

In Nangarhar, Taliban Keeping a Watch on Schools

JALALABAD - Some provincial council members say the Taliban are keeping a watch on government-run schools in remote areas in eastern Nangarhar province. Education officials also confirm Taliban's supervision of government schools, saying the outlawed insurgent group's action is helping improve the system. Ajmal Omar, a local representative from Khogyani district, says the fighters keep an eye on teachers' performance in far-flung areas. He adds the Taliban regularly visit schools with attendance sheets. The



teachers staying away from classes are marked absent. The practice is ongoing in the Hesarak, Sherzad and Khogyani and other districts, where the militants have a strong presence, according to Omar. A tribal elder from Sherzad district confirmed to Pajhwok the guerrillas regularly kept an eye on schools in far-flung neighbourhoods. He hailed the Taliban action to observe education system because according to Jafar schools better performed in areas where government had little control. Israrullah, a resident of the Nokarkhel locality of Khogyani, also verified ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Casualties as Pakistani Forces, Taliban Clash in Gurbaz

KHOST CITY - Local officials on Sunday said Pakistani security forces and the Taliban suffered casualties in an armed clash in the Gurbaz district of southeastern Khost province. A Gurbaz-based official, wishing anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Pakistani forces conducted a patrol in the Shamit area of the district near the Durand Line. While patrolling the border area, the Pakistani forces occasionally entered Afghanistan, ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

4 Spikers Dead in Gunfire Triggered by Testy Exchanges

MAHMOOD RAQI - Four volleyball players have been killed and a fifth wounded after a verbal dispute turned violent in the Tagab district of central Kapisa province, an official said on Sunday. Police spokesman Mohammad Ayub Yousafzai confirmed to Pajhwok Afghan News the incident that took place in a Taliban-controlled area of the district. Firdous, a resident of the locality, said ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

Yuldash Son Recruiting Fighters for Daesh in Sayyad District

SAR-I-PUL CITY - Uzbekistani members of Daesh or Islamic State (IS) are recruiting fighters in the Sayyad district of northern Sar-I-Pul province, local officials said on Sunday. Governor Zahir Wahdat told Pajhwok Afghan News a son of Tahir Yuldash, former leader of Hezb-I-Tahrir Islamic Uzbekistan, along with a number of Uzbek families, lived in unstable areas of Sayyad about a week and a half ago. He did not provide details about the number of Uzbek



families living in the restive district but said that the son of Tahir Yuldash had a lot of resources. He claimed receiving reports the Taliban in Kohistanat district planned to join Daesh. Security personnel from Kabul should launch a joint operation with their local counterparts to purge Sar-I-Pul of a ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

Woman Commits Suicide in Herat

HERAT CITY - A 21-year-old woman has shot herself to death in Herat City, the capital of western Herat province, an official said on Sunday. Mohammad Rafiq Sherzai, spokesman for zonal hospital, told Pajhwok Afghan News Anisa Gul, 21, gunned herself down Saturday evening in the eighth police district. Police Spokesman Abdul Ahad Walizada said investigation into the suicide incident had been launched and would be shared with the media upon its completion. Hospital sources said as many as 35 women had committed suicide by shooting, poisoning and hanging themselves in the province so far this year. (Pajhwok)

10 Taliban Militants Killed, 14 Injured in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - At least 10 militants have been killed and 14 others injured as clash erupted between government forces and Taliban in Jarm district of the northern Badakhshan province, spokesman for provincial government said Sunday. The government forces, according to the official Ahmad Nawed Frotan, launched cleanup operations in parts of Jarm district early Sunday and so far several villages have been liberated from the



clutch of the insurgents. A Taliban group commander Mullah Naqibullah and six foreign nationals are also among those killed during the operations, the official asserted. Taliban militants haven't commented on the subject. (Xinhua)

Police Seize 210 Kg Explosives in Northern Province

KUNDUZ - The Afghan National Police (ANP) personnel discovered explosives in the country's northern province of Kunduz overnight, the provincial police chief said on Sunday. "Based on a tip-off, the ANP intercepted a vehicle on outskirts of Kunduz city, capital of Kunduz province, and recovered more than 210 kg of explosives late Saturday night," Gen. Abdul Hamid Hamid told Xinhua. One militant was captured, the vehicle was



confiscated and the explosives were destroyed safely at the site by a bomb disposal team, the police official added. The timely discovery of the explosives has foiled

