

14 Injured as Residents, Returnees Clash in Takhar

TALOQAN - More than a dozen people were injured after local residents and returning refugees clashed in Dasht Kala district of northeastern Takhar province on Saturday. Abdullah, 60, one of the returnees in the area, told Pajhwok Afghan News that he spent 28 years in Pakistan and recently repatriated to his own area. He said a number of local residents attacked them and injured a number of his family members. "Hundreds of local residents late on Friday evening attacked our tents, we defended our families, but five members of my family including a woman were injured in the scuffle," he said. Abdullah said he once came to his area in 2003 to give his land on rent. "I have legal ownership documents of my land," he said. Bibi Halima, the woman who was injured



and now in Takhar Civil Hospital, said local residents had previously warned them to leave the area. "The holy Quran was in my hand when they beat me and broke my hand, they destroyed our tents, Pakistan deported us and now our own people do not allow us to live here," she said. Sharafatullah, a resident of Saksa area of Dasht Kala district, said that the returnees had no legal documents of the land they currently resided on and they wanted to occupy it. He said local residents tried to expel the returnees who reacted and entered a physical clash with them. He said nine local people were injured. Takhar governor's spokesman, Sunatullah Timori, said a delegation had been sent to the area for ... (More on P4)... (15)

All Feared Dead as Vehicle Plunges Into Deep Ravine



QALA-INAW - A vehicle carrying an unknown number of passengers plunged into a deep ravine in northwestern Badghis province, officials said Saturday, fearing all those inside the land-cruiser might be dead. The vehicle fell around 2,000 metres down from Sabzak Pass in a valley along the Qala-i-Naw-Herat highway. The highway protection commander, Col. Mohammad Qasem, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place late on Friday. The vehicle was heading from Badghis to Herat province and the exact number of those onboard was not yet known. According to Qasem, the land cruiser type vehicle plying the highway usually took 12 passengers. Police have so far recovered two dead bodies from the accident area. Qasem said searching for the remaining bodies continued despite threat from militants and wild animals in the area. (Pajhwok)

Former Wardak Police Chief Stopped at Mazar Airport

KABUL - Khalil Andarabi, former Wardak Police chief, has been stopped at Mazar-i-Sharif airport and prevented from traveling to Turkey, officials said Saturday. Balkh security officials said that Andarabi was on his way to Turkey from Mazar-i-Sharif airport last Sunday when stopped by airport officials. Officials said the former police chief of Wardak was stopped

on charges of collaborating with the Taliban. Andarabi, was officially investigated over the alleged transfer of the Taliban's designated spy chief in Baghlan, Qari Zahir, in a police vehicle. The Afghan government acted swiftly when rumors surfaced about Andarabi's involvement in the transfer of the Taliban's spy boss and appointed a task team to investigate the matter. Zahir was recently wound-



ed in military action by security forces in the province. He was caught while traveling in a Wardak police vehicle. He had allegedly been on his way to Pakistan, via Kabul at the time. ... (More on P4)... (16)

Civilians, Border Policemen Suffer Casualties in Zabol Offensives

KABUL - Two civilians and a border policeman have been killed and two civilians and a policeman wounded in a clash in Shamlazi district of southern Zabol province, an official said on Saturday. Gul Islam Seal, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the incident took place when a large number of Taliban militants attacked border security posts near the Durand Line in the district. He said two civilians were killed and two others injured in the clash. One border policeman was also killed and another wounded in the few hour fire-fight. Seal claimed that the Taliban militants also suffered casualties. Taliban did not comment on the incident so far. (Pajhwok)

1 Policeman Dead, 3 Hurt in Kandahar Suicide Bombing

KANDAHAR CITY - One policeman was killed and three others wounded in a suicide bombing in Kandahar City, the capital of southern Kandahar province, on Saturday, an official said. Police Spokesman Zia Durrani told Pajhwok Afghan News the bombing was carried out though a Saracha type of vehicle at around 10:30am in Teri Ade locality situated in the limits of 9th police district. He said the target of suicide attacker was police chief of the 9th police district but he luckily survived the attack. Sources from the Mirwis Hospital in Kandahar City said three injured had been evacuated to the hospital from the scene of suicide bombing who were out of danger now. (Pajhwok)

27 ISIS Militants among 87 Killed in Afghan Forces Operations: MoD

KABUL - At least 84 militants including 27 loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group were killed during the counter-terrorism operations in the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Saturday. According to a statement by MoD, the operations were jointly conducted by the Afghan army, Afghan police, and security personnel from the other institutions, including the Afghan Air Force.



