

# Kohistan Education Director Arrested Over Misusing Authority

MAIMANA CITY - The attorney of- fice in northern Faryab province has arrested the education director for Kohistan district on corruption charges and misuse of authority, an official said on Sunday. Provincial Prosecutor Farid Shirzai Ghorri told Pajhwok Afghan News that based on complaints from six teachers and documentation by the National Directorate of Security (NDS), Education Director Azizullah Hamdard had embezzled salaries of a number of teachers using forged signatures over the past one year. He quoted some influential figures as saying 'imaginary' schools existed in Kohistan district and their salaries and privileges were being taken.



Yasin Arsalah, deputy head at Faryab education department for teaching, confirmed Azizullah was detained for forgery and misusing job authority by the prosecutor's office. However, he said, they were unable to monitor Kohistan schools because of insecurity and closed roads, adding the stipends entitlement was being executed by the Kohistan district centre and revenue department and the education department had nothing to do with distribution or execution of teachers' salaries. About imaginary schools, he said, they could not conduct observation of schools in Kohistan district due to insecurity. "It's possible that due to fighting, some schools are ..." (More on P4)...(12)

# Indian Engineer Kidnapped in Maidan Wardak Freed



KABUL - An Indian engineer, who was abducted by unidentified individuals in central Maidan Wardak province, has been released, an official said on Sunday. Abdur Rahman Mangal, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Indian engineer was working on a project for electricity extension from Kabul to Kandahar. ... (More on P4)...(13)

## 10 of 300 Persons Who Attempted Suicide Die in Herat

HERAT CITY - More than 300 people attempted suicide in western Herat province during the past six months, with 10 of them losing lives, an official said Sunday. Mohammad Rafiq Sherzai, a spokesman for the Zonal Hospital in Herat City, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the attempts included hanging, self-immolation and taking poison. He said the people who attempted to finish their lives were aged between 15 to 45 years old and 80 percent of them were females. Ignorance, poverty, family violence, forced marriages, psychological illness and family differences are cited as main reasons behind the growing incidents of suicide. Women's Affairs Director Aziza Karemi said the surge in suicide tendency was worrying. She added eight incidents of suicide, nine of attempted sexual assaults, five sexual attacks and nine forced marriages had been registered with her department this year so far. Abdul Qader Rahimi, head of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) for Herat, said: "Even if there is a single incident of suicide or self-immolation, it is a point of concern for us." He said family disputes and violence against women were main reasons behind growing incidents of suicide. Sakena Hussaini, a lawmaker from Herat, said the suicides showed there was a huge social problem in the society. "We are worried that with each passing day the number of such incidents is increasing." (Pajhwok)

# Kashesh Owner is Blazing a Trail for Mazar Women

KABUL - A Balkh woman who was once a refugee now employs 80 women who in turn are able to provide for their families. Amana Anayatzada is a pioneer in her own way after starting up a handicraft factory, called Kashesh, in Balkh province, which today employs 80 women. Anayatzada, 32-years-old, said she started learning handicraft work in Pakistan 18 years ago as a refugee but returned to Afghanistan eight years ago. Three years ago, Anayatzada started up her factory, which now employs dozens of women in Mazar-e-Sharif. She said despite facing many challenges, she continues to work hard to expand her business in order ... (More on P4)...(14)



## Book Containing Photos of Kabul's Skate Girls Compiled

KABUL - A British photographer has compiled a book containing engaging photographs of Kabul's skate girls that deftly undermine cultural, religious and gender stereotypes. Collected in a book called Skate Girls of Kabul, the photographs were exhibited in the Aga Khan Park, presenting an uncomplicated celebration of childhood and girl power. Fulford-Dobson, who visited Skateistan for six weeks, said in a statement: "It's hard not to think of Afghan girls skateboarding as an unlikely clash of cultures. "But when you see these children tearing around the skate park, shrieking with laughter, your preconceptions drop away... I hope that this collection captures something of their spirit: their joy



in life, their individuality, and their community," she added. Jessica is a freelance, London-based portrait photographer ... (More on P4)...(15)

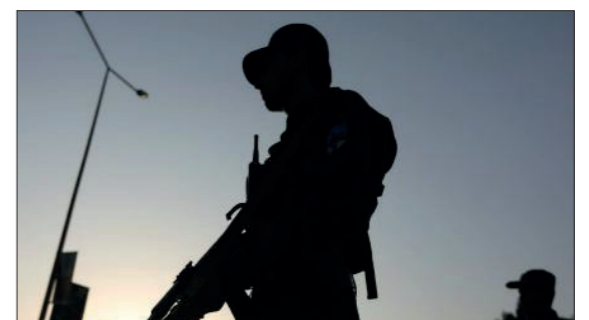
## Taliban Notorious Commander Among 3 Killed in Farah

FARAH CITY - Three Taliban insurgent, including notorious commander, have been killed during a clash in the Pushtrod district of western Farah province, an official said on Sunday. Police spokesman Iqbal Bahir told Pajhwok Afghan News that the militants stormed security check-post in Tapa-i-Shiran area of the district at 9pm on Saturday night. He said the clash continued for one hour; Mullah Zahir a local Taliban commander and two others were killed, four wounded. He added only one policeman ... (More on P4)...(16)

