

Afghan Man Assaulted in Germany for Wearing Crucifix

BERLIN - Berlin police say an Afghan man was attacked in the German capital by two assailants who yanked a crucifix necklace off of him and demanded to know why he had become a Christian.

Police said that after ripping off the necklace in the Monday night attack, one assailant threw it to the ground and then punched the 23-year-old man who'd been wearing it multiple times in the face. One attacker then held the victim while the other stabbed him twice in the upper body. The assailants fled.

The victim called friends, who alerted police and rescue crews. He was treated in a hospital and then released. His name and religion weren't disclosed.

Berlin police spokesman Stefan Petersen said Tuesday that investigators had no more details about the attackers to release. (AP)



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An officer of the global organisation based in Mazar-I-Sharif, who wished to go unnamed, confided to Pajhwok Afghan News that their office was shut today (Tuesday).

The office would not reopen until security was ensured for ICRC staff the source said, refusing to give further details regarding the decision that might affect many war victims.

Sher Jan Durani, the provincial police spokesman, said the ARCS had not formally complained about security threats to its office. "It is our responsibility to ensure security for all foreign and domestic organisations."

With seven rehabilitation centers in Afghanistan, ICRC manufactures more than 19,000 artificial limbs annually and treat hundreds of thousands of patients across the country. (Pajhwok)

12 Security Personnel, 35 Rebels Dead in Barg-I-Matal Battle

JALALABAD - Local officials on Tuesday claimed Taliban's attack on the Barg-i-Matal district of eastern Nuristan province has been repulsed and more than 70 militants suffered casualties in retaliatory action.

They said 12 security personnel and four civilians were also killed or wounded in the offensive, which began on Monday when the insurgents stormed the districts from...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Four Insurgents Killed in Kandahar Operation

KANDAHAR - Security forces carried out a clearance operation in Maiwand district of Kandahar and destroyed IED-making material, MoD confirmed on Tuesday.

At least four insurgents were killed in an Afghan security forces operation in southern Kandahar province on Monday, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said in a statement on Tuesday.

In addition, two other insurgents were wounded. The operation was launched in Maiwand district of the province to clear the area of insurgents. The security forces also demolished a stronghold belonging to the enemies, read the statement.

"The security forces also destroyed explosive materials used for making mines," it said.

No further details were provided and the Taliban has not commented on the operation. (Tolonews)

Taliban Loses Foreign Fighters in Nangarhar Drone

KABUL - The Taliban insurgents have lost foreign fighters fighting in their ranks during an airstrike in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

According to the local officials, the militants were killed during an airstrike conducted by the foreign forces on Monday.

The officials further added that the US unmanned aerial vehicles targeted the militants in the vicinity of Lalpur district.

The provincial government media office in a statement also confirmed that three foreign insurgents fighting in the Taliban ranks were killed in Lalpur on Monday.

The statement further added that the militants killed in the airstrike have been identified as Shalman, Mahaz, and Waqas.

The militants were involved in various terrorist...*(More on P4)...(15)*



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Another Islamic Scholar Killed in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Daesh gunmen killed a prayer leader in eastern Nangarhar province on Monday night, making him the third cleric to be killed in a month.

Two Islamic scholars were recently killed in Behsud and Chaparhar districts - one by Taliban and another by Daesh militants.

The latest incident took place in Chaparhar district where Daesh fighters killed a mosque imam on Monday night in Kandi area around 11pm, said the governor's spokesman.

Attullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News the imam, Abdur Rahman, was sleeping in the mosque when came under attack.

Five days back, an imam was killed by unidentified armed men in Dago area when he was walking to the mosque for evening prayers.

Another Islamic scholar was killed in Behsud district late in August. Local officials have accused Taliban for the murder. (Pajhwok)

Offensive Leaflets: Protestors Close Kabul Road



KABUL - Around 2,000 protestors on Tuesday condemned the killing of Muslims in Myanmar and airdropping of offensive leaflets by US forces in Parwan and Kapisa provinces, saying they were ready to lay down their lives for Islam.

On September 3, US forces airdropped leaflets in parts of Parwan and Kapisa provinces that contained the photo of

a lion running towards a dog with its body inscribed with Kalima Tayyeba. The residents of Qarabagh district of Kabul staged a protest rally in the district centre, condemning the action of the US forces and calling for the prosecution of the perpetrators.

