

Uruzgan: Hundreds of policemen threaten to quit

TIRINKOT - Hundreds of policemen in central Uruzgan province say they have not received their salaries for the last six months and threaten to quit the force over the non-payment.

According to local officials, 3,800 national and local policemen perform duty in Tirinkot, the provincial capital, and six districts of the province. More than 500 of these policemen complain they did not receive their salaries for the last six months.

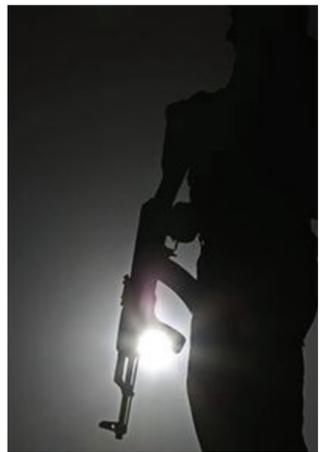
A number of urban garrison policemen operating under the police headquarters told Pajhwok Afghan News that they were in serious trouble being short of money.

Graan, one of the policemen, said they had several times asked the police chief and other officials to pay their salaries, but they always made excuses. He said officials had told them they would borrow money and pay their salaries of one month and register them in the biometric system as formal policemen.

Graan said he had been in the police for the past 13 years but officials now wanted to deceive him under the pretext of registering in the biometric system.

Fazal Rahim, another policeman in Uruzgan, said whenever they ask for their rights, they are accused of making trouble. The policemen warned to leave their jobs if their salaries were not paid. Besides formal police, more than 150 pro-government militiamen are working in police ranks, but they are not registered as police. They also complain they have not received their salaries for four months.

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Kabul Businessman Sponsors APL's Oqaban Hindukosh

KABUL - Ahmad Zaki Zahid, a local businessman, signed a one-year sponsorship contract for Oqaban Hindukosh football team on Monday in Kabul - just one day after this year's Afghanistan Premier League (APL) kicked off. The agreement was signed between Zahid, the Afghanistan Football Federation (AFF) and Afghanistan Premier League (APL). This comes after another two sponsorship agreements were signed this week for Shaheen Asmayee and De Maiwand Atalan football teams.

Speaking at a press conference with officials from AFF and APL, Zahid said he will sponsor the team for one year.

"Because the Premier League can play a role in the peace process, we have come to support the Premier League, especially the Oqaban Hindukosh team," said Zahid.



"Supporting sport, sport brings people together and sport can contribute to our country's growth, and sport brings joy to the homes of the people," said Tolo TV Director Massoud Sanjar. "Supporting the Premier League and the teams can bring Afghan football in line with the standards

of FIFA and the AFC (Asian Football Confederation), which will make our presence felt," he said. Eight teams representing eight zones of the country will take part in this year's APL which will be held at the AFF football stadium.

The APL was scheduled to kick off earlier this year, but it was delayed due to a lack of funding. However, after a late sponsorship deal, with the Rahmani Foundation, the tournament kicked off on Sunday. Meanwhile, athletes see such sponsorships as being of great financial support to Afghanistan for the development of football in the country. The 7th annual APL tournament kicked off in Kabul on Sunday evening with Shaheen Asmayee and Mawjhai Amu teams playing in the opening match. Shaheen beat Amu 2-0. (Tolo news)

Security Forces Suffer Heavy Casualties in Jawzjan Attack

SHEBIRGHAN - At least 15 Afghan security forces were killed in a Taliban attack in northern Jawzjan province on Sunday night, local sources confirmed to TOLONews.

In addition, 26 other security forces were wounded in the attack.

The attack took place in Qosh Tapa district of the province on Sunday night after the Taliban attacked a number of security check posts and clashed with the forces, according to sources.

In the meantime, officials warned if air support is not provided to security forces, the district will fall to the Taliban, adding that "clashes are still ongoing in the district."



But, Kamaluddin Yawar, a security police official of Jawzjan says that "four security forces were killed in the attack and four others were wounded." "At least 30 Taliban were killed and 19 others including their shadow district governor were wounded in the attack," he said. "Two security check posts were also fallen to the Taliban." ... (More on P4)...(10)

Woman Parliamentary Candidate Dies in Traffic Accident

QALA-I-NAW - A female Wolesi Jirga hopeful on Monday succumbed to the wounds she suffered in a traffic accident in north-western Badghis province, an official said.

Haji Bahauddin Qadesi, a member of the provincial council, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Fareba Rahmani was injured in a traffic accident three days ago when she was on her way to Herat province from Badghis.

He said the 55-year-old passed away at Herat Zonal Hospital yesterday. Fareba

Rahmani hailed from Qadis district and had been a provincial council member. (Pajhwok)



Achin's ALP Commander Gets 6 Years in Jail

JALALABAD - Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander for Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, Bilal Pacha, has been sentenced to six years in jail by the provincial appellate court. However, the court acquitted Pacha's two accused brothers for lack of evidence against them.

Bilal Pacha has been accused of killing and torturing local residents who recently carried out protest demonstrations and blocked the Jalalabad-Torkham highway last month.

However, the protest rally by the Shinwari tribesmen was attacked by a suicide bomber, killing at least 32 and wounding more than 120 on the highway between Jalalabad and Torkham border town.

A statement from the Nangarhar appellate court to Pajhwok Afghan News said Bilal Pacha was convicted after an open trial headed by urban court head Ziaulhaq Zia and two other judges.

