

# Nimroz Residents Critical of Low-Quality Internet Services

KABUL - There is a 3G Internet facility in neighbouring provinces like Helmand and Farah, but its speed is less than 1G in Nimroz, grumbled yet another inhabitant, Ahmad Khalid. "The third generation (3G) is a modern Internet facility which provides high speed and quality," he remarked. In Internet cafes, visitors face the same problem and cannot copy a page in an hour, according to him. Abdullah, owner of an Internet cafe, confirmed inordinately slow speed had been a major issue in Nimroz, unlike in the rest of provinces, where the situa-



tion was much better. The telecommunication companies provide 2G services in the province, but the Internet speed would increase in the next four months when they would upgrade to 3G services, said an employee of one firm on the condition of anonymity. There were six companies with 2G services and Internet clubs with slow speed, said Director of Telecommunication and Information Technology Javed Samim Barak. Etisalat has decided to activate 3G services in the province in the next 10 days. (Pajhwok)

# Nangarhar Police Detain Suspects in Journalist Murder

JALALABAD - Police on Sunday claimed to have arrested three suspects in the slaying of a journalist in eastern Nangarhar province. The slain Radio Television Afghanistan (RTA) journalist, Mohammad Zubair Khaksar, was also advisor to the provincial governor on culture affairs. He was found gunned down at night-time on Jan 29 in Sara Rud district. President Ashraf Ghani and his security team, the National Security Council (NSC), had directed security departments to investigate Khaksar's murder, identify and arrest the killers. Nangarhar crime branch police chief Col. Abdul Zahir Zahir told reporters here that three suspects, family members of Khaksar's in-laws, had been arrested for their alleged involvement in the murder. "The detainees include Khaksar's father-in-law, brother-in-law and another relative. They have been introduced to the ... (More on P4)...(16)

# 10km Road Graveled in Uruzgan

TIRINKOT - The graveling of a 10-kilometre road in the capital of central Uruzgan province has been completed, an official said on Sunday. Deputy Governor Sher Bacha Orgoni told Pajhwok Afghan News the project cost 17 million afghanis which had been paid by the World Bank (WB). He said the road, connecting a large number of villages to Tirinkot city, would resolve people's transportation problems. The road, starting from Tirinkot, reached up to Tangi area of Dehrawud district, he added. Provincial council head Abdul Karim Khadimzai said the road's reconstruction had been a long-standing demand



of local people. According to another report, 92 Afghan Local Police (ALP) recruits completed their training at the police training centre in Tirinkot city. Governor Mohammad Nazir Kharoti, who attended the graduation ceremony,

# 6 Insurgents Suffer Casualties in Sar-I-Pul Clashes

SAR-I-PUL - At least six militants have suffered casualties and 12 motorcycles seized from Taliban in northern Sar-I-Pul province, a senior official said on Sunday. Governor Mohammad Zahir Wahdat told Pajhwok Afghan News two rebels were killed and four others wounded during an operation in Sang Toda area on the outskirts of the provincial capital late on Saturday. A dozen motorcycles were seized from the insurgents by the security forces, he said, adding three new Afghan Local Police (ALP) posts had recently been set up in Sancharak, Suzma Kala, Bulkhab and Gusfandi districts. However, a militant commander, wishing not to be named, ... (More on P4)...(15)

# Taliban-Kidnapped Vaccinators Found Dead in Kunar

ASADABAD - Three vaccinators were found dead after being kidnapped by militants in eastern Kunar province, an official said on Sunday. The health workers had been kidnapped nearly two weeks ago from Ghaziabad district, the provincial police chief, Brig. Gen. Abdul Habib Syedkhal, told Pajhwok Afghan News. Without said the medics were killed last night and their dead bodies recovered from the Abargul area of the district. However, the



acting public health director, Dr. Ihsanullah Fazli, confirmed the abduction of two vaccinators, Abdul Khaliq and Hazirullah 12 days ago from the Ailgal clinic of Ghaziabad. No one has so far claimed responsibility for the killings. (Pajhwok)