The demonstrators chanting 'death to America' and...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries You can't talk your way out of the pressing responsibilities that continue to mount. Although you might think everything is under control now, a realistic look at your schedule reveals the hard facts. Fortunately, your workload is quite manageable as long as you're able to recognize your past patterns and how they influence your current commitments.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus Your thoughts may run all over the place today as you consider your role in a current partnership. Nevertheless, your common sense prevails, even if it's not obvious how you justify your conclusions. Ultimately, fear can rule the day unless you consciously choose the high road. However, keeping your heart open is more than just stating

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini It may feel as if someone is being unrealistically demanding of you now and you wish they would cut you some slack. However, it's unlikely that others will give you an easy way out of a dilemma that you created, whether or not it was intentional. You can expand your thinking to include people's feedback or you can choose to ignore it. Either way, you must make a decision that will impact the future.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer You might have more on your plate today than you can easily handle. Unfortunately, your current overload is, at least partly due to jobs you didn't finish previously. There's no room for you to complain or blame others; your only option is to lean into your work and give it your best effort. Author Manoj Arora wrote, "Be like a duck, paddling and working very hard inside the water."

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo It's disheartening if a long-time ally rains on your parade by telling you all the reasons your latest plan won't succeed. But instead of pulling your energy inside a protective shell, step out and meet the criticism halfway. Author Neil Gaiman wrote, "Remember: when people tell you something's wrong or doesn't work for them."

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)

Virgo You can tell something's not quite right today; it's as if someone close to you is pulling away but won't admit it. Unfortunately, sobering Saturn is crossing paths with the Virgo Sun, restricting the flow of love and light. There is a lesson for you to learn now, but the temporary isolation is not indicative of a permanent condition. Examine your own feelings to see if you're the one who is retreating emotionally.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra There are thoughts you want to share but you struggle with putting them out in the open. You are protective of your ideas and don't want anyone else to know about them until they are further along in their development. You are eager to hone your vision into ready-for-prime-time shape, but may be strapped for time now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio You're quite cautious now as you strategize for your future. You have a clear picture of where you're heading, but can't seem to escape the obvious obstacles in your path. Although your thinking is quite sound today, your tendency to concentrate on the negative is encouraged by the Sun's square to restrictive Saturn in your 2nd House of Self-Worth.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sagittarius You might be your own worst enemy today if you are so enamored with your current plan that you won't pay attention to the signs. It's one thing to be strongly motivated to succeed, but your vision of success could be so narrow that you lose your chance to make your mark. Jeff Bezos said, "If you're not stubborn, you'll give up on experiments too soon. And if you're not flexible, you'll pound your head against the wall."

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Capricorn Although you Mountain Goats are the champions of determination, there are times when a loss of confidence can quash your dreams. You are motivated to climb the ladder of success, but a setback could seem insurmountable today as karmic Saturn squares the Sun in your 9th House of Big Ideas.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius Your friends appear to be involved in a secret conspiracy that doesn't include you today. In fact, you might feel like a social outcast. Paradoxically, a part of you likes the idea of being a nonconformist even if you're resisting exclusion now. Claim your power by acknowledging how your behavior allowed the current dynamic to develop.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces It doesn't seem to matter that you have a proactive strategy to succeed at work, especially if someone is preventing you from executing your plan. Although you may feel ready to throw in the towel, it would be a mistake to quit now. The unforgiving Sun-Saturn square is testing your commitment today, not your capability. Don't let others steal your power by limiting your options.

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Across

1. Bush, 6. Anagram of "Ties", 10. Male deer, 14. Stop, 15. The products of human creativity, 16. Affirm, 17. Disney mermaid, 18. Untruths, 19. Lasso, 20. Interfering, 22. Wicked, 23. Bleat, 24. Poverty-stricken, 26. Bower, 30. Sensitivities, 32. Soft and sticky, 33. Elected official (New England), 37. Egg-shaped, 38. Church recesses, 39. Hawkeye State, 40. European sedge, 42. Emissary, 43. Heart artery, 44. Cherubim, 45. Slowly, in music, 47. Zero, 48. Religious offshoot, 49. A type of biologist, 56. Strip of wood, 57. By mouth, 58. Cowboy sport, 59. Brother of Jacob, 60. Foundry, 61. Gather, 62. Marries, 63. Wild Tibetan oxen, 64. Gladden

Down

1. Fraud, 2. Not there, 3. Police action, 4. Utilized, 5. Hotel errand boy, 6. Chip dip, 7. Threesome, 8. Bit of gossip, 9. Colognes, 10. Reaping, 11. Steer clear of, 12. Answer, 13. Tall woody plant, 21. Hearing organ, 25. And so forth, 26. All excited, 27. Exploded star, 28. Anthracite, 29. Sunflower, 30. Electrical pioneer, 31. Away from the wind, 33. Petty quarrel, 34. Relocate, 35. Absent Without Leave, 36. Negatives, 38. Scientific agriculture, 41. Excluding, 42. Make larger, 44. What we breathe, 45. Rental agreement, 46. Toward the outside, 47. Cancels, 48. Killed, 50. Operatic solo, 51. Chat, 52. Take it easy, 53. Notion

Yesterday's Solution

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