

NDS Arrests 30 Suspects in Recent Kabul Attacks

KABUL - The spy service on Monday claimed arresting 30 Haqqani Network and Taliban's Peshawar Shura members involved in a string of recent terrorist attacks in Kabul and a planned attack on the Presidential Palace. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) in a statement said the men had been detained on the outskirts of capital Kabul. They included Qarijanaan, the Taliban's shadow district chief for DehSabbz district, who belonged to the Peshawar Shura. Other detainees included Israr Ahmad, Malik and Mustafa, leaders of the groups who carried out terrorist attacks in Shah Shaheed, the Kabul Airport and Macrorayan areas, it said. The NDS statement termed the arrested individuals as dangerous and said they had been planning another 13 attacks in Kabul. The three...*(More on P4)...(20)*

KUNDUZ CITY - The Water and Energy Department of northern Kunduz province on Monday named 670 electricity bill defaulters including some government entities and powerful individuals owing more than 190 million afghanis in outstanding amounts. The department director, Eng. Hamidullah, told journalists that some powerful individuals and civil and military agencies had been refusing to pay their electricity arrears for years. Showing documents in support of his claims, the director said the police headquarters owed the Energy Department



20 million afghanis, the governor's office three million afis, the municipality one million afis, the provincial civil hospital six million afis, the central prison four million afis, SHERKhan port's customs office two million afis and the public health department two million afis. He said some powerful individuals who had been notified were yet to clear their dues. Hamidullah also named some individuals like Zalmay, Sher Ahmad, Haji Azim, Abdul Qudus, Mullah Buri and Mohammad Ishaq who had to clear their outstanding dues...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Kandahar Information Director Wounded in Ambush



KANDAHAR CITY - The information and culture director of southern Kandahar province was wounded in an armed attack by unidentified gunmen Monday morning.

The governor's spokesman, SamimKhpalwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News Director Hazrat-WaliHotak was attacked by two armed motorcyclists in the 2nd police district at around 8am. He said Hotak suffered bullet injuries and was evacuated to hospital. The attackers managed to escape, but a search has been mounted in the area.

A doctor at the Mirwisai Civil Hospital in Kandahar City told Pajhwok the information director was under treatment for a shoulder injury. The official is said to be in stable condition.

HazratWaliHotak, who previously served as a teacher at the Kandahar University, was recently appointed as information director. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack.

Some years back, then information director Abdul Majeed Babe had been killed in a similar ambush by the Taliban insurgents. *(Pajhwok)*

Taliban Release Biography of Mullah Mansour

KABUL - In the preface of the biography, it has been reiterated that Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour is the legitimate leader of the Taliban. The biography begins with the Date of Birth and Place of Birth of Mullah Mansour. It states that he was born in 1968 in Band-i-Taimoor village of Maiwand District of southern Kandahar province According to the biography when Soviets invaded Afghanistan, Mullah Mansour left his religious education unfinished and joined the 'Jihad' against

them. It adds that after the collapse of Soviet Union he put down his arms and when Taliban took over the country he joined the Taliban ranks and worked on different posts including the minister for aviation and tourism. According to the information, Mullah Mansour again took his arm to fight when their regime was collapsed in 2001. Besides being a member of Taliban's central Shura (council) he was given deferent responsibilities. When Mullah OmbaidullahAkhund was

arrested, Mullah Mansour was then appointed as the second deputy to Mullah Mohammad Omar. The information further states that when Mullah ObaidullahAkhund died in the captivity of Pakistani forces in 2010 and Mullah Abdul GhaniBaradar was arrested, Mullah Mansour was then appointed as the deputy head and general in-charge of all operational activities. It further states that when Mullah Omar died on 23rd April 2013 and several key members ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Uprising Commander Guns Down 2 Faryab Elders



MAIMANA - An uprising group commander killed two elders in revenge for the death of his supporters in the Pashtunkot district of northern Faryab province, an official said on Monday. An influential resident, wishing not to be named, told Pajhwok Afghan News commander Fatah was collecting Ushr from farmers on Sunday when unidentified gunmen ambushed them and killed three of his supporters in Pashtoonkot. He said after the incident, Fatah went to the site and killed two old men. A large number of residents carried the victims' bodies to the district center, seeking deterrent punishment for the perpetrators. However, district chief Abdul Qadir Qadiri said three supporters of Fatah were killed in a Taliban ambush while the civilians were gunned down in an ensuing fires exchange between the two sides. Meanwhile, The Taliban claimed killing three Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel and wounding a fourth in an ambush. They said two bikes, two Kalashnikovs and some ammunition were also seized. On the other hand, the district chief said unknown gunmen kidnapped the son of an influential individual while two houses were torched as result of a dispute between two rival groups in the Chahartoot area of the district last night. *(Pajhwok)*

