

# Bomb Explodes at Entrance of Provincial Council Office

PUL-I-ALAM - A bomb exploded at the gate of the provincial council building in central Logar province on Monday, causing no casualties, an official said.

Provincial council member Nasrat Ghairat told Pajhwok Afghan News the bomb went off at the entrance to the building at around 8am.

"This is the home of the nation, but security forces commit negligence in ensuring its safety," the



public representative remarked.

It is a second time that bomb has been placed at the gate. The first one planted two days back was defused by security forces. He shared the issue of the council's security with organs concerned.

A provincial council building guard, Shah Hussain, said: "There was a heavy blast, but the barriers helped prevent casualties." (Pajhwok)

## Taliban Publicly Execute Mother of Two in Badghis Province

KABUL - The Taliban militants brutally executed a woman in northwestern Badghis province of Afghanistan in public after she was forced to divorce her husband.

A local official said the incident took place in Ab Kamari district late on Sunday night after the Taliban militants stormed into her father's house in Maida Qul village.

The official speaking on the condition of anonymity further added that the woman was forced to shift to her father's house after Taliban militants forced the woman to divorce her husband whom she had married after divorcing her first husband.

According to the official, the Taliban militants forced the woman to divorce after the first husband of the woman returned from Iran and lodged a complaint with the Taliban insurgents.

The official also added all those involved in the public trial and execution of the woman has ... (More on P4)... (11)

## Roadside Bomb Wounds 8 Civilians in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - At least eight people, all civilians sustained injuries as a roadside bomb organized by militants struck a vehicle in Batikot district of Nangarhar province on Monday, spokesman for provincial government Attaullah Khogiani said.

"A mine planted by Taliban militants on a road in Batikot district struck vehicle at around noon injuring eight innocent civilian passengers," Khogiani told Xinhua.

The official said investigation is underway, without providing more details.

Meantime, another official on condition of anonymity said the target ... (More on P4)... (9)

## Afghan Migrants Taken to Hospital as Croatia Arrests Bulgarians over Trafficking

ANKARA - Dozens of migrants, mainly from Afghanistan, have been taken to hospital in Croatia after police stopped a van carrying 67 people, and arrested two Bulgarian citizens suspected of human trafficking, the police said.

The van, with British license plates, was halted on the highway between the Serbian and Slovenian borders on Saturday evening during routine traffic control, ac-



ording to the police. Forty-two migrants were taken immediately to hospital and some were treated for carbon monoxide poisoning, health minister Milan Kujundzic was quoted by the Hina news agency ... (More on P4)... (10)

## Road Accident Kills 7 People in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - At least seven people lost their lives and 13 others got injured after a passenger bus collided with a truck in Badakhshan province on Monday, local media reported.

The deadly traffic accident took place on the road linking provincial capital Faizabad to Kusham district Monday morning, leaving seven on board dead, including the driver and injuring 13 others, Ariana News reported.

All the injured, some in critical conditions, have been taken to hospital for medical treatment.

This was the second deadly traffic accident in Afghanistan over the past two days.

In the previous accident which occurred in the western Farah province on Sunday, 14 were killed and 41 others injured. (Xinhua)

## Blast Wounds 4 Civilians in Kunduz

KUNDUZ - At least four civilians sustained injuries as a bomb blast shocked Kunduz city, capital of Kunduz province, on Monday, a police spokesman in the province Mahfozullah Akbari said.

"A bomb planted by militants went off in Kunduz city today afternoon injuring four innocent civilians including a woman," Akbari told reporters here.

He also blamed the enemies of peace, a reference to the Taliban militants, for launching the bomb attack, but the armed outfit, which is active in parts of Kunduz province, is yet to claim responsibility.