Couple Killed by Nuristan Residents for Eloping

KABUL - A young man was lynched together with a married woman by the local residents in eastern Nuristan province of Afghanistan for eloping and taking shelter in a government shelter house. According to the local of-

officials, the couple was arrested by the police forces and was being kept inside the shelter house when dozens of people stormed into the compound and brutally murdered them. Provincial governor Hafiz ...*(More on P4)...*(22)

4 More Civilians Killed in Helmand Airstrike

LASHKARGAH - Residents of Sangin district of southern Helmand province on Sunday claimed eight more civilians, including women and children, suffered casualties

in a fresh NATO airstrike. Haji Ahmad, a resident of the district, told Pajhwok Afghan News that four members of his brother's family were killed in a ...*(More on P4)...*(23)

Residents Tie Soaring Crimes to Unregistered SIM Cards

JALALABAD - Residents of eastern Nangarhar province complain of the unchecked distribution and use of unregistered Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) cards, creating multiple problems. The unregistered SIM cards are available in every corner of Jalalabad, the provincial capital. Inhabitants claim the cards are used for communications in robberies, target killings, terrorist activities and other illegal acts. "It is government responsibility to crack down on the sale of illegal SIM



cards to check different crimes," residents believe. Syed Raqib, a resident of the 6th municipality district, claimed dacoits kidnapped a doctor from his neighbour and demanded 20 million afghanis in ransom. All communications in this instance, he said, were conducted over the ...*(More on P4)...*(24)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

There's simply no time to beat around the bush today because you couldn't fit another task in edgewise if you tried. You're finally sorting out kinks in your day-to-day life that sometimes get neglected due to other priorities, and the sensible Virgo Moon's trine to powerful Pluto injects passionate drive into your plans. You're convinced that you can finish everything if you just keep plodding ahead.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You're trying to keep track of all the little things you agreed to do today, and your head is spinning before you know it. Once you think about the plethora of projects you want to manage, you realize how much there is to do and how little time there is available. It's overwhelming to look at a million puzzle pieces strewn about; identify which pieces go together easily and you can make more progress.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You notice there are plenty of loose ends to tie up around the house today. The drudgery of chores may not be very exciting, but cleaning your physical space can be imagined as a parallel to cleaning your mental space. The dutiful Virgo Moon urges you to roll up your sleeves and knock out domestic tasks while a favorable connection to powerhouse Pluto deepens your investment in creating a healthy environment.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

There's no time to slow down as your list grows longer by the minute. It feels as if you don't have a choice but to add another errand to your agenda. However, there are only so many hours in a day and so much gas in your tank. The obedient Virgo Moon nudges you toward compliance, but an awkward connection between mental Mercury and wounded Chiron reminds you that sometimes words aren't enough.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

There is more than enough to keep you busy as you embark on an organizational binge. The satisfaction of completing one project after another can become addicting, motivating you to stick your finger in even more pies. You may be led to believe that your self-worth is dependent on your accomplishments as the virtuous Virgo Moon travels through your 2nd House of Assets.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may be obsessive about setting things right, and others might just stay out of your way for fear of being alphabetized right along with your files. Your desire to catalogue and coordinate every detail is admirable, but life cannot always be color-coded with all its shades of gray. Your key planet Mercury exchanges an unpleasant glance with healer Chiron in your 7th House of Relationships, reminding you that not everything can be calculated.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

An elusive mental itch grows stronger, and although it's difficult to pinpoint, this anxiety is pervasive in its ability to keep you on edge. Finding the right words to express what you mean doesn't come easily, but a solution may be closer than you think. Spending some time alone will help clear your mind today, even if it's just a few minutes of fresh air. Ironically, tapping into your feelings clarifies your thoughts.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You may be wondering why you thought you could squeeze so many activities into your schedule today. Social engagements begin to feel like obligations when you stack too many on top of each other. Something will have to give for you to be able to truly enjoy the time you allotted to spending with your friends.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You're not interested in settling for anything less than perfection today, and you're not afraid to tell everyone. You wouldn't want anyone to think you couldn't accomplish something, so you keep pretending you can handle it in an attempt to save your reputation. However, others probably aren't dissecting your every move, and it's pointless to try to prove yourself to people who aren't paying as much attention as you think.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

