

# Flow of Illegals Nepalese into Afghanistan Continues

KABUL - There is an increase in the number of Nepalese citizens visiting Afghanistan in violation of a ban on illegal travel to the war-torn country, the government in Kathmandu says.

Based on a fresh report from the government, hundreds of Nepalese nationals are currently working as security guards for US forces and UN offices in Afghanistan. They are also employed by foreign missions, private security firms and international NGOs, a leading Nepalese newspaper quoted the government report as saying.

Prior to the Kabul bomb attack, which killed 12 Nepali security guards, Kath-



mandu allowed Nepali migrants to work in green zones in the Afghan capital. After the bombing, the government banned Afghanistan as a labour destination.

However, many Nepali workers sneaked into Afghanistan via India and Pakistan through illegal channels in recent times without obtaining permission from the government, said the report 'Labouring Under Fire'.

According to the Himalayan, around 3,323 Nepali nationals have migrated to Afghanistan to work there in green zones, as defined by the government, UN agencies, ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## 18-Year-Old Girl Raped after Being Kidnapped in Darqad

TALOQAN - A militant has raped a girl he kidnapped in the Darqad district of northern Takhar province, the victim's father alleged on Friday.

But local security officials said the 18-year-old girl - Parweena - ran away from her home and went to the residence of the man named Syed Amir.

Col. Omar, the district police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Parweena hailing from Noorkhel village - entered the man's house after fleeing her home. He said Amir offered to marry his niece off to Parweena's father, but police intervened by taking the girl to a local shelter. The illicit compromise was scuttled.

The two have agreed on the pair's marriage, with Amir paying the victim's family 300,000 afghanis in bride price, the police commander added.

But Khair Mohammad, Parweena's father, called Amir an insurgent who kidnapped his daughter after entering his home at midnight.

He claimed his daughter had been raped by Amir and that he was not ready to marry her back home. The ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## 22 Policemen Dead in Taliban Attack on Tirinkot Posts

TIRINKOT - Both security personnel and Taliban have suffered casualties during a firefight in the capital of central Uruzgan province, officials said on Friday.

The three-hour battle erupted on Thursday evening when the militants stormed security checkpoints in the Charamgar area on the outskirts of Tirinkot.

Dost Mohammad Nayab, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News a number of security personnel and attackers had suffered casualties.

He did not give specific casu-



figures, but provincial council chairman Abdul Karim Khadimzai said 22 policemen had been killed and 11 others wounded in the Taliban attack. Nine police officials have been missing in the wake of the fierce ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Highway Remains Closed as Clashes Continue in Trinkot

KABUL - Reports indicate that the highway which connects Trinkot city in Uruzgan with Kandahar province is closed due to clashes for the past two weeks.

According to reports, the highway was closed after security forces left their check posts following a heavy fighting with militants.

Security officials in Uruzgan meanwhile confirmed the closure of the highway but said the Afghan Army's Commando Unit has started a military operation to reopen Trinkot-Kandahar Highway.

"The way is closed, but we are ready to reopen it for traffic. We will leave no stone unturned to ensure the ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Pakistanis Among 30 Militants Killed in Nangarhar Raids

JALALABAD - Thirty militants, including five foreigners, have been killed in separate US airstrikes in eastern Nangarhar province police said on Friday.

The raids were conducted in Kot, Nazyan and Hesarak districts late Thursday night, police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Seven insurgents were killed in the Dastandar area of Kot, where the vehicle they were travelling in was struck by US forces, Col. Mashriqiwal said.

In another raid in the Spina-



jai locality of Nazyan, five Pakistani fighters with the Islamic State were killed, according to the police spokesman.

At least 18 Taliban rebels were eliminated in a similar strike in the Tawar Tangi area of Hesarak. Six other insurgents were wounded in the bombardment, he concluded. *(Pajhwok)*

## Paktika Residents Stoutly Support Peace Pact with HIA

GARDEZ - Tribal elders and civil society activists from southeaster Paktika province on Friday hailed the landmark peace deal between the government and Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) as a positive step toward stability.

At a gathering arranged in support of the pact by the Paktika Peace Shura in Gardez, they hoped the agreement would serve as a template for peace negotiations between the government and other insurgent factions.

Dr. Fazal Rabi, the shura head, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the long-awaited pact



had brought optimism to the people. The agreement would have a propitious impact on other rebel groups as well. He added the Afghans had waited for years for the signing of the government-HIA accord, which had finally happened as a result of sustained dialogue ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## Injured Afghan Police Personnel Vow to Continue Fighting Militants, Keep Hope for Peace Alive

KABUL - From his bed in the National Police Hospital in Kabul, Ahjazul Haq, 25, proclaimed that "insurgents and terrorists are the enemies of the world."

Having lost his foot after a mine exploded a month ago in the eastern Ghazni province, the wounded Haq explained that an explosive device planted by "Taliban rebels" on a road on the outskirts of the provincial capital of Ghazni city, was detonated and seriously injured

him.

"I was on a routine patrol with colleagues from my unit when I heard a huge blast. The next thing I remember was waking up in hospital," Haq told Xinhua recently.

He went on to explain that he had experienced a number of "nightmares" while carrying out his duties as a police officer. He said that the Taliban insurgents used to attack security checkpoints and the police were forced to return fire to force them

## Faryab Prosecutor, ANA Officer Escape Taliban's Captivity

MAIMANA - A prosecutor and two Afghan National Army (ANA) personnel have managed to escape Taliban's captivity in western Farah province, local officials said on Friday.