Taliban Commander Kill His Mother, Wife and 2 Children with Own Bomb

FARAH CITY - At least four family members of a Taliban commander was killed in an explosion in western Farah province of Afghanistan, local officials said. The incident took place inside the local Taliban commander's house, leaving his mother, wife and two children dead. The circumstances surrounding the incident have not been ascertained so far but it is believed that the incident took place during the composition of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). Farah is among the relatively volatile provinces in western Afghanistan where anti-government

armed militant groups are actively operating in a number of its districts and often carry out insurgency activities. Taliban militants frequently use Improvised Explosive Device (IED) as the weapon of their choice to target the security forces however the civilians are mostly targeted in such attacks. The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) in a report earlier this year highlighted that 'Anti-Government Elements' remain responsible for 72 per cent of all civilian casualties. In another report earlier in April this year, UNAMA ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

Supporters, Opponents of Mullah Mansour Clash in Zabul

QALAT - A fierce clash has broken out between two rival Taliban factions over the insurgency leadership crisis in southern Zabul province, with both the sides suffering casualties, a public representative said on Monday. The armed conflict that erupted last night in the Khak Afghan district involved Taliban fighters loyal to the group's new leader Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour and a battlefield commander, Mansour Dadullah, said DaudGulzar, a member of the provincial council.



He told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash broke out after a group of Taliban clerics failed to reconcile the two sides. He said Mullah Mansour had asked Mansour Dadullah to pledge

allegiance to him, but Dadullah accused the new Taliban leader of killing the movement's founder and longtime supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Shah Shaheed Bombing Victims Protest Delay in Compensation

KABUL - Relatives of the Shah Shaheed truck bombing victims on Monday said they were spending nights in ruined houses and the government was yet to keep promises of helping them. At least 15 civilians were killed and nearly 500 others wounded in the huge midnight explosion on August 7. A market was also destroyed and hundreds houses in the Kabul neighbourhood damaged. No groups have so far claimed responsibility for the attack. Tens of victims of the incident protested against the government's inability to keep the promises and its lethargic response to their plight. One of them, Mohammad Ta-



hir Sultani, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "We do not want food from the government; instead we want our homes reconstructed. We want to live in an honourable way." He said a bag of flour and some cooking...*(More on P4)...(24)*

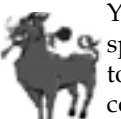
Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You want to swoop in and heroically save the day as you negotiate for the common good. Nevertheless, you're not fully prepared to set aside your personal needs now that the sensitive Moon is hanging out in your sign. Walking the fine line between fighting for a cause and honoring your own priorities is your number one challenge today. No one expects you to drop everything.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You surprise others by bringing a highly spiritual perspective to your relationships today. Thankfully, you can count on your common sense to keep you grounded while you gather facts and gain much-needed clarity. But don't pretend you know exactly what's going on now; allow yourself to drift in the imaginary dimensions, even if it makes you uneasy.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You may find yourself swinging back and forth like a pendulum between the largest possible view of your life and the tiniest of details. Your imagination is soaring, allowing you to see every issue from a global perspective today. But it's difficult to act on a grandiose vision while floating up in the clouds. Bringing your mental meandering back down to earth is highly advisable now. Find small ways to move toward the big picture and you'll be fine.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You're not as resistant to change as everyone thinks. After all, the Crab's daily rhythms are intimately entangled with the constantly shifting tides. But as emotional currents finally begin to turn today, it's challenging to tell which way the waters will ultimately flow. Float in place for a little while longer; once the confusion clears you can happily set sail while the wind is blowing in your direction.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



