

# Angoor Ada Crossing Reopens after Prolonged Closure

SHARANA - The Angoor Ada border crossing between Afghanistan and Pakistan in southeastern Paktika province has been reopened after a protracted closure. Pakistan in mid-February closed all border crossings with Afghanistan following a string of deadly attacks in the country. A police official in the Angoor Ada, a buffering town, told Pajhwok Afghan News on the condition of anonymity, that the border crossing was opened for traffic on Friday afternoon. "We also allowed vehicles on this side to move after receiving order from



the government." A resident of Barmal district, Falak Sher, said the border crossing had been closed for three months. "We were facing a lot of problems due to the border closure. It was nice job to open the border." A trader in Paktika, Mohammad Ibrahim, said vehicles crossed the border between the two countries since yesterday. He said a large number of vehicles had arrived at the customs office to pay duty since Friday when the border crossing was reopened. (Pajhwok)

## Gang of Kidnappers Busted, 3 Suspects Held in Kabul City

KABUL - A gang of kidnappers was busted during an operation in capital Kabul leading to the apprehension of three hostage takers and release of a trader. The Kabul Police Commandment said the group was led by a key kidnapper identified as Hamid who is also famous as Aamir Agha. The gang had kidnapped a trader from the vicinity of the 11th police district in Khair Khana area of Kabul city. According to the police commandment, the gang was demanding a ransom of \$500 for the release of the trader, Haji Asad. The gang was busted after the security forces conducted a tireless operation lasting for a period over 48 hours to trace the hostage and the kidnappers. Three various weapons, military uniforms, mobile phone sets, SIM cards and some other equipment used ... (More on P4)... (17)

## Fuel up, Sugar & Ghee Down in Kabul

KABUL - Fuel prices rose while that of sugar and ghee dipped during the outgoing week in the capital Kabul, market source said on Saturday. Abdul Hadi, a worker at the Wazirabad Filling Station, told Pajhwok Afghan News the rate of one litre of diesel increased from 41 afghanis to 42 afs. The same amount of petrol cost 46 afghanis, compared to last week's rate of 46. The price hike was attributed to low fuel imports. Mohammad Sharif, a gas seller in the 4th police district, said the price of a kilogram of gas stood stable at 48afs. Basir Ahmad, a jeweller in Timor Shahi area, said one gram of Arabian gold cost 2,250afs and the same quantity of the Russia variety 1,850afs -- the same rates as last week's. Prices of sugar and ghee decreased, according to Food Traders' Union head, Fazal Rahman, who said a 24-kilogram bag of Pakistani rice dipped from 2,350afs to 2,190afs and 16 liter of Momin ghee from 1,130afs to 1,100afs. He said a 50kg sack of Kazakhstan flour cost 1,150afs, showing no change. Haji Rahmatullah, a tea dealer in Kabul Mandavi, said a kilogram of green tea cost 190afs and the same amount of African black tea 230afs. Ahmad Sharif, who owns ... (More on P4)... (15)



## Charity Frees Qarabagh Family from Debt Bondage

KABUL - A civil society group named "Afghan Sammon Tolana or Afghan Reform Society (ARS), has helped freed a family from debt bondage by paying the 100,000 loan in Kabul. Hailing from Kabul's Qarabagh district, Ghulam Siddique and his family had been working in an orchard in return for the money they had borrowed from the orchard's owner. Pajhwok Afghan News disclosed Siddique's story last month. He described how his family including his children was forced into hard work. The family had borrowed 50,000 afghanis. The Pajhwok Afghan News report prompted the ARS to help free Sid-



dique and his family from Haji Jalal, the owner of the orchard. The ARS paid the 50,000 afghanis loan to Haji Jalal and gave another 50,000 afghanis to Siddique so he could support his family. Ghulam Siddique thanked the ARS for

the assistance and said his and his family lives were rescued. Malali Shinwari, presidential advisor on social affairs and ARS head, thanked Pajhwok for humanitarian reporting and highlighting core issues of society. (Pajhwok)

