

Dozens of Families Displaced by Baghlan Operations

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Dozens of families have been displaced from the Baghlan-i-Markazi district due to the ongoing clashes between security personnel and Taliban insurgents in northern Baghlan province. Kok Chinar village and some parts of Mangalha village were cleared from the presence of Taliban during the clearing operations by security personnel in the Maghlan-i-Markazi district, the newly appointed provincial police chief, Brig. Gen. Mohammad Ewaz Naziri told Pajhwok Afghan News. Three Taliban fighters were killed and four others wounded in the gun battles,



he said adding security personnel suffered no casualties in the firefights. However, a Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid said they have killed 15 Afghan soldiers and injured 17 others during the clashes during which Taliban captured Kokchinar, Qaisarkhel, Jandakhel, Arab, Mangalha, Nawabad, Khodaidadkhel, Jokna areas from the security personnel. Mohammad Gulab, a resident of Mangalha village said the Afghan local police vacate the areas as Taliban took control of the village. The gun battles obliged 25 families of his village ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

Young Innovator Makes Different Electrical Appliances

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - A young man in the capital of northern Balkh province has innovated electrical appliances including traffic signal lights cheaper than installed in major cities. The youth has made different electrical switches, switching transformers, remote-controls, traffic signal lights and others. The 35-year-old, Syed Haider Hashmi, is a resident of Mazar-i-Sharif, the provincial capital, and has learned technical education in electrical. He told Pajhwok Afghan News during an interview that he had been associated with making electrical appliances over the past 10 years. He said he had many times tried that the government use electrical appliances made by him, but he was yet to be formally contacted. Of his appliances, Hashmi showed Pajhwok Afghan News the traffic signal light he had made of small bombs, plastic glass, ordinary switch, electrical board and wires. He said the ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

Focus on Plight of a Female Drug Addict

KABUL - A number of female addicts said Saturday that they were ready to quit drugs if the government provides them with adequate treatment facilities.



Shaima, 25, is an addict who has used drugs for the last six years. She said that she has been in several drug centers, but the treatment has not helped. According to her, she has a seven-year-old son who has been removed from her custody and is being cared for at a government home for children. She said she started taking drugs with her husband after being deported from Iran.

It is said that at least ten female drug addicts live under the Pul-e-Sukhta bridge in Kabul. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) has said that the government is set to establish a separate drug

treatment center for women within the next two months. Over the past two months, 700 male addicts were transferred from Pul-e-Sukhta bridge to the newly established drug treatment center in the city. *(Tolnews)*

1,400kg Expired Drugs Torched in Panjsherb

PARAKH - Up to 1400 kilograms of collected over the past six months in the central province of Panjsherb was set afire on Saturday, officials said. The 250 different types of expired medicine have been collected by investigation team of public health department over the past six months from different medicinal halls and clinics of the province, the director of public health department, Dr. Abdul Samad told Pajhwok Afghan News. The medicine were torched on Saturday in the presence of officials in the provincial capital, Parakh, he said adding on one was arrested on charge of the ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

No Progress after 12-Days of Fighting in Baghlan: Residents

KABUL - Although the Afghan security forces have entered their twelfth day of fighting insurgents in Baghlan province - in operation Khurshid - there are no signs of progress, say residents. They say fighting in Baghlan is beyond Afghan security forces' capabilities and they have appealed to NATO's U.S.-led Resolute Support troops to assist Afghan forces in the con-



flict. Meanwhile, a number of Afghanistan Local Police (ALP) officers said militants over the past two days have carried out attacks on ALP checkpoints in Baghlan-e-Markazi district ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

Afghan Conflicts Claim 44 Lives Including 32 Militants in 24 Hours: MoD

KABUL - Afghan militancy and counter-militancy have claimed 44 lives including 32 armed insurgents from both Taliban outfit and Islamic State (IS) fighters and 12 security personnel over the past 24 hours, Ministry of Defense (MoD) said in a statement released here on Saturday. "The cleanup operations conducted by units of National Army in coordination with the

