

Mafia Members out to Grab People Land in Khak-I-Jabbar

KABUL - Inhabitants of the area protested against the move saying hundreds of acres of people land were being grabbed. They want the authorities concerned to take care of the issue. Mohammad Afzal, hailing from Chinar area, reveals a large portion of state land in Khak-i-Jabbar, east of Kabul, has been grabbed or sold by mafia. "People of Khak-i-Jabbar and Sarobi have established a council for preventing land grab in their districts," he adds. Some of the land was allotted to Khak-i-Jabbar by former president Hamid Karzai and some of it is still untouched. But now some individuals are out to grab this land. "Some people close to Mullah Tarakhel, a Kuchi representative in the Wolesi Jirga, have attempted several times to usurp part of this land but faced public reaction," explains Afzal. Haji Rustam, another protestor from the area, characterises the government land as rain-fed farms. Some parts of the land were distributed to refugees and internally-displaced people. But certain some mafia groups want to grab the land by constructing a wall



Mafia members plan to usurp government land in the Chinar area of Khak-i-Jabbar district in Kabul province, claim residents.

around it, he continues. "Locals, cooperating with the government, will support the launch development schemes or townships on the land. But they would not allow mafia groups to grab the land," he declares. A resident of the area, who wished to go unnamed, says Hamayoon Hamayoon, Wolesi Jirga deputy speaker, Mullah Tarakhel and Haji Munji, brother of MP Sher Ali Ahmadzai, are trying to grab the land. Haji Noor Rahman and Hanif, who have been appointed by these lawmakers, are allegedly trying to create disputes among local tribes so they could easily seize the government-owned land. Pajhwok Afghan News was unable to establish contact with Hamayoon and Sher Ali Ahmadzai. But Mullah Tarakhel rejected local the claim. "I am not aware of it. Those who use my name for such things should be exposed and arrested," He said residents of the district could share their problem ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Taliban Offensive Foiled By Border Police in Paktika



KABUL - The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement on Monday that the Afghan border police foiled a Taliban offensive in south-eastern Paktika on Sunday night, killing five insurgents. In addition, eight other insurgents were wounded. "Last night, a group of armed Taliban launched a coordinated attack on Afghan National Border Police check posts in Wali Was region, Giyan district of Paktika province," it said. "Afghan National Border Police have repelled an attack in which five armed Taliban were killed and eight other armed Taliban were wounded," it said. The statement did not provide further details. The Taliban has not yet commented. *(Tolnews)*

Uruzgan Woman Stabs Her Husband to Death

TARINKOT - A woman has stabbed her husband to death in Tarinkot, the capital of central Uruzgan province, an official said on Monday. Deputy police Chief Abdul Qawi Omari told Pajhwok Afghan News that the incident took place in Tarinkot city late on Sunday night. The family had recently moved to Tarinkot city form Dehruod district said Omari, adding the wife took help of her brothers in killing her husband. The perpetrators managed to flee the area, but a manhunt had been launched for them. The family had personal problems since long ago. An official at the civil hospital said a beheaded body was delivered to the hospital. *(Pajhwok)*

Badakhshan University Student Commits Suicide

FAIZABAD - A female university student in north-eastern Badakhshan province has committed suicide by hanging herself, an official said on Monday. Crime branch chief Col. Syed Mahrudin Anwari told Pajhwok Afghan News that Shukria, 20, was a previous year student at the Social Sciences Department of Badakhshan University. She came out of her room at midnight and hanged herself from a tree with a washing line, he said, adding the cause of her suicide could not be ascertained. An investigation is underway. Habibullah Hazem, the faculty dean, confirmed Shukria committed suicide between 12:00am to 1:00am when her hostel mates were sleeping. She attended classroom until 4:00pm and then studied her lessons till 10:00pm. He said Shukria had some psychological problem and used to do strange things during her classes. *(Pajhwok)*