# 7 Police Injured in Grenade Assault on Zabul Checkpoint

PUL-I-ALAM - Four judges and as many civilians were injured in a remote-controlled bomb attack on their vehicle in Pul-i-Alam, the capital of central Logar province on Sunday morning. The bombing, killing a policeman, took place at around 9am when the bomb attached to a cycle went off near the judges' vehicle in the Pul-i-Alam, Governor Haleem Fidaee told Pajhwok Afghan News. Appellant court chief Haqiq-ur-Rahman Haqmal, urban court head Abdul Basit, appellant court's criminal



branch head Mohammad Omar Haidari and another judicial official sustained injuries in the blast. Four civilians were also wounded and a policeman killed in the at-

# 2-Years-Old Child Rescued from Kidnappers in Faryab

MAIMANA - Local security officials on Sunday said a two years old child was rescued from kidnappers and one abductor arrested in north-western Faryab province. Provincial police chief, Col. Sayed Aqa Andarabi, told Pajhwok Afghan News Ahmad Zia was caught while trying to kidnap the child in the eighth police district of Maimana. He identified the child as Idris, son of Hamidullah, and a resident of ToorPakhtoz village on



the outskirts the capital of the province. The alleged kidnapper is under investigation to find clues to his accomplices in the crime. Hamidullah, father of the rescued child, said: "I left all my three children in my car and I went shopping, but a man opened the door of my car and kidnapped my son. He had escaped when I returned." He ... (More on P4)...(17)

# 2 Taliban Commanders Killed in Wardak Firefights

KABUL - Two Taliban commanders were among three fighters killed during recent operations in central Maidan Wardak province, the Ministry of Interior said on Sunday. The two commanders and a rebel were killed during the overnight and Sunday morning firefights in the Nirkh district, a statement from the ministry said. Commander Baryalai and his guard were killed during a police operation on Saturday night in the Deh Muslim area of Nirkh, the governor's spokesman, Toryalai Himmat, told Pajhwok Afghan News. The local Taliban commander was involved in blowing up telephone towers and performing other disruptive activities in the district, he alleged. Elsewhere, Commander Abdul Wahid was killed in a separate operation in the Shah Kabli area of the same district on Sunday morning; he said, ... (More on P4)...(18)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

You're not happy if your goals begin to slip out of reach today. Nevertheless, you want to bring your thoughts down to earth even if this tactic leads to frustration. Your anger builds if the ground is not as solid as you expected. You might even engage in a conflict to express the disjointed energy between the radiant Sun and your key planet Mars. Don't avoid a confrontation if it has a chance to be constructive.

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

It's completely understandable if you're tired of keeping up with your busy schedule and are looking forward to some time off today. Unfortunately, there still might be too many obstacles in your way to actually turn your dream of a retreat into a reality. But even if your obligations seem insurmountable now, you can accomplish your goals if you remain singularly focused like a Jedi warrior.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are a champion of flexibility but too much change is exhausting, even for you versatile Twins. Thankfully, you're almost finished riding the tumultuous waves generated by quicksilver Mercury's recent dance with ruthless Pluto. Although the intensity is settling down, you might experience one last resounding kick today. But rather than fighting back, take the high road and let a potential conflict pass without feeding the fire.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Although you may be preoccupied with replaying an injustice you experienced at work, you might be hesitant to express your thoughts. Nevertheless, you haven't lost your edge; it's just that you're more concerned with keeping your family protected from too many changes in the emotional tides. Fortunately, there's no reason to say what's on your mind now.

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

You're emotionally blown away by everyone making cameo appearances in your life today and it's a real challenge to establish your own direction. Nevertheless, it's counterproductive to worry about all the circumstances beyond your control. Focus your thoughts on the present moment and listen carefully to the wisdom of someone who has your best interests at heart.

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

Your thoughts and feelings are simultaneously pulling you between logical facts and irrational needs today. You naturally prefer to rely on your analytical skills to help you make important decisions. But your mixed results are problematic now, even when you operate strictly within practical realms. Rather than placing restrictions on which information to use and which to reject.

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

You can't just rationalize your feelings today, especially if someone confronts you about your values. You're not interested in negotiating away something that's so fundamental to your beliefs. Nevertheless, your desire for interpersonal harmony is stronger than ever while sociable Venus forms a cooperative sextile with assertive Mars. Fortunately, you don't have to justify your position when threatened.