National Directorate of Security elsewhere in the country have left 32 armed militants dead over the past 24 hours," the statement asserted. During the operations, according to the statement, which covered parts of Paktia, Ghazni, Zabul, Baghlan and Achin district of the eastern Nangarhar province, a number of militants sustained injuries and the security forces have

also seized good quantity of arms and ammunition from the militants. The ministry in the statement also admitted that 12 personnel of the national army have lost their lives in the war against enemies over the period. The statement, however, didn't provide details on operations against IS fighters in the eastern Nangarhar province. ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Faizabad Residents Have Only 4-Hour Access to Electricity

FAIZABAD - The residents of Faizabad, the capital of northeastern Badakhshan province, complain of access to electricity for only one hour every six hours. "We don't have regular power supply. If we have one hour of electricity, we go without the facility for five hours. Even we can't charge the batteries of our mobile phones," grumbled one inhabitant of the 1st municipality district. Mohammad Rasul told Pajhwok Afghan News even then



inflated power bills were sent to the people, paying 28 afghanis per kilowatt. He says they have not money to pay for electricity from private generators. The government should extend transmission lines from Takhar province or construct a water dam in Badakhshan to resolve the problems of the people, he suggests. On the hand, Director of ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Three Members of One Afghan Family Drown off Turkey

KABUL - Three members of one Afghan family drowned while crossing from Turkey to Greece this week. Relatives of the family, who are mourning the death of their loved ones in Kabul, said that two of their grandchildren and their daughter-in-law died and the son, Nawroz, has sustained injuries. They urged government to bring the bodies back to Kabul. "We sent them in the hope that they will start a better life. They lost their lives and lost all what they had," said Nawroz's mother. Nawroz's sister called on government to bring back their bodies so they can bury them. Relatives of the victims criticized the government for not doing enough to bring peace and security and create jobs. They urged people to be cautious, so that they ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

The anticipation of attempting a daring feat today wires your nervous system, even if others think you're the epitome of stability. You may feel the urge to be wild and crazy since your impulsive reactions are so compelling now. Nevertheless, you can't act on every whim without ruffling a few feathers. Maintaining a sense of decorum compensates for your current unconventionality.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You start the day with rather simple goals in mind but complications develop as you capriciously follow an irrepresible craving, oblivious to what others think. You don't want satisfaction to be delayed now while unpredictable Uranus excites delicious Venus. But be careful not to destabilize anything that has enduring importance on your rush toward temporary gratification.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It appears as if everyone wants to have fun today and you certainly don't want to be left out of the action. You might think you can get away with a clever scheme in your search for the next thrill, but you could be surprised how quickly your mistakes catch up with you now. Attend to your unavoidable responsibilities first thing so you will be free to explore your options for entertainment later on. Acting like an adult suits you best.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your commitments may seem overwhelming today, but you can still find a graceful way to avoid too much drudgery. Your evasive behavior isn't necessarily an act of irresponsibility now, especially if you're setting your own personal boundaries. Fortunately, you aren't required to take on other people's worries just because they expect you to do so. Ironically,

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You can't help but grow more frustrated while thinking about how much fun you could have now if you ditched your current obligations and declared yourself free from responsibility. However, nearly anything you do today has immediate repercussions. It's in your best interest to think about the consequences of your actions before having to deal with a crisis of your own creation.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