The three-member bench was unanimous in sentencing the former ALP ... (More on P4)...(12)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Connect with those who carry you upward and encourage your fantasies today instead of those who try to bring you down to reality, Aries. There's a need for you to shine more brightly than usual, and there's no reason why this wish shouldn't be granted. Everything will work out splendidly for you as long as you align yourself with admirable people.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You're likely now on the brink of completing a major move of some sort. Your first reaction may be to sit in solitary deliberation as you wrestle with the pros and cons of each piece of the situation. Try not to overload your head with too many details. Look at the overall picture. Perhaps you will find the answer you seek on a walk.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



This is one of those days when you will be walking along and all of a sudden hear a street performer playing music. Suddenly your feet start to move and soon you're dancing. You find yourself boogying down the rest of the road. It won't take much to get you grooving. Once you start, it may be hard for you to stop. Go with it!

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Don't take things that don't belong to you, Cancer. Your penetrating eyes are apt to spot things that are easily pocketed, even though you know deep down that those things aren't meant for you to keep. Your imagination might try to convince you that it's OK to pull such sneaky maneuvers, and you may be tempted. Don't deceive yourself.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Try not to think too much about what is "supposed" to happen next, Leo. The truth of the matter is that things don't necessarily work out the way they're planned, so don't count on something that has no guarantee of coming to fruition. Stick to your own way of doing things and try not to get too hung up on the results. The key now is to enjoy the process.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Water your plants today and make sure they're getting enough light, Virgo. If you don't have any plants, take this opportunity to go to the nursery and pick up a couple for your home or office. Nourish the organic things in your life to help remind you of your own roots, which are extremely important for you right now. Sink deep into the Earth in order to understand the environment around you.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You're on a roll today, Libra. Don't let other people's insecurities or shallow understanding about an issue get in the way of your progress. There's a distinct advantage to the way you approach things. Feel free to exert your will on those who need strong direction. If you're confident about the answer, don't be shy about saying so.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You may be wondering whose shoulder you should cry on, Scorpio. Usually yours is the shoulder that everyone else likes to use. The collar of your shirt is probably soaking wet by now, thanks to all the tears that have spilled on you. Your compassion for others is definitely one of your biggest strengths, but be aware of the fact that it can also be one of your biggest weaknesses.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your coals have been smoldering for a while, and there is a great deal of smoke pouring from your blackened embers, Sagittarius. The good news is that there's apt to be a great gust of wind today, acting as the catalyst that ignites the flames. You've provided the heat and the fuel. The missing element of air is finally coming your way, so be prepared. The fire is apt to heat up quickly.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Be wary of big promises today, Capricorn. This could be one of those days when people are more likely to take a gamble because they're unrealistic about how things are going to work out. Don't be surprised if the stock market jumps as a result of the dollar signs that people imagine. It will be hard for others to resist when people receive promises of a big payoff.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

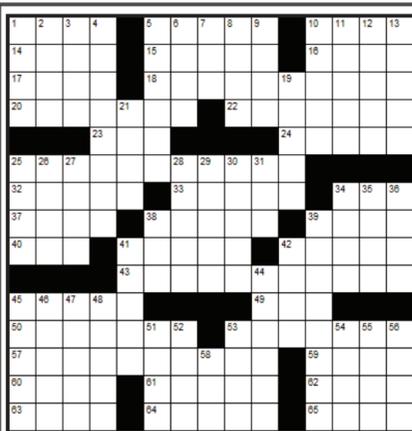


Feel free to go shopping for yourself, Aquarius. While you're at it, you might as well pick up some things for others, too. You're apt to be in tune with the pleasant spirit of the people around you. On the other hand, if they're being especially negative or cranky, don't hesitate to just go elsewhere. Unfortunately, that may be easier said than done.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You're likely to gravitate toward those who can put on a show and carry your imagination to a far-off land today, Pisces. Look for this quality in others instead of turning to the TV to satisfy this need. If you aren't careful, you may end up a couch potato all day, without talking to anyone. Take note that real life is much more enriching than anything that could come over the airwaves.



Across

- Poop, 5. Cokes or Pepsis, 10. Wan, 14. Connects two points, 15. Revere, 16. Nile bird
- Affirm, 18. Resentment, 20. Reporter, 22. Saliva, 23. Petroleum, 24. Snouts, 25. Groves
- A green fabric mixture, 33. Follow as a result, 34. Eastern newt, 37. God of love, 38. Brown bear, 39. Salt Lake state, 40. Morning moisture, 41. Style, 42. Unrefined, 43. Booking, 45. Tablet, 49. French for "Friend", 50. Honors, 53. Voter, 57. Extra, 59. Adjutant, 60. Lamp or candle, 61. Wavelike design, 62. T T T T, 63. Collections, 64. Jittery, 65. At one time (archaic)

Down

- Family group, 2. Rend, 3. Once more, 4. Characters, 5. An esoteric theology, 6. Norse god
- A parcel of land, 8. Anagram of "Star", 9. Dribble, 10. Kind of bean, 11. Assists
- Fine thread, 13. SSSS, 19. Washing machine cycle 21. Glove, 25. Implored
- Old stories, 27. Affirm, 28. Small slender gulls, 29. Accustom, 30. Willow
- Religious sister, 34. Decorative case, 35. Portuguese folksong, 36. Not now, 38. Spelling contest, 39. Whip with nettles, 41. Welcome 42. Arrived, 44. Gully, 45. Drosses
- Soup server, 47. A financial examination, 48. Clips, 51. City in Peru, 52. Any day now
- Hearing organs, 54. Layer, 55. Poems, 56. A musical pause, 58. Louse-to-be,

Yesterday's Solution



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