

# Herat Cycling Duo Set off on Peace Journey to Kabul

HERAT CITY - Two cyclists on Saturday started their journey from western Herat province to central capital Kabul to spread the message of peace. The two --- Shahriar Nizami, 23, and Abdul Ghafor, 62 - started pedaling towards Kabul to convey a peace message to the government and the Taliban. Shahriar said they aimed to spread and convey the peace message to civilians and government officials in provinces they would pass. "I and my mate want to spread the



peace message by riding bicycles and to show all Afghans are able to travel to every part of our country", he said. They started the journey to carry a message of peace for Taliban to shun violence and come to the peace talks, he said. He said they would reach Kabul in 20 to 25 days if no untoward incident happened, Shahriar Nizami said after the journey came to an end, he would travel to western provinces and then to... (More on P4)...(10)

## Inside a Sealed Lorry, Afghan Boy's Text Saves 15 Lives

KABUL - British police rescued 15 illegal Afghan migrants after a seven-year-old boy texted a volunteer for assistance from inside a sealed lorry, media reports said. Seven-year-old Ahmed used a mobile phone he had received from a British aid worker in a French migrant camp to inform the aid worker they were running out of oxygen. Inca Sorrell, who was attending a conference in New York when she was sent the SMS, contacted a colleague in Britain, Tanya Freedman, the BBC said. Freedman, a



worker with the British organisation called Help Refugees, passed the message on to the relevant officers, who traced the phone and stopped the truck. Police said one man had been detained on suspicion of assist-

ing illegal immigration. Freedman said: "The boy was in a very dangerous situation. Some lives have been saved today." Ahmad had been living in the Calais camp known as the Jungle. He ... (More on P4)...(11)

## 2 Killed, 17 Rescued from Kidnappers in Herat

HERAT CITY - Two people have been killed and six others wounded in a militant attack while 17 individuals have been rescued from kidnappers in western Herat province, an official said Saturday. Zonal Hospital Director Mohammad Rafiq Sherza confirmed to Pajhwok Afghan News receiving six people injured in an armed attack in the Shindad district of the province. The injured include a 55 years old woman and men between 18 and 25. Meanwhile, Herat police spokesman Abdur Rauf Ahmad said a num-



ber of gunmen stormed the house of a militant commander in the district, killing two people and wounding four others. He added the dead included Taliban commander Suleman and his associate named

Obaidullah. The attack resulted from a personal enmity between rebel commanders. In a separate incident, Ahmadi said, police rescued 17 people kidnapped by unidentified gunmen in ... (More on P4)...(13)

## 10 Groups Involved in Planting IEDs, Car-Lifting Nabbed

GHAZNI CITY/SHARAN - Ten groups involved in planting landmines and car-lifting have been arrested by security forces in southern Ghazni and southeastern Paktika provinces. Ghazni police chief Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel told Pajhwok Afghan News on Saturday that nine groups involved in planting the improvised explosive devices (IEDs) had been arrested from various areas of Ghazni City, the provin-



cial capital, in cooperation with intelligence forces. He said the groups had long been behind subversive activities to create insecurity in Ghazni, but they were arrested and would face justice. With-

out going into details, the police chief said the detainees were currently being interrogated. In Paktika, Afghan National Army troops had arrested a car-lifting ... (More on P4)...(12)

## 33 Militants Killed in Latest Air and Ground Operations

KABUL - At least 33 anti-government armed militants were killed in the latest clearance operations conducted by the Afghan National Security Forces. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said the operations were jointly conducted by Afghan Army and security forces from the other institutions, including the Afghan Air Force. According to an operational update by MoD, at least 12 militants were also wounded and 12 more were arrested by the security forces during the operations. At least 6 of the militants were killed in air and ground raids in Charchino district of Uruzgan province, MoD said, adding that 5 more were killed in Atghar district of Zabul. ... (More on P4)...(14)

## Explosives Seized from Nangarhar Mosque

JALALABAD - A huge quantity of explosives has been recovered from a mosque in the Khewa district of eastern Nangarhar province, preventing possible casualties among worshippers. The governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News on Saturday that the explosives were found in the central mosque of Ghondi village before Friday Prayer. He blamed the enemies of Islam and people had packed several gas cylinders with explosives and placed them inside the mosque to kill worshippers. Security forces discovered and defused the explosives, the spokesman said, explaining that government officials were not among the worshippers. Governor Salim Khan ... (More on P4)...(15)

