

# Bamyan Election Body Virtually Paralyzed: IEC Chief

BAMYAN CITY - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) chief for central Bamyan province on Sunday acknowledged interference from influential people and the absence of a demographic database had paralyzed the body ahead of parliamentary polls. In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Ali Shah Misbah said the officials concerned should help resolve problems; otherwise the body would be unable to conduct free and fair elections. Even the IEC has no information about the pop-



ulation of Bamyan and number people above 18 years of age. A survey conducted last year in collaboration with the United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA) revealed Bamyan's population was around 386,000. But the people of Bamyan rejected the survey as politically motivated and biased, depriving the province of its due

rights. The locals believe that over 600,000 people live in Bamyan. Misbah said there was need for a database to register people of voting age. He added there were always errors and confusion in the voter registration process that made the election process complex. The IEC chief said lack of awareness about elections in villages was another major problem, with most of voters unaware of the importance of the democratic exercise. Some individuals still have great influence on the...*(More on P4)...(15)*

# 148 Criminals, Two Militants Arrested

KABUL - Kabul police on Sunday claimed arresting two suspected militants and nearly 150 criminals in the central capital. Addressing a news conference on Sunday, Kabul police chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi said the militants had confessed to their involvement in rebel activities. The militants were armed and during primary interrogations, pleaded guilty, Rahimi said, adding they were behind planting landmines and attacking foreign and Afghan security forces. One of the militants planned to target security forces on the Airport Road. Niaz Wali, the de-

taine, told reporters he planned to kill foreigners when arrested. The police chief said the second detainee had killed a traffic police official two days back in Kabul. "After Karzai's tenure, I returned from Quetta. Later, foreign forces killed my family and, therefore, I started the jihad," he informed journalists. Their teams in Paktika, Paktia, Ghazni and Kabul and conducted several attacks, killing seven foreigners. He claimed destroying three tanks of foreign forces. During the past two weeks, 147 individuals were arrested in 48 different cases in Kabul, Rahimi said, adding 10...*(More on P4)...(18)*

# 11 Police Officers Fired for Negligence

KUNDUZ CITY - Nearly a dozen police officers have been sacked due to increased kidnappings in northeastern Kunduz province, an official said on Sunday. Provincial police chief Syed Jahangir Kiram told Pajhwok Afghan News the fired officers had been careless in discharging their duties and some of them were suspected of having links with the Taliban. Without naming them, he said that the officers

failed to take effective steps to control kidnappings and insecurity, besides abusing their official positions. Replacements would be announced soon, he added. A week ago, local security officials said four police officers had been dismissed due to the kidnapping of a businessman in Kunduz. The step came as a number of moneychangers protested the kidnappings and involvement of police officials. *(Pajhwok)*

# 70 More Afghans Arrested for Illegally Residing in Pakistan

PESHAWAR - The Pakistani police forces have arrested at least 70 Afghan nationals as part of the ongoing operations which were launched following a deadly attack on an army-run school in mid-December last year. According to the local

media reports the Afghan nationals were held for illegally residing in the country. The reports further added that the Afghan nationals were among 565 suspects arrested during house searches and snap...*(More on P4)...(22)*

# A Group of Targeted Killers Held

LASHKARGAH / GHAZNI CITY - Officials in southern Helmand on Sunday claimed arresting a group of targeted killers who were involved in killing individuals for 50,000 rupees. Two targeted killers and as many their collabora-

tors had been detained during the past week and brought before media in the police headquarters in Lashkargah, the provincial capital. Sharifullah, the targeted killer, was said to be involved in the killing of a...*(More on P4)...(23)*

# NDS Seizes Stolen Military Base Equipment

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Sunday claimed recovering some 100 items that were stolen from a foreign military base in Maidan Wardak province. The gear had been stolen from a NATO base in Syedabad district and seized in Kabul, where NDS official caught the thieves along in Arghanda Square. An official at the Wardak police headquarters told Pajhwok Afghan News

foreign troops had handed the military base to local police recently. Police chief Khalil Andarabi said he did not have information about the robbery of equipment, but confirmed foreigners had handed over the camp to Afghan forces. A source, who wished anonymity, revealed orders for carrying the equipment to Kabul had been issued by the district police chief and in...*(More on P4)...(24)*

# Hundreds Protested against Parliament's Latest Decision

HERAT - Parliament House recently decided that the provincial councils can no longer monitor government activities in the country. After the decision several provincial councils closed doors of their offices and on Sunday hundreds of residents of Herat province protested in front of the Governor House. Protesters blamed Parliament House for vast corruption and said that for personal interests they (MPs) took monitoring right from provincial councils. Habib Rahman



Pidram, a member of the Provincial Council of Herat said that monitoring government activities is Legal Right of the Provincial Council. He said taking this right means injustice is taking place against civilians in a way. He added that people of Herat will continue their protests until their demands are met. In the meantime, Masooda Karzai, another member of the Provincial Council of Herat says that monitoring government activities by Provincial Council is...*(More on P4)...(16)*

