

6 Haqqani Group Affiliates Held in Paktia

GARDEZ - Half a dozen members of the Haqqani network have been arrested in southeastern Paktia province, the spy service said on Saturday. In a statement, the provincial National Directorate of Security or NDS office said the six men were detained after being identified. It accused the de-



tainees of being involved in directing suicide attacks and other terrorist activities in the provincial capital, Gardez and districts. They had been active under the command of their leader Ismail, the brief statement added, without providing an exact date for the arrests. (Pajhwok)

Gold Prices Down, Food & Fuel Stable in Kabul

KABUL - The price of gold slightly dipped while that of essential daily-use items remained stable compared to last week's rates in Kabul, market sources said on Saturday. Basir Ahmad, a jeweler in Lycee Maryam area of Kabul, said the price of one gram of Arabian gold decreased from 2,500 afghanis to 2,400 afghanis and the same amount of Russian variety from 1,950 afghanis to 1,900 afghanis. He linked the decrease in gold prices to international market trends. However, Food Traders Union head Fazal Rah-

man told Pajhwok Afghan News that 49 kilograms of Pakistani sugar was sold for 2,430af, 24.5 kilograms of Pakistani rice for 1,550af, 49kg of Kazakh flour for 1,280af and 16 liters of Shahista ghee for 1,030af, the same prices as of last week's. Haji Rahmatullah a tea seller in Kabul Mandavi said a kilogram of Madina green tea cost 240af and the same amount of African black tea 260af. But a retailer in Taimani area of Kabul, Abdul Wakil, sold a 49kg bag of flour for 1,350af, a 59-kg sack of sugar...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Salar Canal Being Rehabilitated

ASADABAD - A contract for rehabilitation of an important canal in eastern Kunar province has been inked and the project's completion would help irrigate thousands of acres of land. Local officials say the Salar canal which originates in the Paich River provides a critical source of irrigation water to villages in Asadabad and Narang districts. Kunar's director of water management, Eng. Rashidullah Zalmai, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Salar canal was first constructed during King Zahir Shah's rule and had a 22-km length. He said the canal with an average width of four metres irrigated 3000 hectares of land, benefitting 25,000 families in



Asadabad and Narang districts. The official said the canal was in a dilapidated condition after floods damaged large portions of it. Zalmai said the canal carried five square metres water to Asadabad's Nawabad area, but from there it carried one square metre water to other areas and the rest was wasted. He said the Ministry of Water and Energy had signed a contract for the canal's rehabilitation. The canal would be concreted for four kilometers from the originating point and portions which had been damaged would be reconstructed. The...*(More on P4)...(15)*

4 Dead, 5 Injured in Kapisa Roadside Bombing

MAHMOOD RAQI - At least four people have been killed and five others wounded in a roadside bombing targeting a former inspector general's vehicle in central Kapisa province, an official said on Saturday. The provincial council head, Hussain Sanjani, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the explosion took place in Njrab district on Friday afternoon. He said four relatives of the ex-inspector general of the Ministry of Interior, Abdul Hakim Nijrabi, were killed and five others wounded in the blast. Sanjani said that Nijrabi escaped unhurt in the attack. However, police spokesman Nqibullah Amini said three Special Forces' personnel...*(More on P4)...(16)*

2 Ghazni Residents Die of Suspected Congo Virus: Official

KABUL/GHAZNI CITY - Two residents of southern Ghazni province have died of suspected Congo virus, a health ministry official said on Saturday. Mohammad Hafeez Rasouli, head of the ministry's human and animal joint diseases, told Pajhwok Afghan News they had registered some suspected Congo virus cases over the past few days. He said a patient was delivered to hospital from Ghazni with severe fever on September 11 and he died the same day and the virus



was transferred to his two relatives who carried him to the hospital. He said a second patient died on September 15, while a third one was under treatment and in stable condition. Ahead of Eid-ul-

Adha, health officials had expressed concern over the spread of Congo virus in the country and had asked the countrymen to take precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the deadliest...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Afghans Deported from Iran Begging for Survival