## Kandahar Kochis Grappling with Multiple Problems

KANDAHAR CITY - As many as 64,000 Kochi families living in southern Kandahar province are faced with health issues, lacking access to clean drinking water and shelter. Most of these nomadic households, after losing their livestock and other assets for different reasons, have opted for urban life. Now they have stopped moving from one province to another. Haji Malik Aka, representing the local Kochis, complained they were deprived of basic living facilities. He told Pajhwok Afghan News: "Our children, living in the midst of cattle, are going without education. "There is no health facility in our area. Those who fall sick in our family are given homegrown remedies." Like other Afghans, the Kochi tribespeople reserved the right to be provided with all basic facilities, he said. With the change in weather, the elder added they were compelled to go to other places an issue that deprived their children of education. Another Kochi, Haji Aziz, said they had lost their livestock to insecurity, drought and a shortage of meadows. Subsequently, ... (More on P4)... (16)



## 28 Daesh Militants Eliminated in Nangarhar Airstrikes

JALALABAD - At least 28 Daesh, or Islamic State, rebels have been killed during an air-and-ground operation in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants were killed in Haska Mena and Achin districts late on Friday during an ongoing operation codenamed (Hamza). He said nine rebels were killed during airstrikes in the Arghach area of Haska Mena and 19 others in the Mamand neighbourhood of Achin. Foreign militants were among the dead, he added. (Pajhwok)

## 17 Taliban Killed, 14 Wounded in Ghazni Clashes

GHAZNI CITY - At least 17 Taliban, including two notorious commanders, have been killed during separate clashes with security forces in southern Ghazni province, an official said on Saturday. Police Chief Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel told Pajhwok Afghan News a clearing operation was launched few days back in Mangur, Shalez, Arozo and Qarabagh areas. He said 17 Taliban, including two commanders Mullah Abdul Bashir and Mullah Khalid, have been killed and 14 others wounded. Two militants' vehicles were destroyed by airstrike during the operation. Amarkhel urged Ghazni residents to cooperate the security personnel in stability of security in the province. Jamshid, the resident of locality, said vehicles were destroyed by airstrikes and security forces recaptured Mangur area from the Taliban. The group's spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed clash in Ghazni province that killed Commander ... (More on P4)... (18)

## Taliban's Governor for Takhar Killed in Airstrike

KABUL - US forces in Afghanistan have confirmed Quari Tayib, once known as the Taliban Shadow Governor of Takhar Province, was killed in an air strike in Dasht-i-Archi District of northern Kunduz Province on Apr. 17, a statement said on Saturday.

The strike targeted a compound Tayib owned and used for insurgents in the area. Eight additional Taliban fighters were killed in the strike. U.S. Forces took every precaution to prevent civilian casualties. No other casualties or damage were associated with this strike. (Pajhwok)

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### Outlook Horoscope

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

You might feel safe in your bubble today, as if the real world is far away and cannot disturb your inner peace. Your dreams are so vivid that you could talk yourself into believing they are real. Nevertheless, you learn things that don't seem to jive with your current perspective and the more you try to justify your opinions now, the worse it gets. Remember, ignoring the truth doesn't change the facts.

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

You may struggle to get a solid commitment from your friends about a group activity today. Your frustration grows because you want to firm up your own plans but can't proceed until you know who else is involved. Paradoxically, even if others drop out, you still might not be able to make up your mind. Don't blame the uncertainty in your life on anyone else.

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

You need a day off to reassess your professional objectives. Unfortunately, your critical thinking is not as critical as you think today. You could make up information or bend the truth to prove your point without even realizing that you're deviating from reality. Nevertheless, you are in a powerful frame of mind since your visionary faculties are not restrained by insignificant things such as facts now.

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

You may still be licking your wounds from a recent emotional skirmish, but the tide has shifted and you can see the clear skies ahead. In the meantime, your imagination is untethered from the events in your life. No one can prevent you from embarking on your physical or metaphysical travels now. But this newly found freedom is built on a lack of constraint, which could make you feel slightly nervous.

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

Like most felines, you typically enjoy basking in the bright rays of the radiant Sun. However, a cluster of planets lurking in your mysterious 8th House of Transformation enchants you with the shadows between dark and light. Your sense of reality is being tested as the limits of your awareness are stretched.

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

Concentrating on one path throughout the day is highly unlikely because exciting options continue to magically materialize in front of you. Walking into one unresolved dilemma after another is enough to make you weary now, but warrior Mars in your 10th House of Public Status counterbalances any thoughts about taking the easy way out. Nevertheless, just as you reach a conclusion, a close friend or partner dreams up another possible avenue to explore.