## 4 Teenage Suicide Bombers Detained in Kunduz

KABUL - Four young suicide bombers have been detained by intelligence forces in northern Kunduz province, the governor said on Saturday, claiming the teenagers wanted to attack on his office. Asadullah Omar khel told a press conference here the four boys 16 and 17 years old hailed from western Ghor province and had been trained in Miagun Jan Agha religious seminary in Qarabagh district of Kabul for suicide attacks and other disruptive activities. The teenage boys were arrested by the National Directorate of Security (NDS) forces in Kunduz before they could reach their target, the governor said, add-

ing the detainees had confessed to planning suicide attacks in different parts of Kunduz. Juma Gul, one of the detainees, said they had been learning religious studies in Qarabagh district for a year and one of their teachers encouraged them to carry out attacks against Afghan government, for which they were trained. "They duped us into fighting against the government and into carrying out suicide attacks. We were sent to Kunduz in compliance with instructions of Ihsanullah, one of the detainees' uncle, who is a Taliban commander in Kunduz," he said, regretting his act. (Pajhwok)

## Injured in Blast, Boy Worried About School & Recovery

SAR-I-PUL - Khal Mohammad, 14, who has been in critical condition after suffering deep wounds in an explosion, is worried about his absence from school and lack of resources for complete rehabilitation. Two months after the explosion, Mohammad has been under medical treatment for the serious injuries to his head and legs. Unable to walk, the young boy remains confined to bed at his house. The blast took place in front of the Azizi Bank's branch in Sar-i-Pul City, killing Afghan Local Police (ALP) Commander Wakil Khan and wounding his three bodyguards. Mohammad, who was among those injured, told Pajhwok Afghan News in an exclusive interview he was busy shifting goods in his handcart from one part of the city to another to earn a living for his family. As he looked for clients, a man asked him: "Take my carton of eggs to the Azizi Bank and I will be following you." Knowing little about a landmine placed inside the carton, he innocently agreed to shift it for 20 afghanis.

"I shifted the carton and was waiting for the owner in front of the bank. With a big bang, the bomb went off." The youngster added: "I don't know what happened next and opened my eyes three days later. My father said told me I'm on hospital bed in Mazar-i-Sharif." Abdul Qayyum, 71, Mohammad's father, could not fight back his tears. Concerned about his son's future, the man called Mohammad the only hope for the family. "What kind of Islam is this? Why do they use the innocent child for their inhuman act? I don't know who was Wakil Khan. What should I do now?" asked the man, while lashing out at the insurgents. Originally from the Darbanda area of Sayyad district, the family moved to Sar-i-Pul City three years ago due to insecurity. However, he did not know that his bread-winning young son would be a victim of terrorism. Qayyum and his wife, both too frail to work, have four daughters -- all less than 13 years of age. ... (More on P4)...(16)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



Suddenly arriving at an entirely new conclusion can be a thrill today. The brilliant Sun, currently in your sign, receives a zap from electric Uranus, releasing adrenaline with every radical new idea. The sparks are crackling as the fog dissipates. Even if you recently lost your bearings, just use your intuition to reset your compass and chart your path into new territory.

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



You are buzzing at a very high frequency, even without the extra cup of coffee today. Unfortunately, your logic might not be as accurate as you assume. Even if you think you have the facts all in order, there are surprises waiting for you around the next corner. Be ready to change direction on a moment's notice to meet the unforeseen demands of the day.

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



You could become upset if people change their minds without warning today. Normally, you're quite willing to adapt to shifting circumstances, but you might put too much emphasis now on someone else's decisions. Take your time responding because this instability is a gentle wake-up call that refocuses your attention. Your current happiness is dependent on your ability to create harmony, not destroy it.

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



Your reaction to someone who tries to constrain you today may distract you from your immediate goals. Luckily, you can quickly shift your perspective and see the current situation in a new light now. If you suddenly feel inspired, set aside your common sense and take a risk. You are not required to defy authority in order to be happy, but it could certainly help.

