

# Scaring Causes Damaging Consequences on Kids' Future

KABUL - Religious scholars and psychologists say scaring children by their parents can have damaging consequences on their future.

Making children afraid by parents and other family members is an old culture. Whenever children play, cry or act naughty their parents, especially mothers, try to scare them.

Some scare their little one by naming some imaginary characters, some others shout and some beat or tell that they will be eaten by ghosts, dogs, and others if they go out of home

Zahra, 20, a student, said: "When I was a little child, my mother would scare me no to go out in dark or I will face goblin, monster. These things still haunt me



though I have grown up." She said the practice of scaring children by their parents remained common in most families without knowing its consequences.

"Most families scare their children with words like: 'Dog is coming to bite you. Do not go out of home or evil women would take you away in order to make them stop crying or eat food,'" she said, adding that using such words caused emotional insecurity in children's minds and could prove dangerous in future.

Tamanna, 18, a high school graduate, also said she her childhood memories were not too good because her mother would shout at her when she would act naughty. ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Taliban Leader in Charge of Group of 80 Insurgents Arrested

KABUL - A key Taliban leader in charge of a group of at least 80 insurgents was arrested by the Afghan intelligence operatives in north of Afghanistan.

The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said the detained Taliban leader has been identified as Akhtar Mohammad who was also famous as Belal.

A statement by NDS said Akhtar was arrested by the intelligence operatives from the vicinity of the Jawzjan province.

The statement further added that Akhtar was involved in major terrorist attacks including attacks on convoys, government officials and civilians, roadside bombings, and kidnappings. Akhtar confessed that he was looking to join the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group offshoot in Jawzjan under the leadership of Mullah Hekmatullah.

NDS said the attempt by Akhtar was reflecting the latest move by the Taliban insurgents to infiltrate the ISIS terrorist group and further expand their insurgency in the country.

Both the Taliban insurgents and militants loyal to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group are active in some parts of Jawzjan province. This comes as at least six employees of the International Committee of Red Cross were shot dead by militants in this province last week. *(KP)*

## Nangarhar Offensive: 49 Daesh Rebels Dead in Airstrikes

JALALABAD - Forty-nine Daesh rebels have been killed during clearing operation codenamed Hamza in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Wednesday.

Police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashrafiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces have conducted the airstrikes as part of the operation in some areas of Achin district on Tuesday night. He said among the dead rebels were 12 foreigners but there was no information about their identity.



Weapons and explosives of the insurgents were destroyed during the air raid. *(Pajhwok)*

## Phase one and Two of Kunduz-Khulm Highway Inaugurated

KABUL - Phase one and two of the Kunduz-Khulm Highway were officially opened on Wednesday by the minister of public works, Mahmoud Baligh.

The project, funded by the German government, entailed lengthening the highway by 59kms and included 50 small bridges.

Once phases three and four are complete, the highway will considerably shorten the distance between Balkh and Kunduz provinces.

Addressing the inaugura-



tion of the road, Baligh, said: "Today's session is to officially inaugurate the first and second phases of the highway from Khulm district in Balkh to Kunduz province. It is a strategic, vital and national project," Baligh said. At the event, Balkh governor Atta Mohammad Noor said...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Prosperous Pakistan Tied to Stable Afghanistan: Asfandyar



PESHAWAR - Veteran Pakhtun nationalist leader Asfandyar Wali Khan has hailed recent talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan on contentious bilateral issues.

The Awami National Party (ANP), addressing a gathering here on Tuesday, asked the government to understand that a prosperous Pakistan was not possible without a stable Afghanistan.

A resolution of all issues between the two countries through peaceful means was the need of the hour, Khan said, urging the neighbours to take confidence-building measures. Senior Afghan and Pakistani diplomats recently met in the United Kingdom, agreeing on resuming political engagement at different levels to sort out bilateral irritants. Days later, military commanders from the two countries spoke on the hotline after months of hiatus. The two sides have been at loggerheads on border management and arrest of Afghan citizens. *(Pajhwok)*

## Two Soldiers Killed in Zabul Blast

QALAT - At least two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed in a blast in southern Zabul province, officials from 205 Atal Military Corp said on Wednesday.