If a close friend or partner is hard to read, it may be that your own confusion is broadcasting mixed messages which now echo back to you. If you are uncertain about a relationship, don't fall into the trap of acting as if everything is okay. By covering up your feelings today, you are setting the stage for more misunderstandings to surface tomorrow.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Your spiritual curiosity is growing by leaps and bounds today, while your current metaphysical interests take on greater significance. Subtle changes are occurring in your energy field now, even if their effects aren't yet visible. Although there are shifts on the horizon, the transformation is already beginning in your subconscious. Nothing useful comes from worrying about things you can't control.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You are proud of being the uncontested champ of the balancing act, yet you're feeling somewhat unsettled today. The cosmic conflict between the willful Sun and surreal Neptune pulls you in two directions. Part of you is busy ascending into spiritual realms as another part sticks around to handle the very real limitations of the material world. You may idealize the situation, yet it is essential to see things as they truly are now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Although you might not know your exact destination these days, your role in the outer world is still highly significant to you. You wonder if you should doggedly pursue your career or focus your efforts on the creative dimensions of your life. However, there aren't any quick and easy answers to your existential dilemma.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You often gravitate toward the most outrageous projects, since you enjoy living life on the edge. But the problem is you may not always attend to all the details and sometimes they can come back to haunt you. You don't have a strong inclination to return from your current dreams yet if you're wandering through the outer limits of the universe. However, you might not have a choice if unexpected changes at work require you to be on your toes.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You feel the need to change things up in your everyday life but you're clueless on where to begin. Start by pulling away from more practical realms since magical Neptune is lifting you into the clouds of illusion now, making it tricky to keep both feet on the ground anyhow. Although others might expect you to stick closely to the actual facts, you can easily misunderstand each other if you do.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Intimate relationships may be the source of great confusion today, especially if you don't pay close attention to what your partner is saying. In fact, it could take superhuman effort to hear the truth because words can get in the way of the real message. Don't force your perspective on anyone else. The solution to the current tension comes from recognizing multiple points of view.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Checking off each item on your list of things to do as early as possible allows you to get down to the important work of the day. The truth is that you may find it very challenging to maintain focus while the brilliant Sun opposes your key planet Neptune. Nevertheless, the cosmic advice is for you to spend more time daydreaming now rather than overcompensating with busy work. Today's spiritual journey feeds your imagination and nourishes your soul.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-65.

Across: 1. Crones, 5. Wide, 10. 20th-century art movement, 14. "Sure", 15. Eagle's nest, 16. Auspices, 17. Small horse, 18. Gar, 20. Part of Great Britain, 22. Quiet, 23. Half of a pair, 24. A noble gas, 25. The management of another's affairs, 32. Listens, 33. Unexpired, 34. South southeast, 37. Hens make them, 38. Herbaceous plant, 39. Talon, 40. Direction, 41. Devilfish, 42. Debonair, 43. Lobby, 45. Prickle, 49. Australian flightless bird, 50. Processed, 53. Overture, 57. Designed to be filled with air, 59. Largest continent, 60. Leg joint, 61. Districts, 62. T T T T, 63. Hearing organs, 64. Little, 65. At one time (archaic).
Down: 1. Hoopla, 2. Many millennia, 3. Mob, 4. Usurers, 5. Streamer, 6. Marsh plant, 7. Mineral rock, 8. Helps, 9. Sandwich shop, 10. Put off, 11. Growing old, 12. Popular dance music, 13. Pale with fright, 19. African antelope, 21. Rectum, 5. Expresses relief, 26. Indian music, 27. Unrestrained revelry, 28. garde, 29. Flavor, 30. Of a pelvic bone, 31. Petroleum, 34. Generous slice of the pie, 35. Rescue, 36. Pitcher, 38. Prohibit, 39. Amass, 41. Bread from Heaven, 42. Alike, 44. Unorthodox tenets, -3. 45wheeled vehicle, 46. Reddish brown, 47. Put forward, 48. Angers, 51. French for «State», 52. Have the nerve, 53. Scheme, 54. End, 55. Perishes, 56. Where the sun rises, 58. Spelling contest.

Yesterday's Solution: achievement, alley, around, bays, beige, blame, brink, cinema, clown, confusion, failure, fizzle, fracture, gaps, gleam, groom, gross, guest happy, hatch, hunch joint, leaf, maybe, moist, moment, murder, object, performance, real, relay.

Word search grid with words: FRACTURE, ALLEY, IRESULTZBEIGE, ZCRESENTAMKUA, ZOBJECTFYTBEC, LNHGROSSSURSH, EFALRELAIFYITI, JUPERFORMANCE, OSPAGROOMIKLV, IYMEMHUOLBOE, NOLDUAANMULWM, TNRRREYTDERANE, HUNCHBCINEMAN, MOISTEHZTVETT