

Nearly Half of Helmand Schools without Buildings



LASHKARGAH - Nearly half of schools in southern Helmand province have no buildings, with students forced to study in rented houses, the education director said on Saturday. Daud Shah Safari told Pajhwok Afghan News hundreds of schools in the province had been without buildings over the past few years. Of the total 421 schools in Helmand, 274 lack buildings, according to Safari. The director said he had discussed the issue with higher-ups at the Ministry of Education and the governor's house. Efforts were underway to construct buildings for 100 schools, he added. "They have planned providing tents for the schools lacking buildings," Safari said, adding 76 schools had been closed due to insecurity in the province. Students of insecure areas are deprived of education. Naqibullah, a student at the Adam Khan School in Greshk district, said: "In rain and war, our school stays shut. We are taught for a few months during the entire academic year." Habibur Rahman, a teacher at the Eng. Abdul Matin School in Lashkargah, acknowledged dozens of schools in the province had been without buildings. Abdul Jalil Mujaddedi, a civil society activist, told Pajhwok the lack of school buildings left a negative impact on the education process in the province. (Pajhwok)

Kabul Attack Ends after all Assailants Killed



KABUL - Gunmen attacked the communications ministry in the center of Kabul on Saturday, interrupting months of relative calm in the Afghan capital and underlining security threats that have continued despite efforts to open peace talks with the Taliban. Saturday's attack began shortly before midday with an explosion at the entrance to the multi-storey

building housing the ministry in a busy commercial area of the city, followed up by gunfire which could be heard over a mile away. "I saw three attackers going into the ministry. One of them detonated his explosives and two are fighting security forces," Ahmad Zaki, an employee of the ministry said outside as the fighting went on. The area around the building was

sealed off by police as at least three attackers battled security forces, Interior Ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi said. Officials said the ministry building was evacuated but some of the attackers were holed up in a post office next door. By early afternoon, Rahimi said at least two of the attackers had been killed... (More on P4)... (10)



Court Moved for Deportation of Illegal Afghans

PESHAWAR - The Peshawar High Court (PHC) has been moved to order deportation of illegal Afghan refugees. The top court of Khyber Pakhtun was prayed to direct provincial and federal authorities to restrict the movements of Afghan refugees. The petitioner demanded the Afghans doing businesses without licenses and permits be stopped from such economic activity. Muhammad Muazzam Butt advocate, the petitioner, said millions of Afghan refugees streamed into Pakistan after the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Now that an elected government was in power in their homeland, Afghan citizens should return to their country, according to the advocate. The Afghans' reluctance to go back to their country had led to a serious law and order situation in Pakistan, the petitioner argued. ... (More on P4)... (11)

Taliban's Deputy Governor Among 16 Killed in Drone Strike



JALALALBAD - Taliban's deputy governor for eastern Nangarhar province has been killed along with other militants in Sherzad district, an official claimed on Saturday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News a drone of foreign forces struck the militants in the Marakikhel area of the district on Friday night. He said Taliban's deputy governor Sheikh Zar Mohammad -- also known as Rahmani -- was killed along

with some key commanders and members of the insurgent group in the overnight drone raid. According to Khogyani, Taliban's deputy district chief Noorullah, commander of a 20-member group, Syed Jan, and commander Zabihullah were among 16 militants killed in the strike. A Taliban judge, Mohammad Alam, and his brother were among 17 suspects wounded, he added. The militant movement has not yet commented on the drone attack. (Pajhwok)

5 NDS Personnel Killed in Herat Blast



HERAT CITY - Five personnel of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) were killed and three others injured in a blast in western Herat province late on Friday, according to a statement. NDS officials deducted a suspected vehicle and recovered explosives but during defusing the explosive the blast took place in which three per-

sonnel were killed and two others injured. But sources at Herat Zonal Hospital said five bodies and three injured had been shifted to the hospital from the site of the blast. The source said the explosive placed inside a ranger vehicle which was brought to the NDS office. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You may be fidgeting, Aries, given your general restlessness. You're anxious to get up and do some sort of song and dance, and yet you insist on waiting for the right time. Meanwhile, you're getting extremely anxious for your big moment. You're in charge of your own show. If you feel ready to go on, don't wait. Added anxiety will only cause you to forget your lines.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Although you may pride yourself on your patience, Taurus, this quality could be hard to come by today. It's possible that you've bent as far as you can and reached the breaking point. The final straw is about to be placed on the camel's back. Let loose the explosion of emotion called for by events. There's no use trying to maintain a saintly demeanor today.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



People could be exploding with rage all around, and you may wonder what the big deal is. If anyone is likely to have a level head through today's chaos, it's you, and this gives you a tremendous advantage in any situation. The beauty of it is that you should be able to use these situations to your advantage. You understand the different sides and you know how to make them work for you.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



