

Massoud Foundation Calls on Supporters not to Fire Off Weapons

KABUL - Members of the Ahmad Shah Massoud Foundation on Monday called on its supporters to remain considerate to the people and not fire off weapons on Massoud Day, on Thursday.

Ahmad Wali Massoud, the head of the foundation, has warned that those who do not abide by this request will not be deemed supporters of martyred Ahmad Shah Massoud and that legal action will be taken against them.

Massoud said this year, the 15th anniversary of Massoud's assassination, will be celebrated under the name of "National Unity Government" in a bid to encourage



unity among the people.

For the past 15 years, September 8 is celebrated around the country as Massoud Day and is a public holiday.

"I wish that the days which we commemorate the martyrdom of Afghans should be changed into the days of solidarity and harmony and this week should be named the unity and harmony week," said Ahmad Wali Massoud, chairman of Massoud Foundation.

However, Kabul residents raised concerns over the high number of illegally armed men that drive through the city on Massoud Day ... (More on P4)...(15)

Taliban Torture, Kill 2 Logar Police in Captivity

PUL-I-ALAM - Taliban militants shot dead two kidnapped policemen after severely torturing them in captivity in central Logar province, an official said on Monday.

Logar crime branch police chief Col. Mohammad Jan Abid told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban had a day earlier kidnapped a police post commander, Sergeant Mustafa, and another policeman from the bazaar in Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital. He said the rebels shot dead the two policemen after severely torturing them in captivity and dumped their bodies on Monday in Padkhab area.

Abid said no one had been arrested so far in connection with the double murder, but an investigation into the incident was underway. Ahmad Khalid, a resident of Padkhab area, said the Taliban dumped the two bodies on the side of a road and later villagers picked them up and handed over the corpses to police authorities. There has been no word from the Taliban about the incident. (Pajhwok)

Kapisa Residents Rally Against Possible Police Chief's Dismissal

MAHMOOD RAQI - Hundreds of residents on Monday rallied against possible dismissal of the police chief for central Kapisa province.

Deputy police chief Maj. Sayed Zakir Hashimi told Pajhwok Afghan News Kapisa police chief Mohammad Fahim Qayam had been summoned to the Ministry of Interior (MoI). He said it was not yet known whether the police chief had been suspended or dismissed.

Kapisa governor's spokesman, Qais Qaderi, con-



firmed the police chief had been called to the MoI but said they had received no official information about his fate. Hundreds of residents protested in support of the police chief and blocked the Mahmood Raqi-Parwan highway against traffic. One of the rally participants, Amir Gul, said security had improved since Fahim Qayam ... (More on P4)...(16)

Afghan Student Run over by Tanker in Pune

KABUL - An Afghanistan student has been run over by a speeding water tanker in the Maharashtra province of India, a media report said on Monday.

The first-year graduation student -- riding a motorcycle -- when was struck by the tanker in Pune on late on Saturday. The tanker driver has been booked.

The Times of India said Mohammed Mukhtar Sharifi (19) from Kabul was pursuing his first year BA from a college in Pune Camp.

Police have completed the formalities of issuing a post-mortem report, exit facilities and a no-objection certificate. (Pajhwok)

Over A Dozen Daesh Fighters Dead in Achin Airstrikes

JALALABAD - More than a dozen Daesh (Islamic State) militants have been killed in airstrikes in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Monday.

The raids were conducted in Mamand Dara, Bandar and Janjal Shaga areas of the district on Sunday night, the governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said 13 insurgents were killed and three others wounded in the strikes near the Pakistan border, which did not



harm civilians. Meanwhile, the 201st Selab Military Corps confirmed the raids. But there has been no comment yet from the militant group. (Pajhwok)

Woman Among 2 Killed in Paktika Roadside Bombing

SHARANA - Two persons including a woman were killed and another two were wounded in a roadside bombing in the Matakhan district of southeastern Paktika province on Monday, police said.

The blast took place in an area between Khor Kachi and Maryan localities, the district police chief, Abdul Wadood, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said the hidden bomb ripped through a tractor-trolley killing a woman and a man and injuring two others.

The police official accused the Taliban of emplacing the landmine on the road.

A resident of Khor Kachi area, Atta Mohammad, told Pajhwok Afghan News the blast took place at about 9am. He also confirmed the casualties.

