

# Governor Wants Jalalabad City to be Better Managed

JALALABAD - The governor on Sunday directed the municipality and the traffic department to intensify their efforts at better management of road traffic and remove illegal taxi stands from the provincial capital of eastern Nangarhar province.

In order to observe the situation of traffic and other civic affairs in Jalalabad City, the governor visited various parts of the city and said the municipality and the traffic department had failed in managing traffic and organizing affairs of the



city. He called the existence of streets stalls, the increase in rickshaws and handcarts as main reasons behind the mismanaged city's affairs.

The governor ordered the authorities concerned to remove illegal taxi stands, stalls and disorganized handcarts from the city as soon as possible.

"The municipality and the traffic department have failed in the city's management, I have directed them to bring about reforms and if they committed any negligence ... (More on P4)...(13)

## 6 ANA Cadets Pass out from Pakistan's Military Academy

PESHAWAR - Six Afghan National Army (ANA) cadets have passed out from the Pakistan Military Academy (PMA) in the northwestern garrison city of Abbottabad.

They graduated from PMA on Saturday, completing the 134th Long Course, 52nd Integrated Course and 6th Muja-

hid Course, a Pakistani newspaper reported on Sunday. Ready to join their security forces, the ANA cadets had arrived at PMA in February, The Express Tribune reported. President Mamnoon Hussain and Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif were present at the passing out ceremony. (Pajhwok)

## 12 Passengers Including Heratis Swept Away in Badghis Floods

QALA-I-NAW - A dozen passengers, including six residents of Herat province, died as the vehicle they were travelling in flipped over as a result of floods in northern Badghis province, an official said on Sunday.

The incident took place on Saturday afternoon in the Sang-i-Atash area of Maqur district, a mem-

ber of provincial council, Mohammad Farid Akhizai, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the dead carried no identity cards, but they embarked the vehicle in Sang-i-Atash Bazaar. They reportedly told people about their plan to travel to Bala Murghab district to harvest poppy pods. Of ... (More on P4)...(14)

## Samangan Floods: 5 People Missing, Farmland Damaged

AIBAK - At least five people have been missing and hundreds of acres of farmland damaged by flash floods in Dara-i-Sauf Payeen and Hazrat Sultan districts of northern Samangan province, officials said Sunday.

Dara-i-Suf Payeen Executive Officer Eng. Mohammad Qurban told Pajhwok Afghan News the floods triggered by heavy rains caused huge

damage in different villages on Saturday. He said a nine years old girl, her brother (11) and three men were swept away by the floods in Dadak, Ziraki and Pul Nambarik areas of the districts. The missing individuals are yet to be found. Qurban added the floods damaged a road in Pul Nambarik area, halting traffic between Dara-i-Suf ... (More on P4)...(17)

## Test Conducted for Prayer Leaders in Mazar-I-Sharif

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - The Hajj and Religious Affairs Department conducted a recruitment test involving 200 prayer leaders to counter anti-government propaganda in Mazar-I-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province, an official said Sunday.

Hajj and Religious Affairs Director Maulvi Mahmood Danishjo told Pajhwok Afghan News the exam for prayer leaders was part of a reforms programme of the ministry concerned, beginning from Balkh province.

He said 200 prospective imams appeared in the test in Mazar-i-Sharif to-



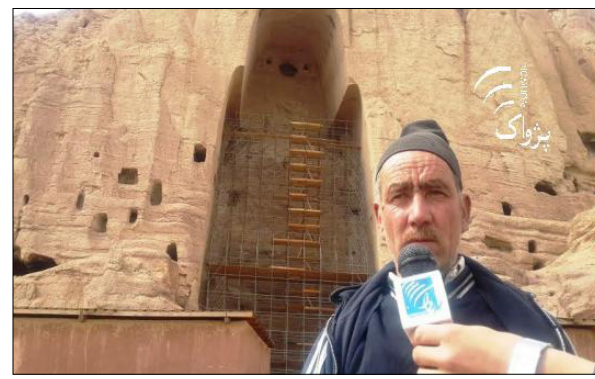
day. Twenty-five of them would be appointed as mosque leaders in the capital of the province, the official added.

Danishjo explained the aim of the exam was to counter anti-government propaganda emanat-

## Buddhas Destruction My Life's Bitter Memory: Witness

BAMYAN - The man, now 65, who helped the Taliban destroy the famous Buddha statues in his home province, Bamyan, says he regrets his role in the act of destruction that shocked the world in 2001 as "a bitter memory in my life that hurts."

Syed Mirza Hussain was 26 years old when the Taliban brought in explosives by truck and attached bombs to the 6th Century statues, once the world's tallest Buddhas, in 2001. Taliban held captive Mirza along with several other local men and ordered them to plant explosives on the



statues. In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, he said: "I feel fear when I remember that day. I will never forget that day as a bitter memory in my life."

Recalling the 2001 spring, Mirza said the Taliban first tried to destroy the

statues with rockets and artillery, but they could not destroy them completely.