The statement further added that the operations were conducted in Nangarhar, Paktia, Paktika, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabol, Badghis, Herat, Farah, Faryab, Baghlan, Kunduz, and Helmand provinces. At least 36 of the militants were killed in Kajaki and Lashkargah district of Helmand province, MoD ... (More on P4)... (17)

Child, Senior Taliban Killed in Separate Jawzjan Incidents

SHIBERGHAN - A Taliban commander and a child have been killed in two separate incidents in northern Jawzjan province, an official said Saturday. The governor's spokesman, Mohammad Reza Ghafoori, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Asami Haji Murad, a Taliban commander, was killed in an airstrike in Arab village of Qush Tepa district on Friday. He said two of his accomplices were injured in the incident. Murad had been involved

in destructive activities against the Afghan forces. The Taliban have not yet commented about their commander's death. In a separate incident, Ghafoori said a 12-year-old boy was killed in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast in Khwaja Burhan area of Shiberghan city, the provincial capital. He said the child was playing with the device when it exploded. IEDs left over from the past wars sometimes cause such incidents, he said. (Pajhwok)

5 Rebels Killed in Kunar Drone Strikes

ASADABAD - At least five insurgents have been killed in a US drone attack in Ghaziabad district of eastern Kunar province, officials said Saturday. Governor's spokesman Abdul Ghani Musamim told Pajhwok Afghan News, five militants were killed in a foreign forces drone attack in Algal village of the district late on Friday. A week back, 26 Al Qaeda members including a number of their notorious



individuals were killed in similar attacks in Ghaziabad district. US minister of foreign affair had said that two Al Qaeda commanders known as Farooq Alqatani and Bilal Alatabi were targeted in the attacks. A newsletter released by Afghan National Directorate Security (NDS) confirmed the two Al Qaeda ... (More on P4)... (18)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Although you're known for initiating action without a lot of fanfare, setting your plans into motion seems like an uphill battle now. Only yesterday you couldn't find a reason to say no; today you might not be able to say yes. Your current self-restraint is a blessing as long as you don't take it too far. Thoughtfully consider all the logical reasons to keep your big ideas to yourself.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

What seems like a simple financial decision grows more complicated if a partner or friend voices disapproval of your current priorities. But it's not just someone's negative judgment that bothers you now, because it feels as if their emotional support is being withheld, too. There's no reason to overreact by turning this minor disagreement into a major drama.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A significant relationship might be going through an emotionally volatile phase now as adjustments are being made to accommodate a change in circumstances. It feels as if you can't count on the love and support from someone you believed to be a close ally. However, it's your reaction to their behavior that could have the greatest negative impact. Don't aggravate the situation by withdrawing out of fear.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Making healthy improvements in your lifestyle doesn't have to be as overwhelming as you imagine. Don't toss the baby out with the bathwater and change so much at once that your daily routine is thrown into chaos. Instead, take advantage of restrictive Saturn's alignment with sweet Venus by eliminating one unhealthy indulgence of your choice.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