This was the second bomb blast in Afghanistan since Monday morning. In the previous attack, a roadside bomb injured eight civilians in the eastern Nangarhar province. (Xinhua)

## Taliban Gun Down Badghis Woman for Marrying 2 Men

QALA-I-NAW - The Taliban have shot dead an 18-year-old girl in the Aab-i-Kamari district of northwestern Badghis province for being married to two men at a time, a local public representative said on Monday.

Mohammad Nasir Nazari, the provincial council head, told Pajhwok Afghan News the young woman was gunned down in Dazingi village Sunday evening. Aziza was divorced by her first husband, who ... (More on P4)... (12)

## 5 Taliban Militants Killed in Nangarhar

KABUL - A total of five Taliban militants were killed and six others injured as Afghanistan security forces repulsed Taliban attacks on a checkpoint in Surkhrud district of the eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday, local media reported on Monday.

Taliban militants stormed the security checkpoint in Surkhrud district on Sunday and triggered gun battle which left five insurgents dead and six injured, reported Tolo TV channel.



There were no casualties on security personnel, the media outlet reported, citing security officials.

Taliban militants who fight against the government to regain power, are yet to make comment. (Xinhua)

## Notorious Rebel Commander among 3 Dead in Laghman Clash

MEHTARLAM - Three Taliban fighters, including a commander, have been killed and eight others wounded in a clash in the Dawlat Shah district of eastern Laghman province, an official said on Monday.

Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash erupted on Sunday night when the militants attacked a security posts in Awloko locality.

He said reinforcements rushed to area and dreaded militant



commander Abdul Wadud and two others were killed. The commander was behind multiple attacks on security forces in the province.

Zwak said the clash continued for three hours and one member of the Afghan Local Police (ALP) was also slightly wounded. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

The hectic hustle of the holidays may seem extra complicated these days. Trickster Mercury turns retrograde to spend extra time in your 10th House of Reputation. Be aware of what you say in a casual conversation now because it could be taken out of context by your coworkers. Your courageous ruler Mars dives into watery Pisces today, sapping your drive and cooling your fire.

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

There's no time to slow down while the holiday energy envelops your world, but you may have little choice in the matter. Mercury the Messenger retrogrades in your 9th House of Travel, adding delays and mishaps to your already overbooked schedule. You might be so exhausted by the current noisy social dialogue that you don't possess the emotional energy to stand up for what you believe in.

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

Whether you're working, traveling or staying in for the holidays, you are probably busier than a bee in a field of flowers. Clever Mercury goes retrograde today to begin its three-week review of your 8th House of Intimacy, urging you to reevaluate shared assets and the logistics of partnerships as a whole. Nevertheless, you are slow in your progress and often divide your attention over too many tasks.

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

It's easy to slip into overwhelm as the busyness of the season starts to take its toll on your mind and body. It's critical to choose your words consciously now as cerebral Mercury's retrograde backtracks through your 7th House of Relationships. Late night heart-to-hearts with your partner could prove to be emotionally healing as you review your relationship goals and the beliefs you share.

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

You can carry a lot on your shoulders when required, but the weight of your obligations seems to be growing heavier by the day. Your packed schedule may begin to catch up with you after Mercury goes retrograde in your 6th House of Health. Examine your unsustainable habits, whether they're vices or cases of over-commitment.

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

It may seem as if you're at the mercy of the hectic season, and right now you might feel like bowing out and hiding until it blows over. Cerebral Mercury begins its retrograde period in your 5th House of Play, causing you to rethink how you spend your recreational time. But others don't necessarily approve of your decisions if your plans don't include them. You're likely to back down today rather than arguing with someone just to prove a point.

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

You may be running around completing last-minute errands, but there are complicated domestic issues to address which can no longer be ignored. Mercury the Messenger turns retrograde in your 4th House of Family, potentially delivering some messages to the wrong address. Double-check your holiday plans to circumvent confusion and unmet expectations.

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

You may grow weary just thinking about the lively discourse that inevitably happens when you visit relatives around the holidays. Your muddled mind could have you tripping over your tongue before you even say anything now that interactive Mercury is turning retrograde in your 3rd House of Communication.