Later the Taliban ordered the prisoners to place explosives under the Buddhas, a process that took about a month, he said. "As ... (More on P4)...(16)

## 38 Development Projects Completed in Balkh

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Thirty-eight development projects have been completed in the Chamtal district of northern Balkh province under the National Solidarity Programme (NSP), an official said on Sunday.

NSP spokesman in the northern zone, Farid Ahmad Sadat, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) executed the projects costing 82,189,000 afis.

He said the projects included construction of 19 community centres,

10 school buildings, a 183-metre surrounding wall for a school, 113 culverts and the gravelling of a 7-km road.

At least 9,361 residents in 38 villages of Chatmal district would benefit from the schemes, Sadat said.

A resident of the district, Shafiqullah, said though some school buildings had been constructed there, yet many schools remained without buildings. Farid said 2,246 projects have been executed under NSP in 934 villages of Balkh so far. (Pajhwok)

## MoD Confirms 2 Pilots Injured as Helicopter was Hit By 82mm Rocket

KABUL - The Ministry of Defense (MoD) has confirmed that an Afghan army helicopter was hit by 82mm rocket fire anti-government armed militant groups.

Dawlat Waziri, spokesman for the Ministry of Defense, said the helicopter was making emergency landing in Nari area of Kunar when it was hit by the rocket.

He said two pilots of the helicopter suffered

minor injuries after the rocket impacted the helicopter and caught fire. Waziri further added that the Taliban group claims that 20 soldiers were killed in the incident are baseless and the two pilots have fully recovered. The Taliban group released the video late on Friday as part of the group's ongoing propaganda as the group has launched its spring offensive under the ... (More on P4)...(18)

## Civil Society Wants Killer of Setayesh Quraishi Punished



BAMYAN CITY - Civil society activists on Sunday condemned the murder of Afghan migrant Setayesh Quraishi in Iran and asked for a thoroughgoing investigation.

An Afghan refugee living in Iran, Sher Aqa Quraishi, told BBC his daughter

Setayesh Quraishi was kidnapped by a neighbour before being brutally killed.

He said his daughter had gone out of home to buy ice-cream on April 10 when kidnapped. "After a day of her kidnap, police ... (More on P4)...(19)

## 15 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Jawzjan Clashes

SHEBERGHAN - At least 15 Taliban insurgents were killed in clashes in northern Jawzjan province on Saturday night, local officials said.

In addition, ten others were injured.

One attack took place in Qushtapa district of the province after Taliban

insurgents attacked security outposts and started clashing with security forces, a spokesman for the provincial governor, Mohammad Reza Ghafoori said. "Six residents of Qushtapa who helped the security forces in the clash with the Taliban were ... (More on P4)...(20)

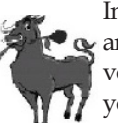
### Outlook Horoscope

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



Emotional attachments in personal relationships often make you antsy, since you place such a high value on your independence. However, you may be ready to make a commitment today without experiencing your usual fear of being tied down. Perhaps a current relationship is different or maybe it's you that has changed.

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



Intuitively, you want to slow down today and you would be wise to listen to your inner voice. You may also be tempted to overplay your hand since you're in tune with the current emotional buzz as romantic Venus hums steadily in your ear. There's no reason to withhold affection out of fear; you don't need to keep your guard up because you are afraid your desires will quickly pass.

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



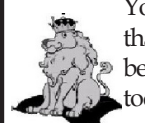
Focusing on your work is impossible if an emotional attraction is too strong to ignore now. Honestly, you can't help yourself because there are several intriguing social opportunities that tempt you to blow off your previous obligations. Unfortunately, you could miss a wonderful opportunity if you spread yourself too thin. There's no way you can do everything, so pick and choose among your options carefully today.

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



You may feel an unsettled sensation in your belly today that just won't go away. Although you want to have faith in the accuracy of your perceptions, you still need to protect yourself from possible rejection. However, it's a waste of your time to seek additional corroboration; you must act on what you know to be true.

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



You can't logically explain how you know things that others are unable to perceive. Perhaps you believe that someone is trying to manipulate you today and you don't like it one bit. The most important thing is to stay calm no matter how irritated you feel on the inside. Pay attention to the current events in your world and respond to these external circumstances, rather than what is brought up by your own fears.

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



You honestly believe you know what your partner or friend is thinking today, but your intuition could raise concerns over unimportant details that won't matter in the long run. However, it's tricky to separate the real worries from the imagined, but the solution may ultimately be in the hands of sweet Venus. Trust what's in your heart and move resolutely toward your passion.

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



The cosmic love light is beaming your way today since your key planet Venus is the star of the show. Luckily, both of your feet are planted solidly on the ground. Even your most romantic schemes are practical now, making this a prime moment to channel your desires into tangible manifestations. Go ahead and take a risk by showing your vulnerability.

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



Making your presence known in the outer world today is more important than focusing on the inner dimensions of life. It's not that your metaphysical journey is any less important; it's just that reality is offering you a chance to engage in a meaningful encounter that should not be ignored now. But don't waste your energy worrying about the wrong things.

