

Official Says Gov't to Probe Recent Fall of Kunduz City

KABUL - The Afghan government will investigate the recent fall of the northern Kunduz city to the Taliban militants, spokesman for Presidential Palace Haroon Chakhansori said Sunday. "The reason for the fall of Kunduz would be investigated and those found responsible would be punished," Chakhansori told reporters at a press conference here. Kunduz city, the capital of the northern Kunduz province, 250 km north of Kabul, fell to the



Taliban militants on Oct. 3, forcing more than 22,000 families to leave for safer places, besides hundreds of others, mostly civilians, being killed and injured. Government forces, after days of fierce fighting, were able to dislodge Taliban militants on Oct. 12 and since then normalcy has been returning to the city. However, Taliban militants, according to locals, are still posing serious threat to the city and its residents. (Xinhua)

'Illegal Afghans Not Being Forcibly Expelled from KP'

KABUL - Afghan officials based in Peshawar, the capital of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, say unregistered Afghans would not be forcibly expelled from the neighbouring country. It comes a day after Pakistani media reported that a crackdown was being launched against illegal Afghan refugees in the northwestern province on Sunday. But a statement issued by the Peshawar-based Afghan Ministry of Refugee and Repatriation's refugees affairs attaché said the issue had been discussed with Pakistani authorities. The statement said Khyber Pakhtunkhwa officials had rejected the launch of any operation against illegal Afghan refugees at the moment. The statement said refugee affairs attaché in Peshawar Abdul Hamid Jalili had met with Khyber ... (More on P4)... (11)

370,000 Afghans Returned Home from Pakistan: UN

ISLAMABAD - The United Nations says around 370,000 registered and undocumented Afghan refugees have returned home from neighboring Pakistan this year, with a significant spike since mid-July. The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Kabul

issued the figures Sunday, saying nearly 52,000 Afghans crossed the border into Afghanistan last week alone, the highest single figure recorded in a seven-day period since 2009. Tougher conditions. It stated that the spike in the number of returnees stems ... (More on P4)... (9)



5 Killed, 3 Hurt in Ghazni Road Mishap

KABUL CITY - At least five passengers were killed and three others injured in a car accident in southern Ghazni province on Kabul-Kandahar highway on Sunday, an official said. Ghazni Traffic Director Mohammadullah Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News that a Corola modal car was crashed with a Truck in the outskirts of Moqur district on Kabul-Kandahar highway today noon. Five passengers including a woman and a child were killed and three others wounded in the incident. The injured were evacuated to hospital for treatment. Such accidents occur due to drivers' negligence and bad road ... (More on P4)... (10)

4 Jundullah Affiliates Planting Bombs Arrested in Takhar

KABUL - Four members of a militant group Jundullah have been arrested in Dashti-Qala district of northern Takhar province, the spy service said on Sunday. A statement from the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said the four men were captured red-handed planting roadside bombs in the district. The statement identified the detainees as Inayatullah, Faizullah, Mohammad Akbar and Abdul Hadi. (Pajhwok)

MoD Concerned Over Military Hardware Seized by Taliban

KABUL - Following reports about the seizing of military equipment, including armored vehicles, by the Taliban, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said on Sunday that it is a matter of concern but they have plans to eliminate or recover the equipment from the insurgents. "We are not rejecting this. Military equipment - including Humvees - was seized by Taliban when some security check posts were overrun by the mili-

tants. It is a concerning issue," said MoD spokesman Dawlat Waziri. He added: "The equipment must be destroyed or recovered. We have plans in this respect." Meanwhile, former Kunduz governor Hamdullah Danishi said nearly 45 armored vehicles are in the Taliban's possession in the province. "Taliban [militants] have seized a lot of military equipment from security ... (More on P4)... (13)