He said the injured ... (More on P4)...(17)

Afghanistan Loses 2-0 to Lebanon in A Football Friendship Match

KABUL - The Afghanistan national football team lost a friendly football match 2-0 to the national football team of Lebanon this evening.

The first half of the game ended in draw despite Afghanistan had two chances to hit a goal during the initial minutes of the game against only one chance of Lebanon.

Faisal Shaista replaced a player during the 57th minute of the game with an hope to secure a goal during the second half but Lebanon managed to hit their first goal during the 59th minute.

Afghanistan lost Milad Intizar after the referee of the game of-



ferred him red card in the mid of the second half.

With an aim to secure a goal, Afghanistan changed another player, with Sabir Azizi replacing Abasin Ali Khel in the mid of the second half but could not achieve any goal until 85th minute of the game when a golden chance was missed.

The Lebanon team managed to hit ... (More on P4)...(18)

Kandahar-Helmand Highway Month-Long Blockade Ends

LASHKARGAH - The Kandahar-Helmand highway has been reopened for traffic after remaining closed for about a month in southern Helmand province, officials said on Monday.

Capt. Shakeel Tasa, a spokesman for the 215 Maiwand Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News the road was reopened as a result of a joint operation involving Afghan National Army (ANA), police, intelligence and commando personnel late on Sunday night.

A number of militants were killed during the operation and the security forces escaped unharmed during the offensive, he said, adding the highway had been cleared of roadside bombs. He said military vehicles travelled on the road, but civilian vehicles were yet to use it.

Tasa said the Helmand public works

department had been informed to reconstruct culverts destroyed as a result of roadside bombings on the road.

A day earlier, Helmand public works officials said they were ready to reconstruct the culverts.

Governor Hayatullah Hayat confirmed the highway had been reopened for traffic but said Taliban insurgents had blown up most of the culverts on the route and created problems for traffic.

He said Afghan forces would launch a large-scale operation for ensuring security of the highway and other areas in Helmand.

A security official, who wished not to be named, said both Taliban and Afghan force had suffered casualties during the operation. The source said the highway was not fully ... (More on P4)...(19)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Don't worry if your current choices seem irrational since it still may take time to get a clear perspective on events at work. Nevertheless, the extreme Scorpio Moon pushes you to react one way or another, even if Mercury's retrograde means that a final decision isn't as final as you think. This might be one of those times when you need to trust your intuition until your rational mind catches up with your emotional experience.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It's easier to meet people now, both personally and professionally, even while you're also developing a deeper level of connection in your current relationships. The passionate Scorpio Moon's visit to your 7th House of Partnerships intensifies all interactions, especially while red-hot Mars is in the equation. You can package your feelings with enthusiasm to make your case.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You must revisit the lesson of self-restraint today or suffer the consequences of an ill-fated impulsive decision. It's more advantageous to improve what you already have going now, rather than rushing off to start something new.

The Moon's shift into your 6th House of Daily Routine reaffirms your need to eliminate emotional distractions and concentrate on the basic necessities of life. Leave the grand gestures and earth-shattering epiphanies for another time.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Opportunities for personal satisfaction rise from the ashes of a recent defeat, enabling you to turn losses into gains. The Moon's move into regenerative Scorpio and your 5th House of Self-Expression inspires you with passion and imagination to bring new life to a fading romance or to reinvigorate a stagnant project.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although you may be in touch with complex feelings that are lurking in the shadows today, it's time to change your attitude and lighten up your life. The transformative power of the Scorpio Moon brightens your 4th House of Security, motivating you to confront an unresolved hurt from the past, process it and move on.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Finding the right balance between unbridled hope and unexpected disillusionment makes for a complex and powerfully intense transition. Opportunistic Jupiter is in the last few days of its year-long stay in your sign, turning your optimism into panic as you realize that your current growth phase may be swiftly coming to a close. Although wild leaps will likely miss the mark.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your ambivalence falls away when changing circumstances motivate you to make choices with more certainty. The Moon's entry into your 2nd House of Money focuses your attention on practical matters that affect your material wealth. However, you may need to be a financial detective and gather information before signing on the dotted line. Acquiring the right data allows you to effectively follow through on your intentions.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're driven to push your agenda forward today if you fervently believe in your mission. You can put up quite a fight if others at work are moving in a different direction. Thankfully, your self-confidence is high and you possess a greater awareness of how to manage your own energy now that the Moon is stirring the pot in your sign.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your friends might think that all is wonderful in your world, but there's more going on within your brain than is apparent on the surface. You're reluctant to reveal everything you know until people demonstrate that they are ready to handle the entire truth as you see it. However, misunderstandings are likely and you must exercise caution before asserting yourself while Mercury is still retrograde.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

