

Kunduz Residents Fret over Presence of Illegal Gunmen

KUNDUZ CITY - Some residents of northeastern Kunduz province grumble about the ubiquitous presence of irresponsible gunmen, criticising the government's inaction to control them.

They want the authorities concerned to take concrete steps for collecting illicit weapons from such individuals at the earliest possible to address people's worries about their safety.

A resident of Kunduz City, Rahimullah, told Pajhwok Afghan News said gun-toting individuals freely roamed about in the city, leaving the people worried.

"They openly move in all parts of the city. We have complained several times, but the government has so far done nothing. The officials concerned must curb their movement."

Another inhabitant of Kunduz, Waheedullah, also called the presence of gunmen a huge problem, asking the government to ...*(More on P4)...(15)*



A Dozen Insurgents Perish in New Jawzjan Offensive



SHIBERGHAN - A dozen Taliban insurgents were claimed killed in a newly launched security operation in Khanqa district of northern Jawzjan province, the provincial police chief said on Monday. Brig. Gen. Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani told Pajhwok Afghan News the clearing operation launched on Sunday afternoon involved ground and air forces and would likely to continue until complete annihilation of insurgents in the district. He said at least 12 rebels had been killed and 14 more wounded so far in the operation codenamed 'Naveed 5'. Security forces remained unharmed, he added.

Jawzjani said the security forces were closing in on Qaleechabad village, where Taliban existed in large numbers.

Abdul Saboor, a resident of Bish Kapa village of the district, said the Taliban arrived in their village and Qaleechabad about one month ago, but the government did nothing until they became strong. "People are fleeing this area, leaving their homes behind for Shiberghan and Balkh." He asked the government to come to the aid of the displaced families. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Police Among 4 Killed in Kandahar, Uruzgan Blasts

KANDAHAR CITY - Two policemen and as many civilians have been killed as a result of explosions in southern Kandahar and central Uruzgan provinces, officials said on Monday.

Kandahar police spokesman Zia Durani told Pajhwok Afghan News the blast took place at 7am in the limits of the 8th police district near the Mirwais Hospital in the provincial capital.

He said one policeman patrolling the area was killed and a second wounded in the bombing. But another security official, who declined to be named, said two police personnel were killed.

Separately, one civilian was killed and another wounded by a Taliban-planted roadside bomb in Maiwand district. The injured was evacuated by police to hospital. According to another report, police arrested eight men with weapons in Shah Wali Kot district during an operation. In Uruzgan, one man was killed and two women were wounded when a blast took place in the Wach Karez area of Tarinkot on Sunday, deputy police chief Col. Abdul Qawi Omar said. But Tawoos, a resident of the area, said one person was killed and seven others were wounded including three women and three children. *(Pajhwok)*

46 Militants Killed in Latest Military Operations: Govt.

KABUL - Forty-six militants were killed and 18 others wounded as Afghan security forces conducted military and cordon operations across the country over the past 24 hours, said Defense Ministry on Monday.

"Afghan National Defense and Security Forces have launched military operations in several provinces. As a result 46 militants were killed 18 injured and four others detained," it said in a statement.

According to the statement, the security forces also destroyed militants' 18 hideouts and bunkers. Afghan army together with police and national intelligence agency have launched more than 6,000 military and cordon operations over the past six months, killing scores of militants and destroying nearly 500 militants' strongholds and bunkers, Gen. Dawlat Waziri, defense ministry spokesman, told reporters on Sunday. *(Xinhua)*

4 Taliban Join Peace Process in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - Four Taliban militants have joined the reconciliation process in northeastern Badakhshan province while police handed over some weapons to the Disarmament of Illegal Arms Groups (DIAG), an official said on Monday.

Provincial Police Chief Maj. Gen. Abdul Khaleq Aqsai told Pajhwok Afghan News government doors were open for armed groups who want to renounce violence and reconcile.

Armed groups were welcomed and the government would strive to provide them with best jobs and other facilities of livelihood, he added.

Aqsai said the reconciled insurgents handed over four AK-47 Kalashnikovs and a pistol to security forces.

A member of the reconciled militants said they considered their struggles unfair and decided to join peace process.

Separately, police handed over some weapons rounded up during separate operation to DIAG in a formal ceremony.

Police chief said the recovery of weapons helped prevented several security incidents. *(Pajhwok)*

Pakistan Positioning Insurgents along the Durand Line: Raziq

KABUL - Pakistan has big plans for Afghanistan, has established large insurgent training camps on both sides of the Durand Line and have stationed militants along the de facto border, Kandahar police chief General Abdul Raziq told TOLONews on Monday.

Raziq also accused Iran, along with Pakistan, of supporting, equipping and training insurgents and said Pakistan is Afghanistan's enemy. In line with this he called on the international community to increase pressure on Islamabad.

"They (Pakistan) have positioned terrorists on both sides of the Durand Line; they train them there and want to have control over the southern region and along Afghanistan's shared borders with Iran and Pakistan. They want to weaken govern-



ment and are involved in drug smuggling, the control of mines and with the money they earn in this way, they create terrorist centers here and ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

6 Dead, 17 Wounded in Helmand Bus-Truck Collision



LASHKARGAH - Six people were killed and 17 others wounded in a traffic accident in the Washer district of southern Helmand province on Monday morning, officials said.

Greshk district chief Mohammad Saleem told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident took place at around 9am on the Nimroz-Kabul highway.

He said the accident occurred when a bus collided head-on with a truck. Six people were killed and 17 others wounded, he added, fearing casualties could be higher.

An official at the Greshk hospital said 10 injured people had been brought to the hospital. The rest of the injured and bodies were evacuated to Lashkargah Hospital.

