

# Flood-Affected Families in Panjsher, Kunar Demand Aid

FAIZ ABAD/ASADABAD/CHARIKAR - The flood affected families of Kofab district in northern Badakhshan received flood assistance but vulnerable families in eastern Kunar and northern Panjshir demanded immediate aid, officials said on Thursday. At least six persons were killed, 54 houses, agricultural land, 12 small dams and 10 irrigation channels were damaged in last week devastated floods in Kofab district, an of-



icial said. Syed Abdullah Dehqan, director Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) told Pajhwok Afghan News that Agha Khan Development Network (AKDN) sent medical team and also distributed food items for ten days. The aid included flour, edible oil, tea and sugar. World Food Program (WFP) also supported two months ration consisting...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## 7-Man Gang Involved in Kandahar Target Killings Busted

KANDAHAR CITY - Intelligence officials busted a seven-member gang allegedly involved in target killings during a raid in the capital of southern Kandahar province, an official said on Thursday. The governor's spokesman, Samim Khpalwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News the detainees had been involved in target killings and other crimes. They included Hussain Shah Agha aka Maulvi Agha who spearheaded the gang that had been active targeting police and other government officials, he said. The detainees were being inter-



rogated and had confessed to their involvement in killing a number of police and government officials, Khpalwak said. The group had been planning to carry out terrorist attacks during Eidul Fitr holidays, but National Directorate of Security (NDS) officials...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Nangarhar Drone Strike Kills 20 Suspected Daesh Militants

JALALABAD - More than 20 suspected Daesh militants were killed in two separate foreign troops drone strikes in eastern Nangarhar province on Wednesday evening, local officials said on Thursday. The incident took place in Haroon Baba area of Haska Mina district of the province after two separate drones targeted them while they were travelling to another part of the



district, a spokesman for Nangarhar Governor Ahmad Zia Abdulzai said. There were no civilian casualties in the strike, said Abdulzai.

However, he did not provide details about the identity of the insurgents. Haska Mina district is a known insecure...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Prices of Fuel, Gold Other Commodities up in Kabul

KABUL - Due to decline in value of Afghani against foreign currencies, the prices of fuel and Arabic gold witnessed a slight increase in the outgoing week, retailers said on Thursday. The prices of fuel, flour, oil were up and the value of Afghani currency declined against foreign currencies in the outgoing week in capital Kabul. A gas seller in Taimani area, Zabihullah, sold one kilogram of liquefied gas for 50 afghanis, compared

## Women, Children among 9 Killed in Ghazni Bus-Car Collision

GHAZNI CITY - Nine people, including women and children, were killed in a traffic accident in southern Ghazni province on Thursday morning, an official said. Mohammad Ullah Ahmadi, head of traffic police, told Pajhwok Afghan News a passenger bus col-



lided with a car and all nine occupants of the car died on the spot. Two women, as many children and five men were among the dead. Dr. Baz Mohammad Himnat, director of the Ghazni Civil Hospital, confirmed nine dead bodies had been brought to the hospital...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## 23 Militants Killed in Faryab Offensive

MAIMANA - At least hundreds of armed militants from western Ghor and northern Sar-i-Pul provinces stormed security forces in northwestern Faryab province, and the ensuing firefight left dozens of militants dead and wounded, an official said on Friday. Abdul Razzaq, the Grezwal district chief, told Pajhwok News a commander of uprising group along with 2 armed personnel was killed and Taliban took control of



Shash Qara area, he added. Naqibullah Tofan, a commander of an uprising group, said that

rebels had torched six houses of local residents. Maj. Mohammad Raza, spokesman of 209 Shahin Military Corps, said that armed militants attacked several check posts and the battle continued for several hours in Qisar district. Around 12 armed fighters including Uzbek had been killed and scores other wounded in the gun battle, he said, adding that two policemen were also among the dead. *(Pajhwok)*



to last week's price of 40 afs. Another gas seller in the Qala-i-Zaman Khan area of Kabul city sold one kilogram of liquefied gas for 45 afghanis, compared to last week's price of 40. Pajhwok Afghan News reporter could not get version of officials concerned for comments over increase in price of gas in the country. But Musafir Qoqandi, spokesman for the Ministry of Trade and Commerce, said last week that there was no reason behind unprecedented jump in the gas prices. Abdul Hadi, director of a petrol station...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## Traffic Mishap Leaves 11 Dead, 45 Wounded in Nimroz