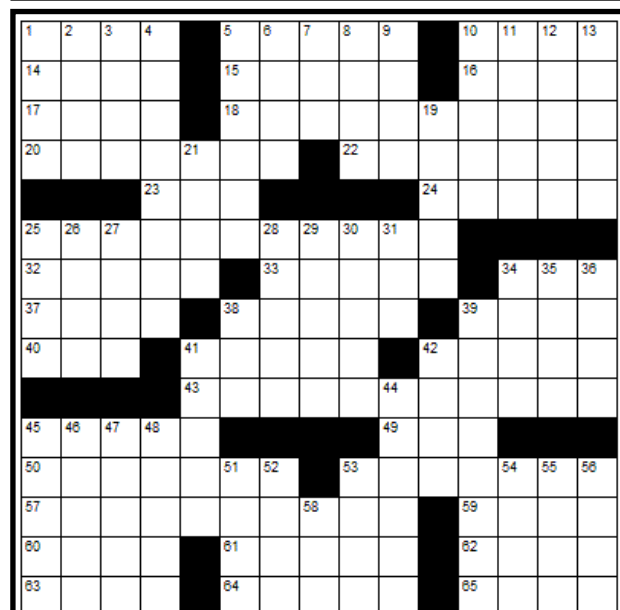
A team effort can create something special now, bringing you positive recognition in the near future. The Moon's shift into secretive Scorpio and your 11th House of Social Networks reveals hidden talents that make you a vital contributor to the community. Your skill at assessing the strengths and weaknesses of your associates is a key factor to increasing group productivity.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Although you might be convinced your goals are slipping through your fingers, developing a plan for your professional growth can ensure greater success in the days ahead. Nevertheless, you're willing to convey your doubts to your associates while the emotional Moon camps out in your 10th House of Career. Although your progress may not be obvious.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Learning is not an abstract process now, but one that must engage your heart as well as your mind. The resourceful Scorpio Moon's current emphasis on your 9th House of Future Vision intensifies your desire to broaden your frame of reference. You welcome new ideas and experiences that inspire you to set more ambitious goals. Fortunately, if you manage all the pesky details first, a magic carpet ride of opportunity will take your life to new heights.



Across

1. Relating to aircraft, 5. Look at with fixed eyes, 10. Jest, 14. 24 in Roman numerals, 15. Relieves, 16. Is indebted to, 17. Not pre-recorded, 18. Disappoint, 20. Continuing forever, 22. Strong and proud, 23. Scribble, 24. Daisylike bloom, 25. Unruly, 32. Complies, 33. Borders, 34. Bog, 37. Photos, 38. A boneless steak, 39. Devil tree, 40. Eastern Standard Time, 41. Prods, 42. Kuwaiti monetary unit, 43. Something hideous, 45. Kebab (alternative spelling), 49. Historic period, 50. A word with the same set of letters, 53. Notify, 57. Deadly nightshade, 59. Mildew, 60. Away from the wind, 61. Weight loss plans, 62. Decorative case, 63. Not more, 64. Mixture of rain and snow, 65. Blowgun missile.

Down

1. Spindle, 2. Way out, 3. Rend, 4. Gladdens, 5. Unruffled, 6. A dog wags one, 7. Donkey, 8. Bobbin, 9. Feudal worker, 10. Customers of prostitutes, 11. Expect, 12. Tubular pasta, 13. Fruity-smelling compound, 19. Outer garments, 21. Anagram of "Snob", 25. Numbskull, 26. Nile bird, 27. Religious offshoot, 28. Stoop, 29. Runs in neutral, 30. Excrete, 31. Mesh, 34. French for Finished or Done, 35. French for "State", 36. Not, 38. To and ____, 39. Rendered weaponless, 41. Shadow, 42. A hamlet (South African term), 44. Meal, 45. A clique, 46. Anoint (archaic), 47. Bundles, 48. Leers, 51. Contributes, 52. Drudgery, 53. Pot, 54. Greek letter, 55. Disparage, 56. Modify, 58. Born as.

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