ZARANJ - Some people in southwestern Nimroz province, who have been deported from neighbouring Iran, have to beg on roads and streets for survival. Shamsuddin, a resident of Farah province who was expelled by Iranian authorities, said being penniless had to beg for transport ticket to his hometown. Some months earlier, he had illegally entered Iran for work. The 35-year-old, sitting at the side of the road, asked people for money. He told Pa-



jhwok Afghan News: "I had borrowed 20,000 afghanis and paid that to an agent to take me to Iran. "We walked for 11

days and faced immense problems before reaching Iran." After three months, he was caught...*(More on P4)...(18)*

'Protest to Continue Until Power Restored in Jalalabad'

JALALABAD - Residents and civil society activists sitting at a protest tent in the capital of eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday warned they would not remove the tent until their demand was met. They first held a protest demonstration in Jalalabad and then erected tents at the Pakhtunistan square to demand repairing of power cables from Naghlu hydropower plant to the city. Nearly two weeks ago, insurgents cut off the power cables in Badpakh district of neighbour-

ing Laghman province, plunging Nangarhar into darkness. One of the protestors, a civil society activist, Noor Agha Zwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News the provincial administration, the central government and Da Afghanistan Bareshna Shirkat had all failed in resolving electricity problem of Jalalabad. After exercising all other options, he said, they finally decided to erect protest tents for seeking their right. Another activist and member of the Youth

Ex-Jihadi Commander among 6 Killed in Baghlan

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Six people including a former jihadi commander have been killed during a clash in northern Baghlan province, officials said on Saturday. Bismillah, then jihadi commander, belonged to the Jamiat-i-Islami party, came under ambush in Pul-i-Hisar district on Saturday, police spokesman Javid Basaharat told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the commander was killed along with his four supporters, including his son and a brother-in-law. One of the attackers was also killed in retaliatory fire. No one has been detained so far in connection with the incident. Haji Faiz Mohammad, a local influential elder, said besides the Taliban militants, the presence of illegal gunmen in the area posed a serious threat to the security situation. The government had...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

The winds of fate are blowing your way today, giving you permission to be your naturally spontaneous self. It's time to bend the rules creatively and try original solutions to personal and professional problems. Having conviction in your beliefs empowers you to take advantage of this cosmic opportunity. The Moon's return to reactive Aries, combined with an electric Mars-Uranus trine.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Reacting without thinking today can bring you thrills you don't usually seek. Electric Uranus is giving you an itch for excitement as it stimulates rowdy Mars in your 8th House of Deep Sharing. Review the emotional costs before you reveal what's in your heart, because you might not see the possible pitfalls until it's too late.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's as if someone opened the floodgates to allow a surplus of original ideas to flow through your imagination and you can't wait to act on each and every one of them. Fortunately, a rebellious Mars-Uranus trine increases your ability to clearly express your unorthodox thinking. But just because something sounds good on paper doesn't mean it will work in reality.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Although you might encounter a surprise or two along your way today, you are likely to have a banner day if you possess the courage to express what's in your heart. You're more inclined to take a chance and try something new, even if you're simply doing your chores. Reach for the top of the mountain and don't fret if circumstances slow your progress.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You may not be able to think your way through the sudden rush of feelings you experience today. However, you'll be left with a powerful sense of accomplishment if you can surrender control and trust your intuition. A fiery Mars-Uranus trine could shake up your personal life and strain your ability to remain logical.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Staying focused on the present isn't easy when you see so many options shining in the distance. The harmonious hookup between self-directed Mars and futuristic Uranus can clear the cloudy thoughts from the air. However, Mars is activating your 4th House of Domestic Conditions, inspiring you to exercise your creative self-expression at home. But before you start a major renovation project.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Breaking out of your comfort zone may be necessary to add some extra pizzazz to a current relationship. In any event, you must be prepared to take a risk, even if it means approaching someone in order to establish a new friendship. If something triggers your emotions, be ready to leave the security of your cautious routines to entertain a wilder and crazier existence.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Innovative thinking can open doors that lead to new sources of income while revolutionary Uranus forms a favorable link to action-hero Mars in your 2nd House of Personal Resources. Reevaluate alternatives that were previously set aside now that circumstances are no longer holding you back.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