Nangarhar Blind People Demand Special School



JALALABAD - Blind people have demanded the establishment of a special school to resolve their issues regarding education in eastern Nangarhar province. The visually impaired people organized a gathering aimed at appealing for their rights while observing the White Cane Safety Day here. They called cultural restrictions, non-provision of their rights at homes and problems in their education as hurdles to their

welfare and living style. The Nangarhar Blind Union Head, Fazal Ghani Bashardost, on the sidelines of the gathering told Pajhwok Afghan News the government was yet to keep its promise of establishing a special school for the blinds. "The education minister promised me and told me to bring a letter from local education department; but the education department officials do not cooperate with me in this ... (More on P4)... (14)

Some 1,000 New Graduates Join ANA

KABUL - Some 1,000 newly graduated Afghan army soldiers on Sunday joined the country's national army, according to an army officer. "As many as 1,000 soldiers were commissioned to Afghan National Army (ANA) on Sunday morning. The newly graduates had received a three-month training at Kabul Military Train-



ing Center (KMTC) in eastern Kabul," Captain Barat Ali Rizae told Xinhua. The newly graduates would be deployed to the countryside to provide security for their people, he said. The latest graduation came as the Taliban militants have escalated operations over the past couple of months and fierce ... (More on P4)... (12)

14 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Ghazni Operation

KABUL - At least 14 Taliban insurgents were killed in a military operation in central Ghazni province on Saturday, 203 Tandar Military Corps said in a statement. In addition, three other insurgents were injured. "The operation is being carried out under the name of "Sultan" in Muqor and Qarabagh districts of the province and is still ongoing to clear the insurgents," according to the statement. The statement also said that 45 other people who were in a Taliban prison were released during a military operation in Gero district of the province - this was done with the cooperation of ... (More on P4)... (15)

Over 7,000 War-Displaced People Stream to Kandahar City

KANDAHAR CITY - More than 7,000 families have been displaced to southern Kandahar province as result of escalating clashes in the southern region. The families have been displaced from Helmand, Uruzgan and Zabul and five districts of Kandahar to the capital of the province.



Hundreds of families have already received aid. More affected households would receive assistance after an ongoing survey is completed. Natural Disaster Management Authority head, Masoud Ahmad Pashtun, told Pajhwok Afghan News 5,000 ... (More on P4)... (16)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Relationship insecurity could sap your vitality today as you exert your need for independence. The feelings of a significant other can be a major source of concern as the Full Moon in your impulsive sign opposes the Sun in your 7th House of Partnerships. Hopefully, you've already made significant decisions that are positively affecting your personal life. Now it's time to take things to the next level.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You may be more tempted to flee than to fight when the spontaneous Aries Full Moon lights up your 12th House of Escapism. However, it's far healthier to lead than to follow when it comes to conflict resolution. Ultimately, the message is simple: stay conscious of the impact of your actions before making your move.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You're inclined to take a risk before considering all the ramifications of your current actions, leading to an unscheduled lesson in instant karma if you extend too far. You're eager to take charge of your life as the incorrigible Aries Full Moon highlights your 11th House of Long-Term Goals, pushing you forward whether you're fully prepared or not. However, you could lose your sense of direction if you move too quickly.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Unexpected changes in your daily routine are best met with short-term solutions now. Try not to overreact if your status at home or in the community feels threatened. Take whatever time you need to fully assess a situation that's still in flux. Although the Aries Full Moon brings instability to your 10th House of Career.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Complications at work and at home won't likely be simplified until you reveal your new personal vision for the future. Nevertheless, you must handle any misunderstandings that arise before you can take complete advantage of the fearless energy of the Aries Full Moon that shines in your 9th House of Big Ideas.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Intense discussions with a business or personal partner tend to gravitate toward financial topics today. A heated debate may reopen old wounds and, hopefully, release their toxic effects once and for all. A reassessment of jointly held property may be required as the Aries Full Moon rattles your 8th House of Shared Resources. An unstable relationship might be pushed right to the edge.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Although it might seem as if you're standing still, the powerful tides are actually changing directions. The enterprising Aries Full Moon energizes your 7th House of Partners, revealing an entirely new path that you can take into your future. Unfortunately, it's not yet clear where the current circumstances are leading. Nevertheless, your negotiating skills are being called into action as you attempt to settle an old score.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You may be highly sensitive to invisible forces as conversations deepen, sending your thoughts inward to unravel the mystery of relationships. A clear sense of your identity is your foundation for learning what you need from others. However, a crisis in awareness is in the making when the pioneering Aries Full Moon occurs in your 6th House of Health and Habits.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Participating in new forms of merriment and self-expression is exhilarating as long as you don't upset your friends and colleagues by ignoring their immediate concerns. The spontaneous Aries Full Moon brightens your 5th House of Love and Play, tempting you to leap before you look. If your restlessness makes you too impatient to get along with others, work independently until the dust settles.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Wild ideas and chaotic communication continue to spike your nervous system, leaving you so wired that it's impossible to relax. A squabble with a relative is possible as the combative Aries Full Moon lands in your 4th House of Home and Family. Thankfully, a quantum leap in awareness can clear the decks of outmoded dreams, making way for exciting new ones.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



