long for emotional connection, but you must proceed with caution because moving too quickly is just as bad as doing nothing at all. Even if others think they know all your tricks, you have more going on now than they realize.

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

Following a plan could lead you to waste valuable time on activities that leave you in a state of frustration. Maintaining an adaptable attitude and adopting flexible expectations lower your levels of stress and give everyone room to breathe. Even if your day looks like it's careening out of control, find the presence of mind to keep things from flying off the rails.

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

You might see a murky financial picture now, but your lack of clarity is likely more about self-doubt than money. Although your 2nd House of Income is a bit stressed today, your imagination can open a door where there was once only a wall. Nevertheless, envy and jealousy may bubble to the surface, making it difficult to escape the consequences of your actions.

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

Your head and heart are wide open today, putting you in touch with multiple dimensions beyond this one. Keep in mind that the current cosmic pattern isn't great for self-restraint and common sense. In fact, you're able to justify irrational actions now and may prefer to leave reality in the dust. However, it's your job to find inspiration and encourage others to recognize the metaphysical magic behind the facade of the material world.

**Across**

1. Eyeglasses, 6. Toboggan, 10. Decay from overripening, 14. Silk-cotton tree, 15. It ebbs and flows, 16. Tropical American wildcat, 17. In a cold manner, 18. Arab chieftain, 19. Teller of untruths, 20. Slow down, 22. Savvy about, 23. "\_\_\_ Maria", 24. Vernacular, 26. Underwrite, 30. Fastening, 32. Sealant, 33. Husks, 37. Send forth, 38. Small fatty European fish, 39. Half-moon tide, 40. Erosion by friction, 42. American aloe, 43. Sharp, 44. Broken, 45. Assail, 47. Gangster's gun, 48. Audition tape, 49. Permissiveness, 56. Shower, 57. Distinctive flair, 58. Chain of hills, 59. Against, 60. Ascend, 61. Genuflected, 62. Pear variety, 63. Drunkards, 64. Affirmatives.

**Down**

1. Slip, 2. Rate, 3. Sweeping story, 4. \_\_\_ slaw, 5. Cavort, 6. Cubic meter, 7. City in Peru, 8. Modify, 9. Homeless person, 10. Possessions, 11. Prevaricating, 12. Muse of love poetry, 13. Tropical tuber, 21. Biblical first woman, 25. Writing liquid, 26. Anagram of "Dice", 27. What a person is called, 28. A set of garments, 29. Inaudible, 30. Spasm, 31. Basic unit of money in China, 33. Expectoration, 34. Tidy, 35. Donated, 36. Hurried, 38. Stammers, 41. Frozen water, 42. Economic independence, 44. Tavern, 45. Keno, 46. Gives forth, 47. Segments of DNA, 48. Blah, 50. Hodgepodge, 51. Not first, 52. Prong, 53. Midmonth date, 54. Leer at, 55. Catches.

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