Kabul Girls Win Regional Juggling Tournament

A girls juggling team from Kabul on Sunday won a regional juggling tournament participated by 11 teams from Afghanistan and two from abroad.

KABUL - Khalilullah Hamid, head of the juggling federation of Afghanistan, told Pajhwok Afghan News the competition was watched by a four-member delegation of the International Jugglers Association (IJA).

He said two teams from Turkey and Iran and 11 teams from Afghanistan (six from Kabul, two from Herat, two from Nangarhar and one from Balkh provinces) participated in the tournament.

IJA chose Afghanistan as the 18th host of the juggling tournament and juggling teams from different regional countries were invited to compete in the matches, he said.

However, some regional countries did not participate in the competitions due to security problems in Afghanistan, he said.

The Turkish team withdrew from the tournament due to ***...(More on P4)...(14)***

Ministry under Fire for Not Fixing Highways

KABUL - Motorists slammed the ministry of public works on Monday for not repairing key highways despite having the budget to do so.

Motorists on Monday raised concerns about the poor condition of a number of highways, despite government having approved budgets to repair them eight months ago.

The highways in question include the Kabul-Kandahar highway, the Salang-Kabul highway and the Kabul-Jalalabad highway.

Motorists accused government of being negligent in maintaining these key routes.

But the Ministry of Public Works (MoPW) said in response that road surveyors are assessing the roads and that work has started on the Kabul-Jalalabad road.

"The road is damaged from mine explosions all the way to Ghazni," said Zekrullah, one motorist who uses the Ghazni-Kabul highway.

"The situation is very bad along the way; we are now tired of damaged ***...(More on P4)...(15)***

Hundreds of Families Homeless in Sar-E-Pul

SAR-E-PUL - The children of these homeless families have also been badly affected and are being deprived of an education.

Fighting in Mirza Olang village of Sayad district in Sar-e-Pul province has left nearly five hundred families homeless.

Speaking out about their plight families said that most of them have suffered extensive psychological trauma due to the loss of loved ones.

These war victims say they have bitter memories of the killings that took place in their village recently and recall horror stories.

Hamida, a 40 year old woman from the village of Mirza Olang, who fled to Sar-e-Pul city, said she witnessed the killing of her brother.

"They martyred my brother without any guilt, without him having weapons or being involved in war," Hamida said.

Abdul Ali who lost his grandfather said: "It was difficult to identify my grandfather after they shot him in his head".

Most of the displaced families are sharing houses with relatives and now, two or more families, live in one home.

Ahmad who survived and fled with his family to Sar-e-Pul city said: "The government does not care and brought the nation to these killing." ***...(More on P4)...(16)***

Gunmen Kill 3 Local Aid Workers

KABUL - An Afghan official says gunmen shot and killed three local employees of an aid group in western Afghanistan.

Iqbal Nezami, spokesman for the police chief in the western Ghor province, said a woman was also wounded in Monday's attack, but that it was not clear whether she worked for the group.

Nezami says the three who were killed worked for the Catholic Relief Services, a humanitarian group. The group's main office declined to comment.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack, but the Taliban and an Islamic State affiliate are both active in the area. (AP)

Ex-Pul-I-Charkhi Warden, 4 Subordinates Sent to Prison

LASHKARGAH - A NATO airstrike hit a vehicle full of explosives that went off killing five insurgents in the Nawa district of southern Helmand province, an official said on Sunday.

Nawa police chief, 2nd Lt. Abdul Salam, told Pajhwok Afghan News insurgents wanted to transfer weapons and ammunition in a car from Shorshorak area of the district on Saturday night when foreign air forces targeted the vehicle.

Helmand governor's spokesman, Omar Zwak, confirmed the air raid that killed five insurgents.There has been so far no word from insurgents in this regard. However, Taliban group's spokesman, Qari Yousuf Ahmad, wrote on his twitter account that a bomb planted by them ripped through an Afghan National Army (ANA) vehicle in Momin Khan Desert of Nawa, killing 11 soldiers.But government officials said nothing about the bombing. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Commander Among 5 Shot Dead by Guards

JALALABAD - A notorious Taliban commander has been killed along with four associates by his guards in the Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Monday.Police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News that the shooting incident took place in the Perahkhel area of the district late on Sunday night.He identified the militant commander as Fazal Subhan -- also known as Kaka Ji --who was killed along with four other fighters by his guards. Subhan was the brother of another commander named Mulavi Nek Mohammad. (Pajhwok)

Herat Traffic Department Head Gunned Down

HERAT CITY - Unknown gunmen shot dead the traffic department head for western Herat province along with a companion on Sunday, an official said.

A security official told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident occurred in Shiadah area when gunmen shot and injured Ghulam Dastagir Humayun, the traffic department head, and one of his bodyguards, but they died of because of the severity of injuries at the hospital. No group has so far come forward to claim responsibility for the incident, but local authorities have previously expressed concern over the influence of armed opposition among internally displaced persons living in or around Shaidah Camp. (Pajhwok)

Gunmen Attack Police Check Post Near Qargha Lake, 3 Killed

KABUL - Kabul police confirmed that a group of gunmen stormed a check post on the outskirts of Kabul city on Sunday night.

Three Afghan police officers were killed when unknown gunmen opened fire on a police check post near Qargha Lake in Kabul late Sunday night, a number of eyewitnesses and residents in the area said on Monday.

Kabul police headquarters has confirmed the killing of at least two officers in the incident.