It may be wise to stick to your position today, but you can inadvertently put everything at risk if you attempt to take advantage of someone else's weakness. Holding your ground requires diligence now that the Aries Full Moon destabilizes your 3rd House of Communication. But don't raise the stakes on the game by turning an inconsequential skirmish into an unpleasant confrontation.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Trouble surfaces when a stark contrast between your priorities and those of someone you trust is brought to light. Money matters could come to a head when the reactive Aries Full Moon illuminates your 2nd House of Income. If you recently rushed into a financial commitment, it may be cheaper to back out now than to push your luck further. Economic independence is an admirable goal.

Across

- An amount of medicine, 5. Against, 9. Plateau, 13. Rectum, 14. Salamanders, 16. Black, in poetry, 17. An enclosed conduit, 18. Perspiration, 19. Gait faster than a walk, 20. Academy award, 22. Communications device, 24. French for "State", 26. Crown, 27. Armory, 30. Medical building, 33. Rumormonger, 35. Style, 37. Santa's helper, 38. Enlighten, 41. Knave, 42. Two, 45. Hammering, 48. Small in degree, 51. Flattery, 52. Rise rapidly, 54. Type of sword, 55. Ottoman, 59. Our planet, 62. Doing nothing, 63. European currency (plural), 65. Have the nerve, 66. French for "Black", 67. Expels, 68. Decorative case, 69. Press, 70. Being, 71. "Reed" backwards.

Down

- Carpenter's groove, 2. Burden, 3. Prospering, 4. Demesnes, 5. Autonomic nervous system, 6. Colorful salamander, 7. Sound from a nest, 8. Slanted font, 9. Colorless odorless gas, 10. River of Spain, 11. Any day now, 12. Kitty (poker), 15. Pilfer, 21. Hindu princess, 23. Snob, 25. Adhesive strip, 27. Matured, 28. Parts portrayed, 29. Directed, 31. Burn, 32. Large long-necked wading bird, 34. Tear, 36. Jittery, 39. Watch chain, 40. Christmas season, 43. Well, 44. Prima donna performers, 46. Back of the neck, 47. Feared, 49. Despises, 50. A company of performers, 53. Open skin infections, 55. French for Finished or Done, 56. Smell, 57. Hodgepodge, 58. Not high, 60. Not false, 61. Inheritor, 64. South southeast.

Yesterday's Solution

ambush, anchor, arrest, avenue, baler, barbecue, bellhop, betray, case, corner, corral, craft, cute, dare, defense, enter, essence, feeble, field, flake, flavor, hate, hushpuppy, maintain, market, muffler, mutant, rife, rustic, scrape, silly, start, state, still, tough.

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