The bus belonged to the Ayubi Transport Company. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You have a ticket to ride today, but you must still choose your destination. Your exuberance may be apparent to others, but they're not aware of your internal struggle as you decide what to do with your newly found freedom. Nevertheless, you need to be more specific about your plans if you want company on your journey.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You're ambivalent about your tasks at work today, but it may not matter because you can count on reality to determine your direction. However, you might be unwilling to tuck away your dreams in the back of a closet now. Nevertheless, there isn't time in the day to handle your responsibilities and pursue your personal ambitions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini People are encouraging you to follow your bliss now, but they're also cautioning you to be reasonable in executing your plans. Meanwhile, you're champing at the bit, ready to set out on your new adventure. However, impulsive actions won't serve you well because they only lead to frustration today. Assess your current location before running off in the wrong direction. Don't make a permanent decision on a temporary emotion.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You might become overwhelmed when you see too many distinct possibilities in your future. You wish life was simpler now, but you are resigned to work your way through this nexus of opportunities. Instead of trying to choose one path, reverse the process by eliminating the options that are the least attractive.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You're not motivated to meet your responsibilities today because nearly anything sounds like more fun than doing your work. Although you might get away with an unauthorized diversion or two, you won't find it as rewarding as you expected. Even if you can enjoy your stolen time now, you'll likely pay for it later when your performance is reviewed.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo People appear to give you mixed signals today. However, you're unlikely to lose your center of gravity while the Sagittarius Moon collaborates with stabilizing Saturn in your 4th House of Foundations. Stop looking to others for solutions now; you won't find any clues as long as you doubt your own decisions. Ultimately, the assurances you seek must come from within.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Mysterious cosmic currents create complex emotional dynamics today, challenging you to find your way back to smoother waters. Although you gain support from your family, they also make your life more difficult now because each person has a different opinion about your path.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Magic lurks in the shadows, attracting you toward the darkness. But your enchantment is ripe with positive potential as there's nothing sinister to be found today. The truth is, you can effectively manage your earthly affairs if you remember to stay grounded while doing your work. In your haste to remain practical now, don't forget to cultivate your connection to the spiritual world.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Containing your enthusiasm might be a significant challenge today. However, it may not be necessary to restrain your excitement as long as you play by the rules. Fortunately, you can manifest your dreams if you sufficiently believe in them. Additionally, you also inspire others to reach for the stars. Nevertheless, it's difficult to predict your future now because nearly anything is possible.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Spiritual breakthroughs can be surprising, awe-inspiring and tricky to manage. Nevertheless, expanding your world view may be more hard work than you signed up for now. Ironically, recognition for your practical contributions might catch you off guard because you didn't expect to garner so much attention.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

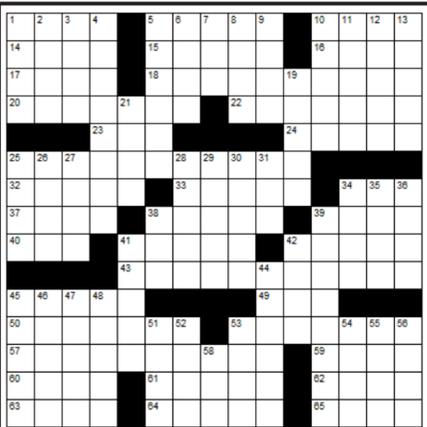


Aquarius Your plans are leading you one way but your life seems to be taking you another. This dissonance between reality and your dreams might have been acceptable at some other time in your life, but you find it nearly impossible to reconcile now. Although you can continue on your present path, you prefer to rectify the difference between your head and your heart.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You cannot intellectually rationalize your religious beliefs because they exist outside of the realm of logic. You wish you could find a way to balance what's in your heart with what's in your head now. To make matters worse, your current spiritual inclinations may not be fully accepted by your church or community. Paradoxically, the divergent perspectives don't clash as much as you think.



Across

- 1. F F F F, 5. A type of coffee, 10. Chills and fever, 14. Journey, 15. Call forth, 16. A step on a ladder, 17. Phone, 18. Make legal, 20. Arm bone 22. Goddess of divine retribution 23. Veto, 24. Highly skilled, 25. Striking with a club, 32. Fertile area in a desert, 33. Kind of bean, 34. Big wine holder, 37. Perished, 38. Fangs 39. Digestive juice, 40. N N N N, 41. Polka or samba, 42. Hotel offering, 43. The act of noticing, 45. Collection of maps, 49. Altitude (abbrev.), 50. Honors, 53. Yellow aromatic liquid, 57. Secondary, 59. An enclosure 60. Auspices, 61. Hangman's knot, 62. Leg joint, 63. Connecting point, 64. Sugary, 65. Views,

Down

- 1. Carve in stone, 2. German for "Madam", 3. Movie, 4. Having great beauty, 5. Luxurious, 6. Nights before, 7. Sprocket 8. Analogous, 9. Celebration, 10. Possessing a weapon, 11. False front, 12. Open, as a jacket, 13. Excrete, 19. Insect stage, 21. Trailer trucks, 25. Portend, 26. Reclined, 27. Applications, 28. Unlocks, 29. Daughter of a sibling, 30. ___ alia, 31. Greatest possible, 34. 8 in Roman numerals, 35. Countertenor, 36. Adolescent, 38. Bar bill, 39. Backside, 41. Drugged, 42. An exchange involving money, 44. Rapsallion, 45. Extraterrestrial, 46. A type of dance, 47. Clear, 48. Come up, 51. Focusing glass, 52. Winter precipitation, 53. Carryall, 54. Rational, 55. Curved molding, 56. Dregs, 58. Foot digit

Yesterday's Solution



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