The check post was stormed by armed men located between Qargha Lake and Company Bazaar in the western part of the capital Kabul where criminal cases have ***...(More on P4)...(17)***

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Power politics pervade the workplace as someone tries to gain control over an unstable situation. However, you believe you can out-scheme anyone and already have a plan of your own. Unfortunately, there's more going on than meets your eye today. Although you won't likely see what you're getting into until it's too late, you still can figure it.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus There is a deluge of intense emotions flowing around you today, and it's easy to get swept up in someone else's drama. Every trivial event pushes your buttons, activating waves of fear or passion. You are compelled to take control of the situation, even if you don't have the authority to do so.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini Someone is pulling your strings at work today, and you're not comfortable being played like a marionette. Although your adaptability is often your saving grace, it's prudent to reconsider your reaction before taking the easy way out. You could fight back by resisting each tug one way or another. However, you're clever enough to change the entire game by cutting yourself free.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer It's as if you're in the eye of a hurricane today. Although the air is mysteriously still, your position is quite unstable. You're surrounded by the wild winds of change and nothing you do now is going to resolve the emotional tension a relationship creates. You want peace and quiet, yet others only seem to bring drama to your doorstep.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo Although you're normally quite expressive, you could hide your real feelings behind a dramatic show of positive energy today. There might be an interpersonal struggle for control occurring with someone attempting to manipulate your emotions at work. But you're not interested in feeding into a dynamic that ultimately diminishes your power.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Virgo You're ready to cash in your chips, even if you're on the losing side of the table. However, something weird happens now, and you could end up collecting more money at the cashier window than expected. Today's lesson is about trust; when you relinquish control to the cosmos, things tend to work out in your favor. But if you deny your fears, you'll find yourself in a losing battle.

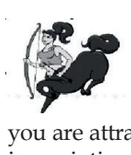
Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra You may be secretly battling your demons today, but you're still able to put your best foot forward. No one realizes the intensity of your inner processing – and that's just fine with you because you're not interested in revealing your vulnerability now. Unfortunately, it's nearly impossible to deepen a relationship unless you can move past your fear of losing control.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio You're eager to embark on an emotional journey if you think the destination is love. However, the cosmos is telling the story of your life today, and you can't put the book down. Ironically, the plot is twisting in ways you don't yet understand, which feels strangely familiar to you. You're willing to follow along if you think there's something for you to learn.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius All the socializing in the world won't save you from confronting your own emotions today. Paradoxically, you are attracted to the mystery of what could unfold in an intimate setting. Simultaneously, you're afraid of getting in over your head. It appears that you must choose one or the other now, but the real cosmic message is you need to do both. Mooji teaches, "Face your fears and stop allowing the mind to hold you captive."

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

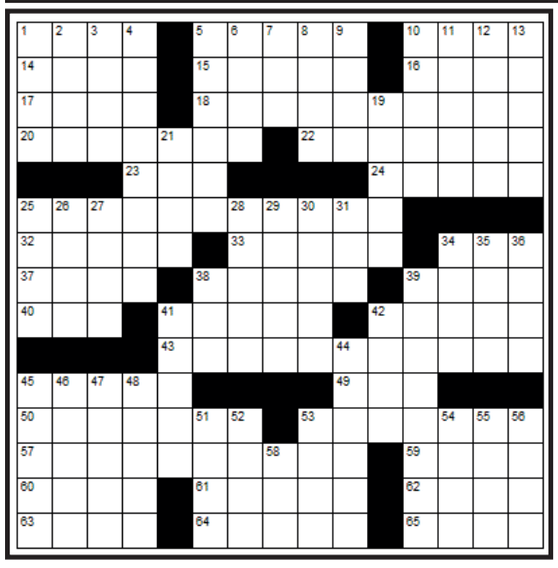
Capricorn The temptation of sweet romance plays on your heart strings now, but relationships come at a cost. You are acutely aware that innocence is beckoning you one way while the power of experience is pulling the other. However you proceed, don't waste energy overthinking your decision today.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius You don't mind working behind the scenes today; in fact, being invisible allows you to spend time pursuing extracurricular interests. You're emotionally hooked on what you're doing, but you're still able slip in and out of the present moment without being seen. Fortunately, your brain is quick enough that you can keep up with juggling multiple realities now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces You may be obsessing over a person, place or idea today, yet you're not necessarily telling anyone else about your feelings. However, the more you internalize your inclinations, the stronger they become. It makes more sense to get your emotions out in the open by confiding in someone you can trust. But be clear and let them know you're not set on finding a solution; your intention is simply to get the facts off your chest.



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Down

1. Babylonian goddess of healing, 2. Colored part of an eye, 3. Speech disorder, 4. Action 5. Disavowal, 6. Beasts of burden, 7. A tree fruit, 8. Flutter, 9. Bristle, 10. Coffees, 11. Small African antelope, 12. Fine thread, 13. Sometimes, works with lions 19. Sarcasm, 21. Anger, 25. Adhesive strip, 26. Press, 27. Care for, 28. Expert, 29. Brusque, 30. Less friendly, 31. Buffoon, 34. Emanation, 35. Level, 36. French for "Head", 38. A single-reed woodwind, 39. Terrified, 41. Lawful, 42. A man's skirt, 44. Primarily, 45. Vamoose, 46. Cream (cooking term), , ,47. Celebrate, 48. Concerning (archaic), 51. Bronzes, 52. French for "State", 53. Froth, 54. Hello, 55. Pitcher, 56. Sage, 58. Old World vine,

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