ZARANJ - A passenger bus of private transport company has overturned on main Kandahar-Nimroz Highway, leaving 11 persons dead and 45 wounded in western Nimroz province, an official says. Hasham Nawrozi, the Khashrud district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan

News that a passenger bus was heading to Nimroz from Kabul overturned in Dehmzung area. Nawrozi expected that the dead and wounded might be labors who travelled to Iran through Nimroz province. Captain Sher Ahmad, 2nd corps of Afghan Na-

tional Army (ANA) in Khashrud district, said ANA soldiers had shifted the injured to the district hospital. The other day, at least nine persons were killed in similar kind of traffic accident on Kabul-Ghazni highway after driver lost control of the vehicle. *(Pajhwok)*

## Rocket Explosion Leaves 5 Children Killed

LASHKARGAH - Five children have been killed after the rocket they were playing with exploded in Nad Ali District of southern Helmand province. Omar Jan Haqmal, police chief of Nad Ali District said that the incident took place in Loy Manda area yesterday. He said children had found an old rocket in the area and were playing with it when it explod-

ed, leaving five children killed. This is not the first time children immaturely lose lives in the explosion of an old explosive device. Hundreds of children, women and men have lost lives to the blasts caused by the explosive devices either left from the Russian time in Afghanistan or by insurgents after the fall of Taliban regime in 2001. *(KP)*



## Hand Grenade Attack Kills four Women

HERAT - Four women have lost lives in a hand grenade attack in western Herat province, an official said on Thursday. Ehsanullah Ehsan, spokesman for the governor of Herat province told reporters that the incident took place in Kohsar District last night. He said unidentified men hurled a hand grenade at



a house leaving four people killed and four others wounded. He added that those killed

in the blast of the hand grenade were all women. Initial information indicates that the culprits were two persons who were riding on a motorcycle. Governor's spokesman said motive behind the attack is unknown but security agencies have begun an investigation for arresting the miscreants. *(KP)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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



By all appearances this is a day made in heaven to play, party and perform. Normally, you're not the shy one and would be the first to jump on stage and entertain the crowd. However, you may be in a more serious mood now and can't seem to snap out of it. Stop worrying about what might go wrong. If you continue to focus on the negative, you'll inadvertently bring it about.

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



You're happiest in the comfort of your own pasture, but even you easygoing Bulls can benefit from exploring the greener grass on the other side of the hill. You might try to justify your desire to stay at home and let the day pass you by without much action on your part. However, it's prudent to recognize your sense of balance is off kilter today.

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



Your larger-than-life perceptions may lead you astray today, so don't rush to judgment before you have all the facts in place. Although your future is bright, not everything is as rosy as you currently think. You might draw the wrong conclusions now, even if you have plenty of good information at your disposal. Unfortunately, you could easily mix up reality with your illusions that are influenced by your desires.

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



A clash over personal values with someone you love is unsettling to say the least. Although you're often the one to rein in your feelings if you fear rejection, it might be time to take a leap of faith and express what is in your heart. However, there is no reason to overreact and threaten the security of a well-meaning relationship.

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



You may be suffering from an emotional hangover as the bright light of yesterday's Full Moon begins to wane. Unfortunately, there's no rest for the weary when your name has top billing and you're expected to dazzle the crowd. Part of you loves the idea of doing an encore, but your inner voice is reminding you that you've had enough for now. You don't need the applause to know that you're adored.

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



A little peace and quiet may be yours for the asking today if you don't go looking for trouble. But cutting yourself off from your friends won't bring you the long-term emotional satisfaction you seek. Nevertheless, taking a break from your regular weekend activities could be enough to replenish your spirit. Being on your own for a while enables you to reengage socially later in the day with a fresh new attitude on life and love.

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



It's nearly impossible to contain your joie de vivre these days. You might even consider running away with the circus while a pack of rowdy planets in your 11th House of Social Networking encourages you to connect with people who live life as an adventure. Although it's important to find like-minded souls who share your interests, don't give all your energy away to others today.

