

Taliban Hang Former District Governor in Uruzgan

KABUL - Taliban militants have hanged a former district governor in southern Uruzgan province. According to reports, insurgents went to Juma Khan's house, ex-governor of KhasUruzgan District, dragged him out on gun point and took him to an undisclosed location last night. Noor Agha Kamran, spokesman for the police headquarters of Uruzgan says Juma Khan was later hung from a tree in Kala Khor area of KhasUruzgan District. Khamran added that security forces have been dispatched to the area to retrieve the dead body. Taliban have not yet commented on the report



but they have carried out such executions in the past. Uruzgan is one of the restive provinces of Afghanistan bordering Kandahar, the birthplace of Taliban. The militant group has a strong presence in the key southern province. (KP)

Four Afghans Among Six Children Drown as Boat Sinks Off Turkish Coast



ANKARA - Six children have drowned in Turkish water in two separate incidents, among them were four Afghans. The children died after their boat on their way to Greece sank off Turkey's coast, local media reported. One vessel was carrying 55 Syrian and Afghan migrants that capsized due to bad weather conditions off the town of Ayvacik from where the Turkish coastguards recovered the bodies of four Afghan children. Another wooden boat on its way to island of Kos carrying around 20 refugees sank off due to harsh weather condition near the southwestern resort of Bodrum on Friday. Turkish coast guards say dead bodies of two children were recovered reportedly sisters of one and four years of age. Turkey has become the main transit point for people fleeing war and misery for a better life in Europe and the town of Ayvacik is the core crossing point for refugees trying to reach the Greek island of Lesbos. Meanwhile, European Union (EU) has agreed with Turkish officials in principle to a refugee action plan, which is expected to be finalized at a summit on Sunday. (KP)

Kabul Blast Leaves One Dead

KABUL - A suicide bomber detonated explosives early Saturday morning in the ShahrakTelayee Area in Kabul's PD8 - leaving one dead and one injured, officials confirmed. Officials told TOLONews that the target has been Awlia Khan Rodwal, the provincial head of Independent Election Commission (IEC). Noor Mohammad Noor the IEC spokesman said the incident occurred at around 9:30am when the IEC provincial chief was on his way to his office. He said the victims were his security guards. Noor said that Rodwal survived the attack and was not injured. Kabul police confirmed the incident but have not provided further details about type of the blast. (Tolonews)

Former Taliban Minister of Communication Dies of Cancer



KABUL - Mullah Allah DaadTabeeb, the Minister of Communication during the Taliban regime in Afghanistan has passed away due to cancer. According to a statement published on Taliban website, Mullah Tabeeb died on Thursday night and his dead body was buried in his hometown, in Arghandab District of southern Kandahar. The first high position Mullah Tabeeb occupied during Taliban regime was administrating the financial affairs of the regime, he was later appointed as the chief of Kandahar Customs and then as the Min ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

NDS Foils Car Bomb Attack Kabul



KABUL - A deadly car bomb attack plotted by the Haqqani terrorist network on Saturday thwarted by the National Directorate of Security (NDS) in Kabul city. A statement front National Directorate of Security (NDS) said a would-be suicide bomber was arrested along with two other individuals for organizing the attack plot. The statement further added that the group was looking to detonate a Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) in one of the busiest parts of the city. Without disclosing further information regarding the exact target location of the terrorist, NDS said the detained militants have confessed they were looking to target a busy part of the city. Found in the late 1970s by JalaluddinHaqqani, the terrorist network is accused of staging numerous cross-border attacks from their base in North Waziristan, including the 19-hour siege at the US Embassy in Kabul in September 2011. The network is allied with al-Qaida and the Afghan Taliban and cooperates with other terrorist organizations in the region and was designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization on September 7, 2012 by the US Department of State. (KP)