In addition, two other soldiers were injured. The blast took place in Shenkai district of the province on Tuesday after an ANA vehicle struck an IED, officials said.

However, the officials did not provide more details about the attack. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. *(Tolonews)*

## Army Battalion Chief Killed in Zabul

QALAT - An army battalion chief and one soldier were killed during clashes with Taliban in Arghandab district of Zabul province on Wednesday, local officials said.

Barat Khan, the Arghandab district governor, confirmed the incident and said the clash is ongoing between the Taliban and government forces.

Meanwhile, in a separate Taliban attack, two policemen were wounded in Shahr-e-Safa district of Zabul province, officials said.

There were no details on the Taliban casualties in either incident and the Taliban has not commented. *(Tolonews)*

## 4 Large Heroin Factories Destroyed in Nangarhar

KABUL - The Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) personnel destroyed four large heroin factories in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Interior (MoI) in a statement said the factories were destroyed during a special military operation conducted late on Tuesday night in the vicinity of Ghani Khel district.

The statement further added that the Afghan forces also discovered 7,500 kgs of morphine, 810 kgs of ammonium chloride, 500 liters of liquid opium, and some other types of chemicals and equipment used to produce heroin.

The chemicals and equipment were all destroyed on the spot, the Ministry of Interior added. ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Daesh Commander Among 11 Dead in Jawzjan Attack

SHEBERGHAN - Notorious Daesh Commander Qari Mohibullah and his 10 colleagues have been killed seven other wounded in local security personnel's ambush in the Darz Ab district of northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Tuesday.

Police Chief Rahmatullah Turkistani Qari Mohibullah was considered to be dangerous Daesh commander. He and other rebels were killed during local security personnel's ambush in the Mughalkhel village on Tuesday night.

Separately security forces conducted a midnight raid and recaptured the Ilkhani village without suffering any casualties, he added. District chief ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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



You may be elated when you discover solutions to problems that were irresolvable just yesterday. However, your enthusiasm wanes when you realize that your ideas sound brilliant but are totally impractical. Even the most ingenious intellectual breakthrough is irrelevant if you can't turn it into an executable plan. Don't lose heart if you need to return to the drawing board to start again.

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



Your sensitivity to the feelings of others is a mixed blessing today. Your willingness to understand someone else's point of view seems like a positive gesture, but putting your emotional intuition ahead of everything else can lead you astray. There's no reason to withdraw completely; but you don't need to be more entangled in a major drama that's not your business.

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



You must get something important off your chest today. Unfortunately, the emotional temperature is dropping and the longer you wait, the cooler the reception will be to your ideas. Although you may face resistance at first, persistence is your friend. Once a new behavior has turned into a habit, it magically begins to resonate and ripple throughout other parts of your life. Think big, start slowly and don't give up.

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



It seems as if people drop into your world now to play the part of an angel on earth, extending offers of assistance and dependable shoulders upon which you can lean. But you're not all fun and games today; you need to assess your current commitments and decide how much time you can afford to devote to creative play. Don't wait too long or reality will narrow your choices.

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



You may be at odds now with the very same people who should be your allies. Perhaps a dear friend, close relative or congenial coworker has adopted a political position that challenges your values. You must decide whether to openly confront the brewing resistance or just let it be for now.

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



You have a strong opinion about someone's plan at work today, and you're wondering how assertive you should be when sharing your thoughts. If you decide to go all in, your delivery could be so intense now that it backfires. People need to stick around long enough to hear your argument and no one will learn from your indisputable logic if your presentation ends too soon.

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



Your values are being tested today and you must demonstrate the strength of your convictions. A coworker may say something that contradicts one of your basic beliefs and you can't just let it slide. But you're not looking for an endless debate; you don't need to prove that you are right. Ultimately, you just want people to know exactly where you stand.