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

It appears as if you've misplaced the address of your current destination and your GPS is on the blink. Obviously, your chances are not looking good if you are unsure of where you are or which direction you're going. Unfortunately, you won't likely locate your missing information today, so it makes more sense to stop trying so hard to sort everything out. Sidney J. Harris wrote, "The time to relax is - when you don't have the time for it."

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

Although you may be desperately trying to simplify your life, you don't appreciate people telling you how to do it. Receiving a well-intended ultimatum couched as constructive advice from someone close to you is not perceived as a friendly gesture. In fact, you wish your supporters would keep their good intentions to themselves now.

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

Your home is truly your castle today and you are happy to explore the untapped resources within your imagination. Whether you choose to hide from the real world by watching movies all day or digging into a long-anticipated novel, the dreamy Moon-Neptune combo in your 4th House of Personal Roots offers you a perfect escape route. Although this introspective behavior isn't a permanent condition.

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

Although you are most often a realist, you're a natural teller of tales today. You can spin yarns that fascinate adults and children of all ages. However, problems mount when you mix up the subject matter of your stories with actual events. Unfortunately, people will believe nearly anything you share because of your well-known penchant for the facts.

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

Ironically, you could be misled by your own beliefs today. The reflective Moon's alignment with deceptive Neptune occurs in your 2nd House of Core Values, warping your perspective just enough to deviate from reality. Adhering to a set of principles is admirable, but you lose respect when you start to stretch the truth to make your creed more credible to others.

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

You are like a boat adrift on the seas of your dreams today. Thankfully, this day of wandering through your fantasies can revitalize your life with a much-needed shot of inspiration. However, you could miss the positive benefits of this magical detour from reality if you're afraid of losing grasp of time. Fighting against the flow of the images floating in your mind is a waste of mental energy.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 71 indicating starting points for clues.

Across: 1. Tumbler, 6. Kiln-dried grain, 10. Water barrier, 14. A quantity of no importance (archaic), 15. Component of urine, 16. Notion, 17. Pizazz, 18. Sun, 19. Dispatched, 20. Supplying, 22. Disappear gradually, 23. Haughtiness, 24. Invented the light bulb, 26. To tax or access, 30. Snagged, 31. Children's game, 32. Modify, 33. Prying, 35. Points, 39. A stupid remark, 41. Cover, 43. Make improvements, 44. Rice beer, 46. Overhang, 47. Santa's helper, 49. Tall hill, 50. Not the original color, 51. Hard glossy coating, 54. Self-satisfied, 56. Tibetan monk, 57. Feelings of anxiety, 63. Parts of aprons, 64. Hue, 65. A green fabric mixture, 66. Chocolate cookie, 67. Behold, in old Rome, 68. 58 in Roman numerals.  
Down: 1. Spike, 2. Humdinger, 3. Food thickener, 4. Tibia, 5. Stripes, 6. Edible fungi, 7. Creative persons, 8. Low-fat, 9. Objective, 10. Defaced, 11. Notions, 12. Japanese stick fighting, 13. Consumed, 21. Indications, 25. Small freshwater fish, 26. Formally surrender, 27. Anagram of "Dome", 28. On the left or right, 29. A type of craftsman, 34. Comrades, 36. Kill, 37. Cover with asphalt, 38. Hurried, 40. Doing nothing, 42. 2nd planet, 45. Failure to be present, 48. Crimped, 51. Arm joint, 52. Nigerian monetary unit, 53. Yellowish-brown, 55. Fish respiratory organs, 58. Agreeable, 59. Exploded star, 60. Wicked, 61. Travel on water, 62. Anagram of "Ties"

Yesterday's Solution: PSHAW ALAS FLED, INANE WERE EAVE, GASTELIATE AMIA, SPHINX VIP TILL, AWLS ENTIRE STARLET, CAITIFFE STARLET, INMATE EMBODY, DEplete EMPEROR, AMENDS DEMO, SLAGS VITISTA, ALUM BEL ARABLE, WADT STUTTIOMOUS, EMIT JOTTA MOLLIS, DATE SPIED ANELLE

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