7 Pakistani Militants Detained in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Two insurgents, including a Pakistani, have been killed during separate incidents and another seven Pakistani fighters detained in the eastern province of Nangarhar, officials said on Saturday. One militant was killed and another wounded in a NATO drone strike in Waziro area of Khogyani district, the governor's spokesman, AttaullahKhogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News. Separately, a Pakistan fighter was killed and seven others



were detained during an operation by security forces on Friday evening in Chardahi area of Batikot district, he said. Civilians and the security forces suffered no casualties. There has been no word from insurgents about the incidents. (Pajhwok)

IMU Comes Unraveled

TASHKENT - The Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) was back in the news at the start of November, fighting alongside a Taliban splinter group in Afghanistan's southern Zabul Province. Actually, the IMU group in Zabul was also a splinter group, now loyal to the Islamic State (IS) militant group operating in Syria and Iraq and the IMU now appears to have fractured into several bands. The Taliban has experienced splits in its ranks since the group announced the death of its leader Mullah Mo-



hammad Omar in July. But over the course of the last few years the IMU has fractured and members of what at least once was the IMU are now dispersed in Afghanistan, and in Syria and Iraq. In some cases it's fairly clear who they are fighting for, but in other instances it is very difficult to see their allegiance or motives. RFE/RL's Turkmen Service, known locally as Azatlyk, assembled a panel discussion on the state of the IMU today. (Agencies)

Child Suicide Bomber Surrenders to Faryab Police

KABUL - A 12-year-old Afghan boy named Zekirya has handed himself in to Afghan authorities in northern Faryab province after escaping from a Taliban camp where insurgents allegedly train children to carry out terror attacks - mainly suicide bombings. According to the boy, several other children his age were also recruited and in the camp being trained by the Taliban. Faryab police department said Saturday that insurgents use different tactics to recruit children in a bid to force them to carry out attacks. Zekirya's father reportedly



sold the boy to the Taliban for 700,000 Afis. However, the boy managed to escape the camp where he was being held. "I told them [Taliban] that we will be cut into pieces, referring to the aftermath of a suicide attack, but they [Taliban] said you will go to paradise by killing government employees and their commanders," Zekirya said. According to Faryab police, the Taliban had planned to use Zekirya against a local official. "A Taliban commander ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You think you're being sensitive to others, but you're probably not looking much beyond your own ambitions. Instead of just assuming that everyone else has goals similar to yours today, take the time to ask them what they actually want. Keep in mind that you must listen to what people say without trying to convince them to change their minds.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might resist participating in the starry-eyed schemes of others today. You know your limits and don't want to end up wasting your valuable time and resources on anything that distracts you from achieving your own goals. However, you're hesitant to just walk away now, especially if the opportunity presented seems too good to be true. Don't fall victim to your current idealism.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Hide your credit cards today because you could easily get in over your head by buying something that's beyond your means. Unfortunately, a potential investment may not turn out as lucrative as it appears. You might believe you are in control of your analytical faculties, but that's because you can't see how the facts are being distorted now. Double-check everything you are told before taking a financial risk.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Managing your emotions is harder than it looks, especially while the receptive Moon is swimming through moody Cancer. To complicate matters even more, someone may sincerely believe the fabrications they are telling you today, making it tough to know if something is awry. Unfortunately, constant suspicion on your part could create its own set of problems as people react to your negativity.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your financial plans require another review today because your previous assessment may have been overly optimistic. But don't overreact to the current reality check by panicking and cashing in your chips. Although your confidence can take a hit now, your pocketbook will come out fine in the end if you practice patience. Avoid making a rash decision by scaling back your short-term expectations.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You are most likely operating under unrealistic expectations about a relationship. Or, you might grow frustrated as you go out of your way to please your friends today. In fact, it's quite tempting to expect more from people than they can possibly deliver when your standards are so high. However, instead of fixating on your desired outcome, concentrate on the blessings of the present moment.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Although you may be hesitant to share your feelings today, keep in mind that your words will convey more power than you actually intend. Others can't tell whether you are being overly pessimistic in your evaluation of the situation or if they are reading more into your disclosure because of their inflated expectations. Either way, you can avoid simple misunderstandings by toning down the urgency of your message.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You must remember that there are limited productive hours in the day because many of them must be reserved for essentials like sleeping and eating. Although you can pack a lot of activity into short periods of time, your current tendency is to take on more than you should. You might claim that you're being practical or even cautious, but you could convince yourself of nearly anything today.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your interest in learning new ideas now might open up an unexpected avenue of exploration as you seek to understand the mysteries of the universe. But everyone doesn't need to know all the details about your latest spiritual quest or even that you are questioning the meaning of life. However, keeping up outer appearances doesn't mean you have to accept everything you hear as the truth.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