Afghan U-19 Cricket Team Returns Home after Beating Bangladesh

KABUL - The Afghan U-19 national cricket team returned home on Monday after defeating hosts Bangladesh in the five match One Day International (ODI) series in Sylhet city. The Afghan team won three matches, Bangladesh won one match, and one match was a draw after being rained out. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Popular Afghan Singer Aryana Honored with Bravery Award

KABUL - The Afghanistan National Institute Of Music (ANIM) on Sunday honored well known singer, Aryana Sayeed, with an award for bravery. Aryana has held public music concerts on a number of occasions in Afghanistan, including her show to mark Afghanistan's Independence Day in August. This comes amid strong ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Notorious Taliban Commander Kills Driver for 'Spying'

MAIMANA - A notorious Taliban commander has shot dead his driver on the charge of spying in the Khawaja Sabzposh district of northwestern Farayb province. Mullah Ameen, the Taliban commander in the district, identified the victim as Jan Agha, alias Abdullah, a resident of Maimana, ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Insecurity on Kabul-Gardez Highway Worries Residents



PUL-I-ALAM - Residents and provincial council members of central Logar province complain of growing insecurity on the Kabul-Gardez highway. Taliban militants allegedly search cars plying the route. A provincial council member, Hasibullah Stanikzai, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban were launching attacks on the highway on a daily basis -- an issue that has created problems for passengers. "Police are responsible for ensuring security on this busy highway, but they have failed to do so," he charged, demanding protection of passengers. Sayed Qaribullah Sadat, another provincial council member, held a similar view. He said the militants stopped and searched cars on

the highway daily. Most of Logar areas were already under the control of the Taliban, who wanted to extend their influence to the highway too, he said. The public representative, without giving evidence, said they had received the complaints from local residents. Security officials were responsible for addressing the problem, they added. Mohammadullah, a resident of Ali Khan village on the outskirts of Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital, said: "Taliban attack military vehicles on the road, leading to intense fighting." Some days back, hundreds of cars and people were stranded on both sides of the Kabul-Gardez highway ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries You're ready to jump into an uncomfortable relationship discussion because you believe your words can act as a healing balm. Giant Jupiter shifts into your 8th House of Deep Sharing, encouraging you to step beyond lighthearted chatter. You have no shortage of thoughts to discuss, but if your intervention just sounds like noise to the others involved, they might want you to stop talking.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus You might profess your attraction to someone, only to find your feelings thwarted. Romantic Venus opposes wounded Chiron in your 11th House of Social Networking, stressing the boundaries between friends and lovers. Thankfully, buoyant Jupiter moves into your 7th House of Others, inspiring you to look past any current uncertainties to see the positive potential of relationships.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini Meaningful connections are elusive today, leaving you to wonder what you are missing. Everyone seems to be on your case, judging your behavior for no reason at all. However, the world is not necessarily out to get you; your current attitude has a larger impact on the reactions you receive than you realize. Nevertheless, you won't likely fix everything now, regardless of what you do.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer Explaining your feelings sounds like more trouble than it's worth today. You're content to pass your time hiding out under the covers, but unfortunately, the world might not let you escape so easily. You must push through your own resistance and step into the spotlight now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo You're happiest today when you are in the company of your closest friends and family. Jupiter's move into your 4th House of Domestic Conditions resonates with your desire for emotional security. You're not interested in wasting your time or energy on irrelevant projects, but you are willing to do whatever is necessary to rejuvenate your system.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Virgo When it's quiet today, you quickly long for a distraction. But when it's noisy, you remember how much you prefer silence. Either way, you want what you don't have. However, excessive Jupiter's entry into your 3rd House of Communication increases your need for heartfelt interactions. Unfortunately, satisfaction is impossible when you expect more than what is available.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra An old emotional wound may resurface today, preventing you from realizing a dream. Spending time exploring your fantasies sounds like fun, but actualizing them requires a considerable amount of work. Fortunately, you can enjoy envisioning your next great adventure without actually going there yet.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio You are standing on the precipice of a wondrous journey. Joyful Jupiter enters transformational Scorpio and your 1st House of Self for a yearlong visit, closing one chapter of your life and opening the next. Reflect over the past year to reassess your successes and your failures. Take an inventory of all unfinished business so you can effectively allocate your time.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sagittarius You have a new theme song today. Harry Nilsson sang, "Everybody's talkin' at me, but I can't hear a word they're saying, only the echoes of my mind." The loquacious Gemini Moon in your 7th House of Others might be enough to fill your world with an endless stream of verbal yammering. However, it's boisterous Jupiter's presence in your 12th House of Soul Consciousness that creates the psychic reverberations in the vast halls of your imagination.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