# Indira Gandhi Hospital's Doctors Observe Brief Strike

KABUL - Doctors of Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital (IGCH) in the capital Kabul observed brief strike to lodge their protest over the beating of a colleague by some individuals, an official said on Sunday. A doctor at the hospital in Wazir Akbar Khan area was beaten by rela-

tives of a child who lost his life due to what he called negligence, IGCH Director Noorul-Haq Yousufzai told Pajhwok Afghan News. He confirmed the doctors had gone on strike and would not return to work until they were provided justice. The three individuals

who beat up the doctor should tender an apology to the community, Yousufzai added. He said the director of public health at the hospital had met the doctors and persuaded them to resume their duty. The three men had been detained by police, Yousufzai said. *(Pajhwok)*

# Pakistan May Set up Refugee Camps near Durand Line

KABUL - New camps may be set up near the Durand Line for Afghan refugees ahead of their repatriation at the end of the current year, a report said on Sunday. Provincial authorities had been instructed to acquire land at suitable

locations near the border for establishing new camps for refugees to facilitate their repatriation after December 2015. Dawn reported the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions had recently circulated a letter in this regard to the chief

secretaries of the four provinces and Afghan commissionerates. The ministry also directed the provincial governments to make efforts to confine the movement of refugees to the designated camps. The...*(More on P4)...(19)*

# 13 Insurgents Eliminated in Military Offensive: ANA

LASHKARGAH - Thirteen insurgents have been killed and six others wounded during an operation in southern Helmand province, the 215th Maiwand Military Corps said on Sunday. The Corps spokesman

of Lt. Col. Mohammad Rasool Zazai told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces conducted the counterinsurgency offensive in the Shahr Shila locality of Sangin district on Saturday night. He...*(More on P4)...(20)*

# Three Foreign Insurgents Killed in Airstrike

FAIZABAD - At least three foreign Taliban insurgents were killed and two others injured in an Afghan military forces air strike in northeastern Badakhshan province on Saturday night, local of...*(More on P4)...(21)*

# Sacrilegious Moves Show West's Fear of Global Growth of Islam: Afghan Politician

"The fear of westerners from the spread of Islam is the main cause of such insulting reactions," Karzai's Cultural Advisor Zamen Ali Ahmadi told FNA. KABUL - Those who insult Islam through various means, like the publishing of the sacrilegious cartoon of Islam's Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) published by French weekly Charlie Hebdo, embark on such moves because they are afraid of the rapid spread of Islam, a presidential advisor of former Afghan President Hamid Karzai said. He reiterated that the West's fear from Islam is not anything new, and said, "The recent move by Charlie Hebdo to publish insulting cartoon of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) was a desperate move to create a negative image of Islam." Ahmadi noted that peaceful protests in Muslim countries against the French weekly's insulting cartoon indicate that...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## Outlook Horoscope

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

You're more likely to be spellbound by the vision of an ideal romance today than tumble head-over-heels for any individual. Because this kind of conceptual love is hard to manifest, you may have a real problem on your hands, especially if you are dealing with someone else's jealousy. Striving to be honest is admirable, but this doesn't mean you should reveal all your fantasies.

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

You are less interested in getting dragged into an emotional discussion now than you are in losing yourself in a most sublime fantasy. Although beautiful Venus hooks up with illusory Neptune to fascinate you with dreams of perfect love, your joy could be founded on ideas of escape.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your charm can work wonders but cautionary alarms need to remind you that you are so convincing today that you could actually con yourself, too. Thankfully, you may be able to avoid self-deception by considering what others need from you instead of only looking out for your best interests. Your perspective widens when you engage in honest dialogue.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Shift your thinking into the higher realms of spirituality, rather than only focusing on your quest for romantic love. Find something that touches your soul and connects you to the beauty of the cosmos. Organized ritual works for some, yet reflective meditation may be better for others. Even a few minutes of solitude can provide a chance for you to hear your own inner voice that guides you on your magical journey.

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

It's a lovely surprise when a significant other opens up to you, so listen carefully with your undivided attention to every word said. It isn't useful today to criticize or even disagree with anything in particular. Simply receive a heartfelt disclosure as the precious gift it is. The potential for intimacy is great when you are invited into someone else's imagination, so don't ruin it by trying to be practical.

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

You might attempt to cling to the irrefutable facts as if they are a lifeline today because fantasies can totally disrupt your efficiency, otherwise. The songs of the mythical sirens are luring you away from logic and the lush landscape of imagination can be very enticing. Don't fight the call just because you are afraid it's not real; let your guard down and allow the magical healing power of love fill your soul with joy.

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

Although you are naturally attuned to beauty, now your tastes are more refined and your opinions are more defined. Your key planet Venus conspires with fanciful Neptune to raise the bar of excellence when it comes to experiencing pleasure. You can visualize your ideal, yet you are also captivated by the intensity of the present moment.