A sudden blast of energy motivates you to get physical today. It may even be impossible to kick back and relax while electric Uranus zaps energetic Mars in your fiery sign. You might opt to do something productive, like working on a project around the house. But Mars in adventurous Sagittarius likes open spaces, making this a fantastic time to explore the great outdoors where you can see the horizon.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your hopes of a relaxing day can be shattered as a series of unexpected events demand your full attention. A rambunctious Aries Moon might be enough to disturb your regular weekend routine, but it's the trine between feisty Mars and unpredictable Uranus that allows you to enjoy the surprising change of pace at home once you accept the inevitable.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your genius for coming up with original solutions and unconventional methods when faced with a problem is evident today. Luckily, an activating trine between pioneering Mars and brilliant Uranus plants the seeds for breakthroughs to complications that have stumped you in the past. Others may be amazed with your technical wizardry or your unique style.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're exhilarated by surprising changes that free you from boring routines today. Even if you sense something in the air, the actual events probably turn out differently than anything you might imagine while spontaneous Mars forms a superconductive trine with electrifying Uranus. The thrill of being so involved in an unplanned activity can catch you off guard.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 71 indicating starting points for words.

Across: 1. Persists, 6. Booty, 10. Questions, 14. Dole, 15. Piece of glass, 16. Match, 17. Nigerian monetary unit, 18. Dash, 19. Countercurrent, 20. A young unmarried woman (archaic), 22. Demolish, 23. Guy, 24. Against, 26. Ends a prayer, 30. Do it yourself, 31. American Dental Association, 32. Connecting point, 33. Sow, 35. List components, 39. Lengthwise, 41. Relating to sight, 43. Barks, 44. Fee, 46. Buckeye State, 47. Be unwell, 49. Charge, 50. Not a single one, 51. Anagram of "Plains", 54. Make secure by lashing, 56. Ping-___, 57. Go between, 63. Genuine, 64. Protective ditch, 65. Insect stage, 66. Feudal worker, 67. Church alcove, 68. Dog-___, 69. Gave the once-over, 70. Views, 71. Footwear.

Down: 1. Territory, 2. Wings, 3. Slender, 4. Lawn mower brand, 5. Sedate, 6. Fastest, 7. Pike (fish), 8. A Freudian stage, 9. Swiss city, 10. Distortion, 11. Soft drinks, 12. Fast-growing vine, 13. Infections of the eye, 21. Like dishwater, 25. Modify, 26. Again, 27. Not stereo, 28. Cocoyam, 29. Original, 34. Dark-colored, igneous rocks, 36. Reflected sound, 37. Principal, 38. Blackthorn, 40. Largest continent, 42. Skirt fold, 45. On leave (military), 48. Andean animals, 51. Binge, 52. Verse, 53. Absurd, 55. Jimmies, 58. Lasso, 59. Nursemaid, 60. Tropical tuber, 61. Curved molding, 62. Fishing poles

Yesterday's Solution: ELECTRIC, CREEK, HEED, RECURE, BITCH, ERNE, INCREASE, BLE, LADE, STEREO, BIRD, ITEM, DROOP, WOODS, SPED, UNSEAT, HALIBUT, ESTRADE, ERASER, STONED, DENARIT, RESPOND, PRANCE, EASY, SOPPY, HABIT, OREO, NUN, DIGLOIT, WIKI, EMANATIONS, EBON, CAPE, ALACK, DIET, KNEE, NAMES

annoy, bleary, break, brigantine, cabin, carcass, careen, collision, comic, cruise, destroy, evade, grub, ketch, kite, ladder, nature, neglect, none, parka, porch, rely, resent, rough, rumor, salon, school, seek, shake, shook skeet, spark, startle.

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