A day of recovery and integration follows a recent opening of your heart in a vulnerable situation. Needless to say, reestablishing boundaries may be necessary, but doesn't feel as warm and fuzzy as tearing them down. It's not easy to express your emotions while a constrictive Venus-Saturn conjunction subdues the energy in your 5th House of Romance.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Feeling at home is challenging today, even if your domestic situation is a happy one. Little disagreements with a family member are distracting; unexpressed emotions create hidden vortexes of energy that can pull you down. Trying to overcome unspoken negativity is like fighting your way out of quicksand. Stop struggling and accept where you are. Slow and purposeful movements are more productive than madly kicking and flailing your arms.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It's one thing to create a grand life plan; it's something else to explain your ideas to another person today. Sobering Saturn squashes vulnerable Venus in your 3rd House of Communication, stopping you from saying anything about your dreams for the future. You might struggle to find the right words, only to realize they can't convey your vision the way you see it unfolding in your mind's eye.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

There's no question at all about where you stand on a particular matter today. When push comes to shove, you're willing to demonstrate your commitment to your core values without regard to the emotional price you might have to pay. Honoring a strong conviction is admirable as long as it doesn't create an insurmountable schism.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your friends and relatives may wonder if you're okay today if you seem more somber than your regular free-spirited self. Stoic Saturn prevents romantic Venus from showing her playful side now; lighthearted flirtation is replaced by heavyweight philosophy. However, what others think of you is less important than how you feel about yourself. Don't fall into Saturn's steel trap by alienating your closest allies.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You might feel the weight of the world on your shoulders today, but have no particular reason for taking on all this heaviness. It's as if you can't separate your personal feelings from global problems. Instead of just moping your way through the weekend, take some time to delve into your malaise to figure out what's wrong. Confronting the negativity may be enough to banish it from your current experience.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Unfortunately, you lose touch with your own sense of purpose when you feel cut off from your support network. Today's austere Venus-Saturn conjunction lands in your 11th House of Community, placing an artificial wall between you and your coworkers, friends and family. But retreating from the crowd only feeds into your lack of confidence.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Although you might have the weekend off to relax, you could end up obsessing about a difficult change of dynamics on the job. Perhaps a recent shift in the political landscape has left you feeling insecure about your future. Or, maybe you're just realizing how much work it will take to accomplish your career objectives. Your assessment is probably accurate, but your reaction is likely based on an irrational fear of failure.

Across

1. Road or bridge fees, 6. Gush, 10. Half of ten, 14. Bay window, 15. Novice, 16. Always, 17. Anagram of "Space", 18. Arab chieftain, 19. Former Italian currency, 20. A large African antelope, 22. In order to prevent, 23. Composer Jerome _____, 24. Jinx, 26. Fecal matter of animals, 30. Big wine holder, 31. Airport code for Ottawa Canada, 32. Region, 33. Black, in poetry, 35. Mentally prepare, 39. Make pure, 41. Coastal, 43. Performed, 44. Therefore, 46. Weightlifters pump this, 47. Hemp, 49. In the past, 50. Church benches, 51. Materialize, 54. Carryall, 56. Anger, 57. Beyond belief, 63. Harvest, 64. Well-behaved, 65. Small islands, 66. Skin disease.

Down

1. Nonsense (British), 2. Killer whale, 3. Teller of untruths, 4. Past tense of Leap, 5. Streamlined, 6. Capable of being directed, 7. Salad pepper, 8. Anagram of "Sire", 9. Deserving, 10. Companionship, 11. Overgrown with ivy, 12. Left-hand page, 13. Muse of love poetry, 21. Chamfer, 25. Klutz's cry, 26. Early 20th-century art movement, 27. Relating to urine, 28. Where a bird lives, 29. Doorman, 34. Grudging, 36. Bygone era, 37. Gloat, 38. Female chickens, 40. Bright thought, 42. Hangman's knot, 45. Omnivorous nocturnal mammal, 48. Cold, 51. Tapestry, 52. Portion, 53. Aircraft, 55. Decree, 58. Connecting point, 59. Small island, 60. Make unclear, 61. Dregs.

Yesterday's Solution

alarm, apparent, attempt, bacon, beats, behind, brand, buddy, catch, close, clown, dam, defeat, deplete, dive, dots, engine, fault, follow, friend, goal, happen, lint, lucky, marry, naked, near, pleasant, pregnant, prime, scary, scout, space, start, state.

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