The more you try to control others, the harder it will be to get what you want, Cancer. People with equally strong wills are making it known they won't be bullied by your manipulative behavior. If a straightforward approach doesn't work, let it be. Perhaps the situation wasn't meant to develop the way you wanted. Trust that things will work out for the best whether or not you get your way.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You may join hands with a spokesperson who's willing to attest to your honesty and good nature, Leo. This person is happy to step up and toot your horn for you. You've earned a space in the spotlight, so don't shrink into the background when your name is called. Graciously accept the praise you receive - you deserve it. Next, learn how to toot your own horn.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You may get frustrated when people who've taken shortcuts gain on your position, Virgo. You believe that hard work is necessary to get where you need to go. You aren't afraid to expend the blood and sweat needed for success. You've planned well and you're on track. Try not to get upset by others who take the easy route. They may seem like they're gaining on you, but you're light-years ahead.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You may not realize the effect of your erratic behavior on other people, Libra. They may try to understand your viewpoint, but at times it seems you're talking in riddles. Slow down and clarify your thoughts before you dictate orders to others. You have incredible power. Learn how to harness it and become a good leader so you can make the most effective use of the resources at hand.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



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Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Although your general mood is good, Sagittarius, this doesn't mean your day will go off without a hitch. When it comes to projects and getting things done, you may be the one to take the lead. You're good at motivating the troops to move as a unified force. The one thing to be careful of is having selfish motives. If you don't consider the needs of others, there will be mutiny on your ship.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Difficult situations may arise in which you feel like you're doomed no matter what you do. Finding a working solution seems impossible due to the egos of the people involved. Even if everything looks workable on paper, this is no guarantee that things will work out in real life. Be honest and practical and make it a point not to choose sides or be biased in any way.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

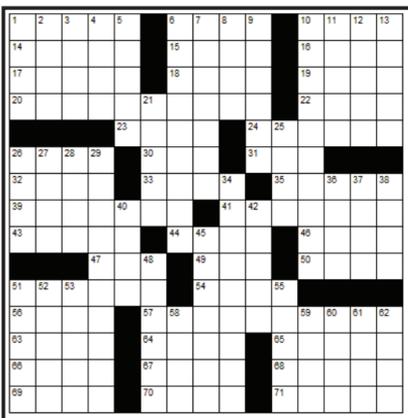


Be quick to point out when you see an injustice, Aquarius. If someone says something offensive or untrue, don't let it slide. If you do, you're just as much at fault as the person who committed the offense. When you know you're right, say so. It's important that others respect you. Your honest nature and good moral sense are important qualities and should be recognized accordingly.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Your emotions may be erratic, Pisces. You may want everyone to know what you're feeling and act out in an immature manner to get noticed. In a way, you feel like a kid who will do anything to get a parent's attention, even if the action is naughty. At the same time, you don't want to be seen as the bad kid. As a result, you may just mope until someone says you what's wrong.



Across

ACROSS, 1. Tumbler, 6. Always, 10. Seedcases, 14. A quantity of no importance, 15. A period of discounted prices, 16. Component of urine, 17. Pizzazz, 18. Outcropping, 19. Jewelry, 20. Supplying, 22. Sit for a photo, 23. Urgent request, 24. Makes amends, 26. Abominable Snowman, 30. Barley bristle, 31. Dawn goddess, 32. Black, in poetry, 33. Sets of articles, 35. Respond, 39. Inscribed, 41. Effluence, 43. Pertaining to the Sun, 44. Dour, 46. Forearm bone, 47. Gist, 49. Diminish, 50. Caustics, 51. Dirk, 54. Algonquian Indian, 56. Decorative case, 57. Intruder, 63. Baby's bed, 64. Urarthritis, 65. Worship, 66. Murder, 67. Male deer, 68. Forceps, 69. Satisfy, 70. You (archaic), 71. Grain disease,

Down

DOWN 1. Spike, 2. Humdinger, 3. Food thickener, 4. Tibia, 5. Thin piece of wood or metal, 6. Shunning, 7. Deviation, 8. Distinctive flair, 9. West Indies music, 10. Meaningful, 11. Heavenly hunter, 12. Compacted, 13. Mentors, 21. Quench, 25. Legal wrong, 26. Evergreens, 27. River of Spain, 28. Hard work, 29. Nonphysical, 34. Flirtatious young girl, 36. Friend, 37. Ice cream holder, 38. It was (contraction), 40. Not false, 42. Deep brown, 45. A teaching discourse, 48. Brilliant, 51. Packs of playing cards, 52. Courtyards, 53. Self-reproach, 55. Gladden, 58. Ark builder, 59. Snell, 60. Ping-pong, 61. Therefore, 62. A musical pause,

Yesterday's Solution

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