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



Your deepest emotions seem to sit right on the surface today, making you a target for people's self-interests. You can't help but feel everything more acutely now that the Moon has returned to passionate Scorpio. It's healthy to retreat if you are overly vulnerable since you cannot operate effectively in the outer world if you're preoccupied with your emotional safety.

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



You're unlikely to express your emotions today because they are too powerfully intense for your comfort. You worry that others won't be able to take the true you, so you put your feelings under lock and key for safe keeping. Unfortunately, there is psychic leakage and even your deepest secrets leave a Hansel-and-Gretel breadcrumb trail for others to follow. The choice is yours: you can either plaster a smile on your face now or you can tell the truth.

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



You have a fixed idea of how you want people to fit into your life today. It might sound harsh, but they either conform to your expectations or you move on. You're not interested now in negotiating for what you want; it's all or nothing where relationships are concerned. Unfortunately, this extremist approach doesn't serve you well because you are ready to eliminate someone who only wants to help.

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



You're not one to be pulled off course today because you're fixed on your goal like a dog tracking its bone. Luckily, you can see beyond the edges of your plans, enabling you to take advantage of assistance being offered -- even if it's not exactly what you expected. Dreaming of professional success can be magical, but don't lose sight of the bigger picture.

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



Your fantasies are larger than life today and you're willing to let a commitment slide if your current behavior moves you closer to your dreams. However, it may not be healthy to focus on possibilities in the distant future when there is so much going on in your immediate world. Stepping away from your assumptions gives you a better perspective so you can see them in a new light.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-61.

Across: 1. Rice beer, 5. Skin layer, 10. Nanny, 14. Not odd, 15. Scallion, 16. Nil, 17. Appointment, 19. Desiccated, 20. Cook in hot oil, 21. Violent disturbances, 22. Assumed name, 23. Courtly, 25. Made a mistake, 27. Frozen, 28. Term for food poisoning, 31. Intended, 34. Adorn, 35. What we breathe, 36. Nile bird, 37. Tired to the point of exhaustion, 38. Within, 39. Neither, 40. A small vascular growth, 41. Crates, 42. Conflagrations, 44. Preserve of crushed fruit, 45. Of a pelvic bone, 46. A small active songbird, 50. Whipped or sour, 52. Humiliate, 54. Half of a pair, 55. Assistance, 56. Exotic dancer, 58. Probabilities, 59. A bleaching vat.

Down: 1. Feudal workers, 2. Stave off, 3. East African country, 4. Terminate, 5. Sleepily, 6. Emissary, 7. Violent disturbance, 8. Rodent snare, 9. Autonomic nervous system, 10. A type of rhododendron, 11. Lines of longitude, 12. Diva's solo, 13. Boxes for bricks, 18. Construct, 22. Troops, 24. Cans, 26. Lion sound, 28. Quarries, 29. Anagram of "Tine", 30. God of love, 31. Short skirt, 32. Black in poetry, 33. Airstrips, 34. Apportioned, 37. \_\_\_ fide, 38. Poetic foot, 40. Dainty, 41. A proofreader's symbol, 43. Pass by, 44. Opaque form of quartz, 46. Do without, 47. Reluctant, 48. Follow as a result, 49. Slender, 50. Hack, 51. Start over, 53. Engendered, 56. Calypso offshoot, 57. Eastern Standard Time.

Yesterday's Solution: ADEPT, ROTHE, CAIST, RADAR, EXAM, LENS, ERICA, HELP, UREA, ATTENDANCE, BIER, SIB, REFER, VICTIM, PHONO, ECLA, SGURDOUGH, TOUR, GIBNS, TREE, SNEAK, TEST, VEGAN, NIPIPY, WADERS, BUTTIS, TAU, GALL, TABERNACLE, ERNE, ELAM, TULLIP, OVAL, RAND, ETAPE, SOYA, SEES, DOWSE.

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