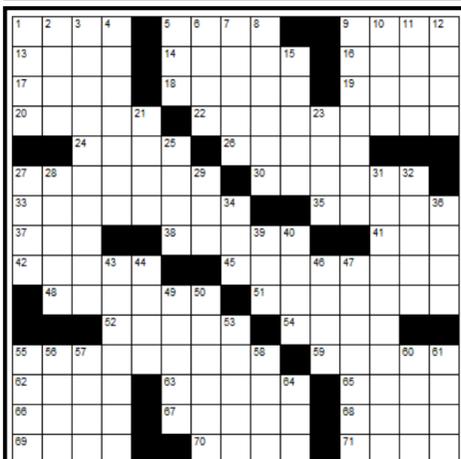
You always like to be prepared, which is why it's comforting to take the time to do your due diligence. However, what begins as covering your bases may turn into an unnerving number of prerequisites you believe you must accomplish before your next big move. However, you're so invested in your future that you may not know when to call it quits.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You prefer facts over abstractions today, but deep emotions complicate your quest to set things straight. Sometimes feelings aren't linear or logical, especially when it comes to relationships. The meticulous Virgo Moon stirs up your 8th House of Intimacy, urging you to get into the nitty-gritty logistics of your emotional commitments. The further you delve, the less your rational mind is in charge.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You want to wait on a special someone hand and foot, but eventually there comes a point when it's impractical. Nevertheless, you somehow still think you can fulfill all their needs and yours in the space of a day. At some point, you must accept your limits and realize that it doesn't reflect badly on you as a person if you can't juggle everything at once. If you slow down long enough to get out of your head.



Across
1. Remain, 5. Auspices, 9. Outbuilding, 13. Norse god, 14. Nasal passage, 16. Yachting cap, 17. Misplaced, 18. Napped, 19. Colored part of an eye, 20. Watchful, 22. Ringle, 24. No more than, 26. Courtroom event, 27. Pervert, 30. Condensed written summaries, 33. Suitable for the general public, 35. Filched, 37. Bird call, 38. Not lower, 41. Crimson, 42. Portents, 45. Copied, 48. Slippery, 51. Usefulness, 52. Stories, 54. Shade trees, 55. Efforts, 59. Thigh armor, 62. Former Italian currency, 63. Overact, 65. Pesky insects, 66. A storage chest, 67. Challenges, 68. So be it, 69. Location, 70. Colorful salamander, 71. Make do.

Down
1. South American weapon, 2. False god, 3. Eviscerate, 4. Implore, 5. S, 6. Decorate with gold leaf, 7. Unreactive, 8. Surpassingly good, 9. Frying pan, 10. Protagonist, 11. Sweeping story, 12. A flat circular plate, 15. Step, 21. Not false, 23. Speaker's platform, 25. Beige, 27. A style of design, 28. Tests, 29. Pelvis, 31. Very loudly (music), 32. Mixture of rain and snow, 34. Consumer Price Index, 36. Countercurrent, 39. Australian flightless bird, 40. Liturgy, 43. Nitrify, 44. Petty quarrel, 46. Lean, 47. Annual book of information, 49. Used, 50. Bodyguard, 53. A loud sleeping sound, 55. Large N. Amer. deer (plural), 56. 13 in Roman numerals, 57. At one time (archaic), 58. Goulash, 60. Stair, 61. Feudal worker, 64. Eastern Standard Time.

Yesterday's Solution
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GADS TUP COW
AGUE TETS UTTER
VERANDA KARAOKE
EDEMA TOYS IRES
SIS FRY LEST
COSTLY FOES
OVER SPECTACLES
ROBE FRANK TROIE
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again, begin, block, certain, chair, check, clog, close, cough, craig, drive, eight, extreme, hidden, large, match, misty, movement, other, people, plank, portion, protection, rice, rink, rook, scarf, slag, slept, smooch, spruce, stink, stole, strait, taken, teach.

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