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

Your thoughts turn to your budget today as you finish up holiday shopping and fine-tune travel plans. Mercantile Mercury begins its three-week retrograde period by assessing your 2nd House of Finances, so read the fine print before you make any significant purchases. Meanwhile, heroic Mars slides into gentle Pisces, discouraging you from provoking arguments - especially those that tend to happen with family gathered around the dinner table.

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

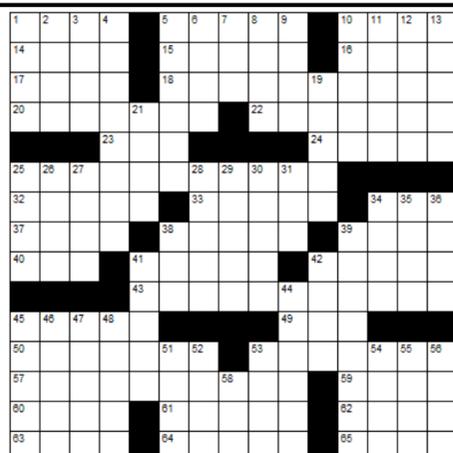
Your busy schedule requires that you keep marching on, but you really just want to stop and take a nap. Messenger Mercury slows to a standstill in your sign today, turning around to retrace his steps as you check your list twice. It may take longer to get around during the next three weeks so allow for extra transit time to give yourself the advantage. Furthermore, fiery Mars dissolves into watery Pisces.

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

A journey through your subconscious could reveal things you don't want to think about at first, but avoidance only leads to more headaches. Disruptive Mercury's retrograde starts in your 12th House of Secrets today, so be careful of anything you might be hiding because it may end up dragged out into the public domain somehow.

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

You may be secretly longing for the hectic holiday season to slow down, but the excitement is just beginning to ramp up to full tilt. Mischievous Mercury is back-stepping through your 11th House of Networking, placing an awkward emphasis on what you communicate and how you do it. It's important to think before you speak over the next three weeks as careless words might be lost in translation or taken out of context.



**Across**

1. Wanes, 5. Twosomes, 10. Debatable, 14. Apothecary's weight, 15. Fable writer, 16. Coy, 17. Greek letter, 18. Furnish with turrets, 20. Next after the eleventh, 22. Cardigan, 23. Nonclerical, 24. Mountain crest 25. Collection, 32. Labor group 33. Dutch pottery city, 34. Directed, 37. Wildcat, 38. Anagram of "Fires", 39. A hemispherical roof, 40. 61 in Roman numerals, 41. Dried coconut meat, 42. Creepy, 43. Supplementary parts, 45. Earthquake, 49. Sharp high-pitched cry, 50. Hide, 53. Side by side, 57. Soothsayer, 59. Microwave (slang), 60. Calamitous, 61. New Zealand native, 62. French for "State", 63. Winter precipitation, 64. Hair net, 65. Shower with love.

**Down**

1. Modify, 2. Found over each eye, 3. Diminish, 4. Variola, 5. A finger or toe, 6. "Sure", 7. Donkey, 8. Specks, 9. Gush, 10. Of the cheekbone, 11. Give a speech, 12. Group of 8, 13. Not here, 19. Inclined, 21. Gladly (archaic), 25. Select, 26. Chalcedony, 27. Short skirt, 28. Versed, 29. Latin name for our planet, 30. Of a pelvic bone, 31. Not on, 34. Forsaken, 35. Send forth, 36. D D D D, 38. Drunkard, 39. Intensified, 41. Anaglyph, 42. Arab chieftain, 44. Composite, 45. Oodles, 46. A red fluorescent dye, 47. Foreword, 48. Phillips or thumb, for example, 51. Charity, 52. Give temporarily, 53. Relating to aircraft, 54. Car, 55. Three-handed card game, 56. French for "Head", 58. Slime.

**Yesterday's Solution**

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