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

Your deep passion for those people and things you love is growing today. But you know in your heart that you won't step down to sidestep a confrontation if someone gets in your face. Deep breathing and visualizing your happy place helps, but meditation techniques won't make the problem disappear. Just remember that you might inadvertently hurt another person's feelings.

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

Relationship issues continue to complicate matters more than you expected as last month's playful games are escalating into a possible stand-off. Although it's natural to turn to self-protective strategies today, sooner or later you must face the issues you have ignored for too long. Demonstrate your maturity by minimizing a potentially angry exchange; compassionately speaking the truth now offers you the fastest route to resolution.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

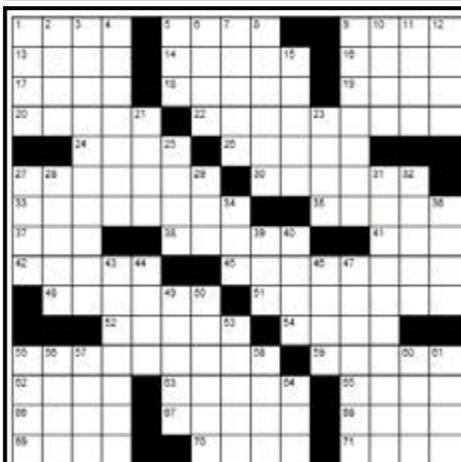
The main focus of your life is shifting toward relationships as personal issues take center stage. You're preoccupied with finding your place in your social network now instead of climbing the ladder of success. In fact, you might choose to let a promotion pass you by so you can devote more time to strengthening the emotional bonds with your family and friends.

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

Pay meticulous attention to all of your actions because you can get so wrapped up in your own needs now that you jeopardize a significant relationship. It's not that you should avoid striving for creative self-expression today; it's just that your life will be much happier if you remember that a little compromise goes a long way to reestablish an emotional connection.

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

You excel in your ability to justify your plans today, but you might be the only one who is suitably impressed. Although you're more accepting of your own feelings, others may not see things in the same light. Confusing matters even further, your rebellious behavior won't likely demonstrate your willingness to cooperate. But don't withdraw just because of an awkward tension in the air.



**Across**  
 1. An amount of medicine, 5. The products of human creativity, 9. Team, 13. Black, in poetry, 14. A pinnacle of ice, 16. Despise, 17. French for "We", 18. Anoint (archaic), 19. Quaint outburst, 20. Ringworm cassia, 22. Debtors, 24. Dikes, 26. Refine metal, 27. Public toilet, 30. Highest goals, 33. Popular terrier, 35. Interrogative pronoun, 37. Actress Lupino, 38. Parish land, 41. C, 42. Packs of playing cards, 45. A hydrocarbon fuel, 48. Insufficient, 51. Grappling hook, 52. Meted out, 54. Playlet, 55. Belonging to the gospel, 59. Perceive by inhaling, 62. Prong, 63. Hello or goodbye, 65. A girl's toy, 66. Large town, 67. Soft drinks, 68. Hawaiian feast, 69. Hastens (archaic), 70. Dampens, 71. Feudal worker.

**Down**  
 1. Lairs, 2. Double-reed woodwind, 3. Audio recording, 4. Trap, 5. An Old Testament king, 6. Cleave, 7. Tall woody plants, 8. Highly seasoned fatty sausage, 9. Long-legged spotted cat, 10. Indian music, 11. French for "State", 12. Marries, 15. Handed over, 21. Among, 23. Gusted, 25. Catch, 27. Placed, 28. Assistants, 29. L, 31. Lacking moral discipline, 32. Display, 34. Startled cry, 36. Part of a foot, 39. Implore, 40. Makes a mistake, 43. Urinary organs, 44. Dirty air, 46. Trees of the genus Quercus, 47. Rotating shaft, 49. Supplications, 50. Lemon or canary, 53. Thermionic tube, 55. Carve in stone, 56. 8 in Roman numerals, 57. Blind (poker), 58. Gossip, 60. Custard dessert, 61. Anagram of "Fuel", 64. Donkey.

**Yesterday's Solution**

agave, appendage, bleach, census, cheddar, cheese, clash, clear, demand, devil, disease, excise, green, happen, heap, hoist, imagination, import, ivory, lass, miss, onerous, organ, pits, proper, purse, seen, shut, species, spook, steep, still, sunshine, tissue, wars.