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

You may tumble down the rabbit hole today, a victim of sweet infatuation, but you might not tell anyone about it. Although you could be quite entranced with your magical journey, it feels safer to stay quiet about your emotions now, especially if you're not prepared to deal with the consequences.

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

Your willingness to believe your own hype sets you up to promise more than you can deliver today. You might think others are expecting a superhuman performance from you, no matter how much you do to prove your competence. Instead of tiring yourself out trying to accomplish too much, pare back your activities before it's too late. Even if the variety of possible activities makes it difficult to prioritize them, choose anyhow and move on.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

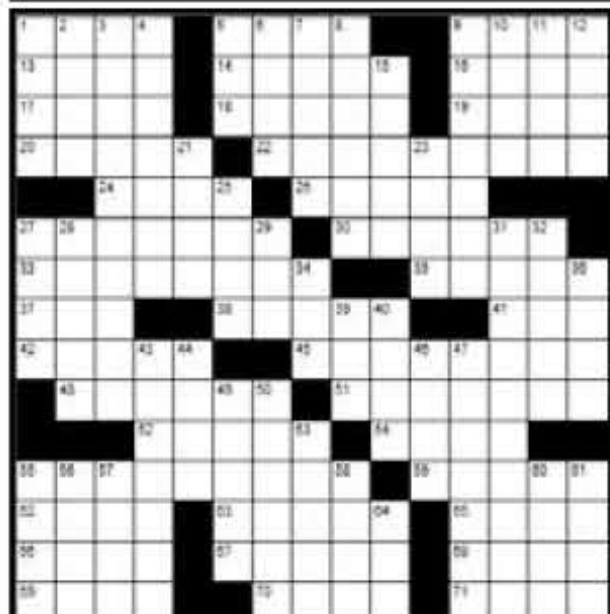
Trusting your senses is tricky business today, especially if you think you should be doing something else than what's on your calendar. It seems unfair that you can't just enjoy the beauty of the moment, but it may not feel right to abandon your chores. Working hard early in the day is one way to alleviate the stress and can help you to justify blocking off time to escape into a fantasy of your own making later on.

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

Your charisma is more alluring than you realize today, as the magical Venus-Neptune alignment heaps an extra helping of radiance onto your plate. Sharing your dreams enables you to transmit vibes that capture others in your web of illusion. Your mind is powerful now and may even affect physical reality. Wizard-like, you can think yourself stronger, taller or prettier - and magically, that is how you are perceived.

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

Some things are better left unsaid, so just soak in the pleasure of sweet stillness today and enjoy the unspoken stories of love. Your key planet Neptune sends you to the outer limits of your imagination as it receives a delicious kiss from enchanting Venus. Even if you try to explain what's happening, your words cannot adequately convey your magical flights of fancy.



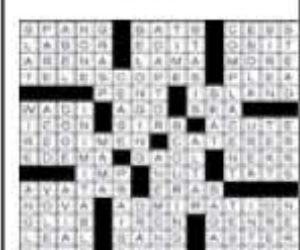
### Across

- 1. Dad, 5. Food thickener, 9. Is indebted to, 13. Low-fat, 14. Heroic tales, 16. Wicked, 17. At one time (archaic), 18. Quickly, 19. Being 20. Drugged, 22. Not deciduous, 24. Rectum, 26. Electronic letters, 27. Mogul, 30. Cream-filled pastry, 33. Romantic, 35. Units of force, 37. At this time, 38. Creepy, 41. Spy agency, 42. Outline, 45. Warbling, 48. Women's stockings, 51. Candidate, 52. Graphic symbols, 54. Small amount, 55. Extortion, 59. Latin name for our planet, 62. Pig sound, 63. Eagerness, 65. Train track, 66. Initial wager, 67. Wait, 68. At the peak of, 69. Blend, 70. Greek territorial unit, 71. Permits

### Down

- 1. Implored, 2. Relating to aircraft, 3. Corridor, 4. Aerial, 5. An Old Testament king, 6. Stare, 7. American aloe, 8. Flower part, 9. Superimpose, 10. Sage, 11. If not, 12. Observed, 15. A pinnacle of ice, 21. Twofold, 23. Decorate with gold leaf, 25. Anagram of "Ties", 27. Subconscious, 28. Beautify, 29. East southeast, 31. Burn, 32. French for "Queen", 34. Anticipate, 36. Wise one, 39. Charged particle, 40. Biblical kingdom, 43. Flutter, 44. Clock sound, 46. Send forth, 47. Genuine, 49. Bedouin, 50. Caught, 53. Move furtively, 55. Feathery scarves, 56. Fluff, 57. Against, 58. Rich soil, 60. Violent disturbance, 61. Austrian peaks, 64. Type of whiskey

### Yesterday's Solution



anything, believe, blink, clarify, conscious, dote, dozen elbow, existence, eyebrow, finally, floor, front, glance, glib, greet, guided, labs, large, listen, nearby pretend, problem, raise, ready, seen, sees, several, shift, stare, twice, very, violence, while, would