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



You thrive on demonstrating your competence today as the universe challenges you to achieve your goals. Luckily, you have already established a new direction in your life and are happily on your way to your destination. But although you're skipping down the yellow brick road, the closer you get to Oz the further away it appears.

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



You're so eager to rush off to the next amazing activity you can't even contain your excitement. Everything looks like it's coming up roses, but you are less in touch with reality the more extreme an imagined adventure seems. Scaling your expectations down to size is the first step to getting your life back on solid ground. Don't wait for the looming reality check to force you to do what you already know needs to be done.

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



You might discover your resources are stretched further than you realized but you don't want others to know about your error in judgment. However, it's counterproductive to let your pride stand in the way when your closest friends are more than willing to help. Whether it's time, money or moral support you need, give someone a chance to be your personal hero for the day.

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

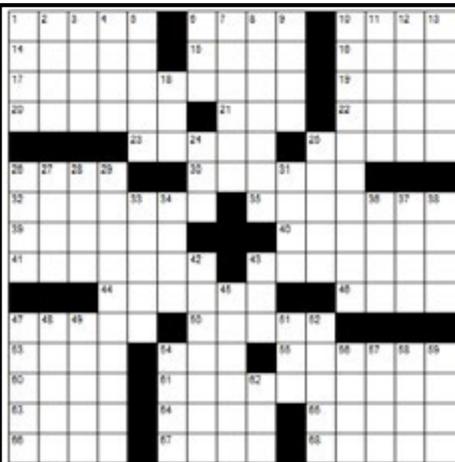


People seem to think they know what's best for you today, but the truth is you're the captain of your own ship. Unfortunately, you might go overboard carrying your flag of independence too far. Others can play an important role by supporting your dreams if you let them. The trick is finding the sweet spot between cooperation and self-reliance.

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



There's too much drama going on for your personal taste but there isn't much you can do to avoid it. Visualizing how you want things to play out just might have a subtle influence on the course of events. Use your imagination to paint a picture that's more in harmony with your preferences. Don't worry about the circumstances that are beyond your control; a minor adjustment to your behavior could alter your trajectory.



#### Across

- Homes for birds, 6. At one time (archaic), 10. Buddy, 14. Cognizant, 15. Spouse, 16. Sharpen, 17. Repentant, 19. Picnic insects, 20. Scoop shovel, 21. Faster than light, 22. Wreaths, 23. Jump for joy, 25. Cunningly, 26. Anagram of "Cabs", 30. Boil, 32. Oval, 35. An arc of colored light, 39. Wicker material, 40. "Go away!", 41. Feeling, 43. Gist, 44. Overwhelm, 46. Marsh plant, 47. Begin, 50. Fit out again, 53. Expresses relief, 54. Donkey, 55. Play around, 60. Therefore, 61. Possessing a hard shell, 63. French for "Black", 64. Chocolate cookie, 65. Nipples, 66. Exam, 67. Combustible pile, 68. Binge.

#### Down

- An aromatic ointment, 2. Pitcher, 3. Alike, 4. Stepped, 5. Twilled fabric, 6. An uncle, 7. Popular fund-raiser, 8. Stammer, 9. Express in words, 10. Doomed space shuttle, 11. Product of bees, 12. Up to, 13. Untidy, 18. Gender, 24. Utilize, 25. Startles, 26. Arid, 27. Burrowing marine mollusk, 28. Countertenor, 29. Yellow gentian, 31. Checks, 33. Applied to a wall or canvas, 34. Kiss, 36. Part of a skeleton, 37. A single time, 38. Noxious plant, 42. A baby's room, 43. F, 45. Not greater, 47. All tucked out, 48. Spasm, 49. Auspices, 51. Actress Lupino, 52. Sensitivities, 54. At the peak of, 56. Horn sound, 57. Wild hog, 58. Pear-shaped instrument, 59. Being, 62. Foot digit.

#### Yesterday's Solution



around, atone, because, belong, center, charge, circus, cream, darling, eternal, eventual, fable, fear, feat, foreign, grime, group, hatch, hearth, leaves, lever, light, mane, noise, north, ocean, prism, radar, rare, rhythm, scar, spore, suffocation, tear, under, waver, winds,