## Two Policemen Killed in Taliban Attack on Baghlan Check Post

KABUL - At least two police were killed in a Taliban attack on a check post in Baghlan province on Saturday, local officials said Sunday. According to the officials the attack occurred on Saturday morning when a group of Taliban attacked a police check post in Chashme Sher village in Dand-e Ghorri area of northern Baghlan province. Baghlan police confirmed the incident and said the Taliban took all the weapons from the check post after the attack. In addition to the two policemen killed, one other was wounded. No more details were provided on the attack or regarding the Taliban casualties. (Tolnews)

## 5 Border Police Killed in Kunar Ambush



ASADABAD - Five border police have been killed in a clash with militants in the Marawara district of eastern Kunar province, an official said on Sunday. Police spokesman Brig. Gen. Jumrah Gul Hemat told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash happened in Ghosh Pas area on Saturday. He said, militants suffered casualties during the clash but exact figures were not available. Bodies of the dead policemen evacuated by the Red Crescent Society (RCS) to the district centre were transferred to their families, added Hemat. Security personnel who wished to go unnamed said insurgents targeted the border policemen when they were fetching water from a stream. Five policemen were killed in the ambush, he added. (Pajhwok)

# Outlook Horoscope

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



**Aries** You might not trust someone's assistance today because you're suspicious of their hidden agenda. Although Mercury in gracious Libra falls in your 7th House of Companions, its square to Pluto may prompt a conflict over the direction of your life. But taking on an opponent is tricky business when you're unclear about their intentions.

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



**Taurus** You assume your blueprint for success contains enough contingencies to handle nearly anything that might happen. Unfortunately, you can't know everything that might occur in advance. Although you can be slow to respond to unforeseen circumstances, the adaptable Gemini Moon is your saving grace today.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



**Gemini** Although you often demonstrate your intelligence with words, your gift of gab can work against you today. You might say something quite casually, only to learn that your message was taken the wrong way. Sadly, the more you defend your innocence, the less you are believed now. Instead of ratcheting up an argument, give others space and just write your thoughts down for a later conversation.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



**Cancer** You're hoping a diplomatic approach to an adversary will prevent an unpleasant confrontation. However, leaving your thoughts unexpressed only gives others the justification to go ahead with their plans, even if their behavior is destructive today. Fortunately, you can see the current emotional landscape clearly enough to navigate a route through the uncertain territory.

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



**Leo** You think that you can organize people with various ideas into a single collaborative group simply by sharing your words of wisdom. However, making a provocative declaration can stir up chaos instead of cooperation today. Thankfully, the smooth-talking Gemini Moon's presence in your 11th House of Networking enables you to quickly repair the damage.

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



**Virgo** You want to be taken seriously at work, but you could go overboard while making your point today. Your key planet Mercury forms a compelling square with unrelenting Pluto in your 5th House of Self-Expression, urging you to state your case with extreme conviction. But your refusal to negotiate may be perceived as an unwillingness to play nicely with others.

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



**Libra** A feeling of panic might trigger you to take drastic action today. It seems as if a window of opportunity is closing now that propitious Jupiter is leaving your sign after a yearlong visit. Fear of failure could prompt you to unleash a tirade of words and a flood of suppressed emotions as you try to prevent a fortuitous moment from passing.

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



**Scorpio** People may make the mistake of thinking they know what you're up to today. But you are quite introspective now, and won't likely share your powerful inner experiences with just anyone. Nevertheless, you're standing at the entrance to a brave new land; your future beckons and you cannot resist the call.

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



**Sagittarius** It seems like everyone wants to talk about trivial matters today, but you're more intrigued by substantial subjects. In fact, there may be conflict brewing beneath the surface that brings your core beliefs into question. You're not interested in discussing your values to reach an agreement with those who differ. Instead, you simply want others to know where you stand and to adapt to your position.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



**Capricorn** Pressure to change, whether it originates from people or circumstances, only motivates you Mountain Goats to dig in your hoofs and prepare to stand your ground. You already have your agenda clearly mapped out today, and you're not eager to make any modifications. Unfortunately, you might not have as much say in the matter as you wish.

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



**Aquarius** A rational approach to learning inspires you to consider a new course of study. However, you may run into surprising resistance from an unlikely source today. Your immediate reaction might be to double down and reaffirm the importance of your new intellectual endeavor. However, rather than assuming you're on the right track, it's wiser to hold space in order to examine all your possible choices.

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



**Pisces** You can't rely on cool logic to think your way out of an intense emotional conundrum today, especially if you're only an observer. You value your role as a fair-minded mediator and you're quick to offer an unbiased ear. Although you can see both sides of the issue, you have a definite preference in a drama that's unfolding in your social sphere. Nevertheless, it's a mistake to reveal your position yet.

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**Down**  
1. Short sleeps, 2. Nanny, 3. Restlessness, 4. Frothing, 5. Point, 6. Creative work, 7. Approximately, 8. Bedroom community, 9. Cassock, 10. As well, 11. Clairvoyant, 12. Mats of grass, 15. Back tooth, 21. Anagram of "Ties", 23. A formal high school dance, 25. A few, 27. Hodgepodge, 28. Small amount, 29. Mesh, 31. Geranium, 32. Bygone, 34. Cashew or almond, 36. Where the sun rises, 39. Excavated, 40. Historical periods, 43. Wailing 44. Edges, 46. Actor Pitt, 47. Impulse, 49. Express a thought, 50. Unruffled, 53. Prohibit, 55. Certain ball-and-socket joints, 56. Doing nothing, 57. Low-fat, 58. Absorbs, 60. Component of urine, 61. Words, 64. Wager,

**Yesterday's Solution**

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