This might just be your lucky day if serious issues in your love life need to be dragged out into the open. No matter how you may feel in the moment, express your desires in a rational way that demonstrates your compassionate spirit rather than a selfish attitude. Sparks could fly today, but everything should work out fine as long as you speak from the heart and maintain your integrity. Happy relationships require honesty, kindness and respect.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your unconventional desires can land you in unexpected trouble now, but a bit of self-awareness helps you slide through the day without too much drama. However, sidestepping an emotional scene proves tricky because unforeseen circumstances might sneak up on you. Your attractions may fluctuate wildly before you fully understand what's going on while your key planet Venus squares rebellious Uranus.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Maintaining your concentration on chores is challenging today because enticing social circumstances are very distracting to your train of thought. You are tempted to drop everything in the pursuit of pleasure, but previous commitments stop you from cutting loose as much as you wish. There's no need to stress about the fun you might be missing now.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You seem to have both of your feet planted firmly on the ground today, but your wild imagination may be soaring with the eagles. Paradoxically, concentrating on the present moment empowers you to let go and follow a stream of consciousness while still maintaining a solid connection with reality. Even if your work is a bit sloppy now, strive to be as original as possible.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You can't resist your heart's desire today while urgent Uranus squares captivating Venus in your sign. Although logical analysis leads you to the right answers, it isn't sufficient to keep you on track now. Taking the high road by transforming your physical needs into compassionate action is certainly admirable. Self-restraint and an altruistic attitude can guide you along a spiritual path.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You might be a true believer of synchronicity today, convinced that pursuing a sudden attraction will bring you lasting happiness. Romantic Venus squares radical Uranus, encouraging you to risk more on your quest for emotional fulfillment and physical satisfaction than logic suggests is wise. Nevertheless, reckless behavior only leads to temporal pleasure.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your mind is totally free to go anywhere while your imagination continues to play out one possible scenario after another. But it's not socially acceptable to express every thought today. Nevertheless, it is up to you to find the courage to bring your vision into full sight. Fortunately, you don't have to tell anyone about your fantasies now, nor do you need to immediately act them out.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-67 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across clues: 1. Woodcutting tools, 6. Short golf shot, 10. Evergreen trees, 14. Not tight, 15. Dwarf buffalo, 16. Distinctive flair, 17. Indicate pain or displeasure, 18. Mountain pool, 19. 53 in Roman numerals, 20. Bullets, etc., 22. Not first, 23. Breezed through, 24. Wears away, 26. Frayed, 30. Fury, 31. Uncooked, 32. Region, 33. Terminates, 35. Mentally prepare, 39. A prominent attribute, 41. Coastal, 43. A ring-shaped surface, 44. 20th-century art movement, 46. Weightlifters pump this, 47. Record (abbrev.), 49. Animal doctor, 50. Church benches, 51. Fleet, 54. On the road, 56. Loyal (archaic), 57. Preachy, 63. Sandwich shop, 64. Wicked, 65. Leave out, 66. Nights before, 67. Torture device.

Down clues: 1. Aquatic plant, 2. Residence hall, 3. Whiz, 4. Brother of Jacob, 5. Ringworm cassia, 6. Striped or spotted, 7. Unassisted, 8. Lawn mower brand, 9. Leather maker, 10. Companionship, 11. Homeric epic, 12. Lift, 13. Piques, 21. Less friendly, 25. Whacks, 26. Drift, 27. Chocolate cookie, 28. Back, 29. A type of biologist, 34. Walkways, 36. Bygone era, 37. Gloat, 38. Female chickens, 40. Utilized, 42. Area of South Africa, 45. Greed, 48. Photographic necessity, 51. Birch relative, 52. One of the Canterbury pilgrims, 53. Boys or men, 55. Submit, 58. Egg-shaped, 59. Disparage, 60. Rubber wheel, 61. Midmonth date, 62. To tax or access.

Yesterday's Solution: actor, ales, attack, bride, chorus, cite, collar, crazy, cream, crook, defeat, devise, dismay, dragon, eliminate, explosives, freeze, function, humid, humility, invite, jelly, justice, meet, muse, notation, overthrown, pouch, ripple, servile, slum, surrender.

Word search grid with words: DISMAY, CRAZY, CHORUS, DRAGON, EDEVISE, NEEIQR, XFREEZELVTAOF, POUCH, RPKAITMU, LWHELPTTJCTJN, OJHAIEOHACAE, SURRENDER, RCLT, IHUMILITY, YOKLI, VJUSTICE, IOWYO, ELIMINATE, KEPNN, SERVILLE, COLLAR, BRIDE, DEFEAT, XK.