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



You are often ready to jump in without considering what comes next, whether you're playing on the field of friendship or love. Thankfully, there's no need to invest your time in endless strategizing, since your long-term goals are in harmony with your current actions. Nevertheless, you can move along your path more confidently by sharing your feelings and clarifying what is most important to you.

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



The possibility of cultivating love is so real today that you can feel it in your bones when vivacious Venus gives karmic Saturn a sweet kiss. Since Venus symbolizes anything of value, including money, this alignment also enables you to make a deal that could bring great rewards. But don't let your limited expectations get in the way of unlimited potential, whether it's your finances or matters of the heart.

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

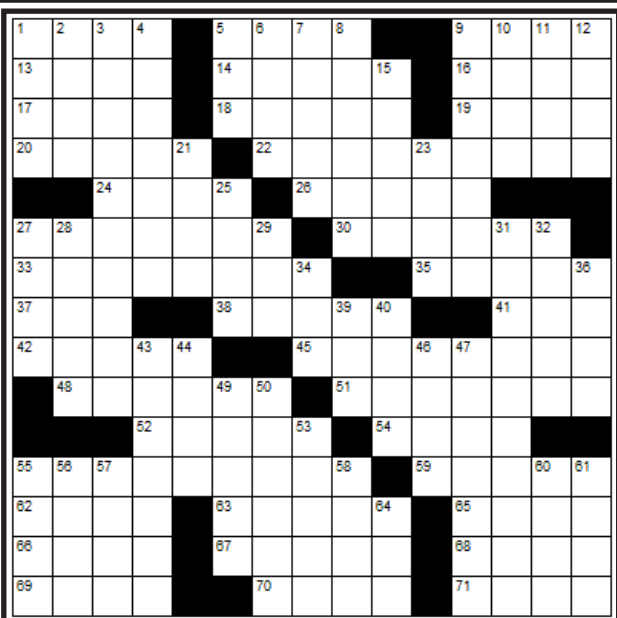


Your visions for the future seem to be within reach now and you might not need to make too great of a sacrifice to obtain what you want. Nevertheless, it's still a good idea to reconsider your priorities one last time as resourceful Venus harmonizes with responsible Saturn in your 11th House of Long-Term Goals.

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



You are optimistic about fulfilling your real-world obligations today as long as your work is aligned with your values. Although you're willing to meet your responsibilities, it's not healthy to ignore your own desires in the process. Setting yourself up in the role of a victim or martyr won't help anyone in the long run. Seek ways to express your compassion without giving away your power.



**Across**

1. Chills and fever, 5. A rigid circular band, 9. Twofold, 13. Roman moon goddess, 14. Operatic solos, 16. Feudal worker, 17. Terminates, 18. Style, 19. Of higher order, 20. Sketches, 22. Captained, 24. Oceans, 26. Travels on water, 27. Whim, 30. Hind-quarters, 33. Plentiful, 35. Small finch, 37. Mesh, 38. Russian emperors, 41. Genus of macaws, 42. Streamlined, 45. Sealed 48. Trim, 51. City on San Francisco Bay, 52. Shine 54. Claim, 55. Idiomatic, 59. Jewish scholar, 62. Mouselike animal, 63. Free from mist, 65. Sediment, 66. Bright thought, 67. Attendance counter, 68. Swing around, 69. Bawdy, 70. Harvard rival, 71. Anagram of "Lyme"

**Down**

1. Beers, 2. Sludge, 3. Unchallenged, 4. Not western, 5. Crone, 6. Mining finds, 7. Pig sounds, 8. Outcast, 9. Estate, 10. End \_\_\_\_, 11. Blind (poker), 12. Its symbol is Pb, 15. Old photo color, 21. Told, 23. Add, 25. Leave in a hurry, 27. Tins, 28. Poplar tree, 29. N N N N, 31. Germanium, 32. Employed, 34. Letter after sigma, 36. Nil, 39. Ribonucleic acid, 40. Auctioned, 43. Brainiac, 44. Prefix meaning 1000, 46. Twosome, 47. Diplomatic building, 49. Geeks, 50. Merriment, 53. A crime syndicate, 55. Wicked, 56. Connecting point, 57. A ball of yarn, 58. Take it easy, 60. Color of the sky, 61. Bit of gossip, 64. G,

**Yesterday's Solution**

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GAUNTE	LEAP	SILLE
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ARRIVANT	EAITABLE	
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CEO	FEY	DENT
STEADY	FREE	
WILT	SWEAT	SHIRT
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ALTO	ELSE	ENFIN
TEEN	REED	STOLE

blade, braids, broken, dagger, dress, eager, edict, erode, fillet, fringe, garlic, glamor, grip, groove, hackle, halt, instruct, knife, lade, learn, lentil, level, peak, pens, plait, prayer, roil, sews, shaggy, short, significant, skirt, succulent, sword, teach, tense, there

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