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



You're not interested in pursuing a safer course of action today, especially if you are excited about a recent discovery. Although you don't want to hear anything negative, knowing the truth is much better than remaining in ignorance -- even if the facts are inconvenient. You might not have such an easy path to travel, but you're eager to experience what's around the next corner.

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



You're caught in a conflict between your emotional needs and the expectations of others. But the path of least resistance might require you to keep your desires to yourself today, while living up to your social obligations. Don't assume you can retreat on a whim. Luckily, relationship success is yours if you have the courage to empathize with others, without thinking that you have to fix their problems.

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



Unpredictable relationship dynamics might overwhelm your life today while the Sun hooks up with shocking Uranus in your 7th House of Partners. Thankfully, you're able to see beyond the excitement of the present moment and use your visionary powers to guide you. But don't let logic stand in your way; you are brilliant now when you trust your imagination.

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



Although you might try to be sensible when managing your time, a sudden attraction draws you toward something mysterious and alluring this weekend. It's as if a gigantic magnet is pulling you off your current course and into the great unknown. Don't stick to the tried and true methods today; expressing your personality differently gets you ready for a pleasant surprise.

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



You're eager for a radical shift in your world so you'll probably enjoy the verbal fireworks today. Thankfully, a sudden emotional outburst or unexpected personal disclosure has the potential to change everything. Hopefully, everyone will feel better once suppressed feelings are out in the open. Sharing a good laugh is one of the best ways to clear the air of awkward tension. But it might take some time and space for the pieces to fall into place.

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



Ironically, you make your biggest breakthrough when you feel the most secure. Thankfully, you can accomplish your most original work now or have plenty of fun without even leaving home. Don't be afraid to shake up the status quo; the exhilaration you end up feeling compensates for any anxiety and uncertainty you experience along the way. No matter what happens today.

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



The willful Sun conspires with your key planet Uranus today, cracking anything that has grown too brittle in your life. But the focus is not on the breaking of the egg; it's strictly about the emerging little chick. Don't bother trying to repair the problems in your life now. Instead, concentrate on the plethora of possibilities you will have once the shell is no longer holding you back.

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



If your personal finances are a bit shaky, you may have extra work to do today as you try to put things back together. However, you might impulsively spend more than you should on something you don't really need. Either way, keep a watchful eye on your cash flow because a stressful situation could grow out of hand very quickly if you don't pay attention. Thankfully, the suddenness of the Sun-Uranus conjunction in your 2nd House.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-68.

Across: 1. Lacquer ingredient, 6. Vipers, 10. Actors in a show, 14. Managed, 15. Immediately, 16. Countertenor, 17. Drizzly, 18. Alone, 19. Disparage, 20. Unrefined, 22. A large amount, 23. Former Italian currency, 24. A poor city district, 26. Notch, 30. Implore, 31. Snake-like fish, 32. Happy cat sound, 33. Midmonth date, 35. Andean animal, 39. Relating to an orbit, 41. Garb, 43. Electrical pioneer, 44. Evergreens, 46. Cultivate, 47. Beer, 49. "Eureka!", 50. Countercurrent, 51. Hits, 54. Informed, 56. No more than, 57. Druggist, 63. Winglike, 64. Bones on your sides, 65. Cowboy sport, 66. Bristle, 67. Doing nothing, 68. Something to shoot for, 69. Part of a foot, 70. T T T T, 71. Stop.

Down: 1. Beige, 2. Give temporarily, 3. Sweeping story, 4. List of options, 5. Eclogue, 6. Without a doubt, 7. Warehousing, 8. Wan, 9. Heavy and filling food, 10. Furnish with turrets, 11. Grant, 12. An attention-getting feat, 13. Body, 21. Leg bone, 25. Assistance, 26. Smudge, 27. Attraction, 28. Spheres, 29. Involving three parties, 34. Carpentry work surfaces, 36. Desiccated, 37. Blend, 38. Friend, 40. Story, 42. Sacred hymn, 45. Palatable, 48. Verve, 51. Demolish, 52. Donnybrook, 53. Angry, 55. Ancient Persian coin, 58. Conceal, 59. Cypher, 60. Bright thought, 61. Oceans, 62. Lacquered metalware.

Yesterday's Solution: a crossword puzzle grid with filled-in letters.

Word search grid with letters and words hidden.