Col. Niamatullah Toofan, police chief for Dawlatabad district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the escapees included Abdul Basir, an appellate court attorney in Faryab who was kidnapped 10 months ago.

He identified the ANA soldiers Mohammad Omar and Qurban Nazar, residents of northern Takhar province who were seized by the insurgents in Dawlatabad six months back. Last night, the trio escaped from Taliban captors.

After fleeing Taliban's jail, the men informed police over the telephone. Security forces came to their rescue ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Separating what you want from what you need can be quite useful today because there's more occurring than meets the eye. Nevertheless, you're eager to learn whatever it is that you previously failed to understand about power politics at work. In fact, you are more than ready to explore the shadows of your own motivations now.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It seems as if everyone wants your time, money, love or whatever else they can get from you today. However, trying to satisfy anyone else's needs at your own expense will not build trust in the long run. Negotiate what you're willing to give and what you expect in return. Relationships are built on honest dialogue and compromise, even if you're not sure it's okay to express your desires in the open.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Impressing people is easy today because your curious nature is matched by a genuine interest in the happiness of others. However, a well-kept secret could find its way to the surface, which can be both painful and liberating at the same time. Remember, the mutual trust you share with someone depends upon how carefully and discreetly you use this powerful information.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Restraining your desires is unnecessary today because your kind heart will ultimately steer you in the right direction. However, you may be so sensitive to people's emotions that you remain silent about what you really want. Overcoming your fear of revealing too much allows you to be more open about your needs. Even if you're shy about sharing your feelings now.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You are stepping into unexplored territory, and the journeys that call you in the external world might be overshadowed by the inner voyage you are embarking upon now. Powerful planetary tides fire up your passions, challenging you with intense feelings that cannot be put into actions or words.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You are locked into a pattern of introspection that deepens your thoughts and raises your emotional intensity. Delving into fascinating metaphysical studies might be a departure from your regular interests as you're driven to explore the hidden parts of your psyche now. However, you may be more suspicious of others today because your probing mind knows you don't have all the information you need.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

After an extended period of feeling like you were lacking in money or love, it seems as if the rewards you've long coveted are finally within reach. Your charm is working on overdrive now that jovial Jupiter is back in your sign, and others are responding to you with warmth and affection. However, laziness or a sense of complacency can hijack your day.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You sense a gathering of cosmic forces, strangely bringing you a feeling of invincibility. Without much effort you can magically turn a perfectly normal scene into one filled with mythic intensity. However, your desire to merge with someone you love or to deepen your connection with a friend is complicated if you want to do it only on your own terms.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Although boundaries are less distinct and your vision extends far into the distance, you're not likely to stand up on a soapbox and make a speech today. Your ideas may be fantastic, but you're willing to work behind the scenes now and leave the grand gestures to someone else. You currently have access to a bottomless well of information, as though you are being initiated into some kind of secret order.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Long-term strategizing is one of your greatest skills, enabling you to plan for the future by setting priorities and sticking to them. Ironically, you're less interested in events of the real world now as your desire to reach toward something more meaningful pulls your attention inward. Thankfully, your unwavering persistence will pay off, even if you're not getting the desired results yet.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Fortunately, your efforts toward achieving success are close to culmination and the future is calling you with important clues about your new direction. Although the recognition you deserve is waiting, you must pay attention to the signs in order to reach your destination. You might think you can rest upon your laurels now, but one more push may be necessary.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Relationships are buzzing with major intensity today as your passion rises in temperature. Communicating with powerful emotional depth convinces others to see things your way. If you are already involved with someone, invest your energy in reigniting your romance. If you're single and looking, polish your image and get ready to play the dating game. Aim for fun rather than a long-term commitment - and you could wind up with both.

**Across**

1. Confuse, 6. Goddess of discord, 10. Young cow, 14. Whipped or sour, 15. Camber, 16. By mouth, 17. Gibberish, 19. Of higher order, 20. Excrements, 21. Fiddle stick, 22. Aft, 23. African virus, 25. Aggressive, 26. A bitter quarrel, 30. Ganglion, 32. Plunge, 35. Having toothlike projections, 39. Edible viscera, 40. Seamster, 41. Impassive, 43. Baloney, 44. Agency, 46. Badgers, 47. Venomous snake, 50. Supernatural being, 53. A swinging barrier, 54. Not wet, 55. Dishevel, 60. Dogfish, 61. Untenanted, 63. Lady's escort, 64. Gambling game, 65. Anagram of "Doles", 66. Border, 67. Biblical garden, 68. Vestibule.

**Down**

1. Heyday, 2. Medication, 3. Greek territorial unit, 4. Laboratories, 5. Overact, 6. Euro forerunner, 7. Gad about, 8. Not outboard, 9. Put away, 10. Burning, 11. Districts, 12. Lock, 13. Eccentric, 18. Boxer's punch, 24. Half of a pair, 25. Prison-related, 26. Fleishy sweet fruits, 27. Send forth, 28. Part of an ear, 29. Careful, 31. Quash, 33. Happen again, 34. Celebrity, 36. Aquatic plant, 37. Chinese mafia, 38. Historical periods, 42. Acquired the knowledge, 43. Insect, 45. No particular person, 47. Maxim, 48. Vaulted, 49. Accomplishing, 51. And so forth, 52. Wingless bloodsucking insect, 54. Nobleman, 56. Atop, 57. Sediment, 58. Lascivious look, 59. Countercurrent, 62. Bamboozle.

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