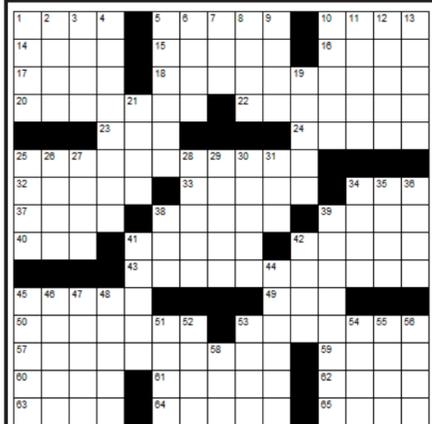
Capricorn There are so many items on your to-do list that you don't know where to start. It may even feel like a hopeless cause, since you surely won't be able to complete all of your work now. Thankfully, bountiful Jupiter enters your 11th House of Long-Term Goals, shifting your focus from the specifics of today's chores to the generalities of tomorrow's horizons.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius Although your mind is overflowing with a surplus of innovative thoughts today, they won't necessarily lead to a productive outcome. Nevertheless, propitious Jupiter moves into your 10th House of Career, increasing your chances for a promotion. Don't let an ingenious idea or ambitious plan fade back into the shadows of your subconscious mind before you have a chance to act on it.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces You try to avoid doing anything that creates unnecessary stress today. However, your personal life is a source of emotional turmoil now that romantic Venus opposes wounded Chiron in your sensitive sign. Meanwhile, journeying Jupiter enters your 9th House of Distant Horizons, and your immediate concerns dissipate as you look further into your future. But your optimism is not sufficient to put bread on your table.



Across

- Cogs, 5. Heroic tales, 10. Decay from overripening, 14. Buckeye State, 15. Hunger for, 16. Disabled, 17. Lascivious look, 18. A payment of money, 20. Memory loss, 22. Cocoyam
- Bite, 24. Donkeys, 25. Singer or comedian, 32. False front 33. Spirals, 34. A spider spins this, 37. Contributes, 38. Well-known, 39. Disappear gradually 40. Former North African ruler, 41. A pinnacle of ice, 42. Leave out 43. Curator, 45. A fencing sword, 49. 3 in Roman numerals, 50. Beat thoroughly, 53. Shellfish, 57. Deckhand, 59. Weightlifters pump this, 60. Feudal worker, 61. Hackneyed, 62. 1 less than 10, 63. Marries 64. Anagram of "Doles" 65. A measuring instrument,

Down

- Soft drink, 2. Throat-clearing sound, 3. Bearing, 4. Achyness, 5. A written version of a play, 6. Region, 7. A leg (slang), 8. Keen, 9. Bristle, 10. Feelings of boredom, 11. Paths
- Master of ceremonies, 13. Adolescents, 19. Russian emperors 21. "Your majesty"
25. Quaint outburst, 26. Naked, 27. Neat, 28. Fruit of the oak tree, 29. Scintillas, 30. Daughter of a sibling, 31. A late time of life, 34. Pause, 35. Cocoyam, 36. Ale, 38. Prefix meaning "Modern", 39. Thrashing, 41. Smell 42. Wicked, 44. Rampaged, 45. Scatter, 46. Got up, 47. Confined, 48. Tricks, 51. Felines, 52. River of Spain, 53. Speechless, 54. Murres, 55. A short musical composition, 56. Leg joint 58. Petroleum

Yesterday's Solution

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