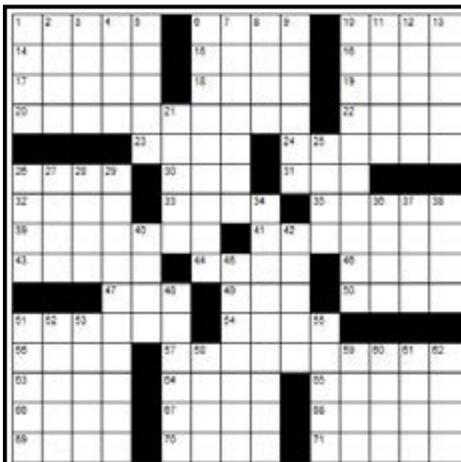
You are often the person that everyone runs to for advice because they perceive you as seeing the future through a wise and practical lens. You are exceptionally clear about what is worth pursuing today. Fantasy can be your great escape some other day when no one is relying on you. While others may gloss over the potential problems in a plan now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You believe that you must share every single detail in order to get your point across clearly today. Unfortunately, your intentions could become lost in your valiant attempts to convey just the right emotional nuance. Spending too much time on the little things now can actually detract from your meaning. After a certain point, others will just tune you out.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Sitting down for a heart-to-heart chat might seem like a smart move today, but you'll only alienate those you love if you disclose too many secrets. People may encourage you to open up more because they think it's their duty to listen, and they want you to know that you can count on them to have your back. Luckily, there's no need to shut out friends and family if you keep your personal desires in perspective.



Across

1. Gambits, 6. Astrological transition point, 10. Forearm bone, 14. Challenger, 15. A Freudian stage, 16. Newbie (slang), 17. Alpha's opposite, 18. Use a beeper, 19. Opera star, 20. The state of being clean, 22. Historical periods, 23. Skidded, 24. Flail, 26. Component of urine, 30. Avenue (abbrev.), 31. A type of evergreen tree, 32. Adult male sheep, 33. It ebbs and flows, 35. Common people, 39. A small piece of anything, 41. Public toilet, 43. Courtyards, 44. Anagram of "Lyme", 46. Mortgage, 47. Tear, 49. Senescence, 50. Perished, 51. Fleet, 54. Bronzes, 56. Huh?, 57. Loud, 63. French for Finished or Done, 64. Legal wrong, 65. Vernacular, 66. Pearly-shelled mussel, 67. By mouth, 68. ,oward the outside.

Down

1. Not amateurs, . City in Peru, 3. Baking appliance, 4. A directional antenna, 5. Splines, 6. Enslavement, 7. Unassisted, 8. Palm starch, 9. A full supply, 10. Hades, 11. France's longest river, 12. Exploded stars, 13. Daunt, 21. Winged, 25. Significance, 26. Constellation bear, 27. Deliver a tirade, 28. Arab chieftain, 29. A cherished desire, 34. With elegance, 36. 53 in Roman numerals, 37. Leg joint, 38. Transmit, 40. Gave money, 42. Catkin, 45. Sidelong, 48. Minister, 51. Dreadful, 52. Rhinoceros, 53. Craze, 55. Bottoms of shoes, 58. Ripped, 59. Wealthy, 60. Within, 61. Food thickener, 62. Connecting point.

Yesterday's Solution



annoy, apple, atmosphere, clown, dimple, divide, drip, early, elect, explode, flock, focus, fresh, grate, greet, guest, helmet, known, magic, muzzle, night, rancid, repair, satisfaction, scent, scheme, search, sixes, spore, steam, stove.

