

30,000 Unregistered Vehicles Plying Roads in Nimroz

ZARANJ - Thousands of undocumented vehicles are plying roads in southwestern Nimroz province, with officials acknowledging most accidents involved the illegal vehicles, Pajhwok Afghan News has reliably learnt. Traffic department officials confirm unregistered vehicles exist in Nimroz. They also link most of traffic accidents to these vehicles. Col. Mohammad Zarin, provincial traffic chief, said 30 accidents happened in the province this year, leaving 27 people dead and 129 others wounded. He blamed most accidents on right hand drive (RHD) because controlling



RHD vehicles was difficult in right-hand traffic (RHT) country Afghanistan. "RHD vehicles which also lack documents are made in Japan, America, Canada and Germany. These vehicles are transferred to Nimroz through Pakistan and Iran." Col. Zarin said as many as 30,000 unregistered vehicles existed in Nimroz in addition to legal vehicles registered in other provinces. Many among thousands of vehicles commuting within the province were undocumented. Naimatullah, a car dealer, said only five percent ... (More on P4)...(21)

20 Insurgents Killed in Uruzgan Airstrike



KABUL - At least 20 armed insurgents were killed during an Afghan and foreign forces joint airstrike in Uruzgan province, local officials said. Provincial spokesman Mohammad Nayab confirmed the airstrike and said that the insurgents were targeted around Trinkot city. Nayab said that the airstrikes have been ongoing for the past few days and as a result 43 insurgents were killed and wounded. As a result of ground and airstrikes, several parts of Trinkot city had been cleared of insurgents, Nayab added. (Tolonews)

Import of Low Quality Marble Damaging Local Market

KABUL - Shop owners who trade in marble in Kabul have said they are concerned about the flow of foreign marble into the country, which is affecting domestic demand. They said Pakistan's marble is dominating the market as prices are being undercut. According to them, Afghan marble is of a much higher quality, which in turn means it costs more. "You see this stone. It is from Pakistani and another is from Herat. Herat's marble is brighter and whiter and also it is of a much higher quality compared to Paki-



stan's marble," said Nasir Ahmad, a marble craftsman. "It would be better if Pakistan's marble is not imported, because our country has the best marble in the world. We should not import foreign marble when we have our own," said Shirshah, another marble retailer. Meanwhile, economic affairs ... (More on P4)...(22)

16 IS Militants Killed in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - A total of 16 militants loyal to Islamic State (IS) have been killed and two others injured over the past 24 hours, a spokesman for Nangarhar provincial government said Tuesday. The operations, according to spokesman Attaullah Khogiani, covered some villages in Haska Mina and Kot districts, during which some hideouts of the IS fighters have also been destroyed. However, the official didn't say if there were casualties on security personnel. The IS outfit, which has been fighting in parts of Nangarhar province over the past nearly two years, is ... (More on P4)...(23)

Forced Treatment Unacceptable: Ghazni Drug Addicts

GHAZNI CITY - Drug addicts who live under a bridge in the capital of southern Ghazni province claim they were beaten during treatment in order to quit taking drugs. The population of drug addicts under the bridge over the river in Ghazni City is on the increase with each passing day, but no attention has been paid to this problem. One of the addicts, who provided his name as Wali Mohammad told Pajhwok Afghan News that he



started using drugs in Iran and continued the habit after failing to find job in Afghanistan on return from the neighboring country. "When I became hopeless I chose to live beneath the bridge. But now I am tired of this life." Wali Mohammad said he was once admitted to a hospital in ... (More on P4)...(24)

Dejected Paktika Residents Seek Greater Hajj Quota

SHARAN - Residents on Tuesday demanded a greater quota for Hajj pilgrims from southeastern Paktika province. The demand came during the Hajj draw for the current year at the department concerned in Sharan, the provincial capital. A resident of Janikhel district told Pajhwok Afghan News the number of Hajj pilgrims from Paktika was far less than those from other provinces. Every year, he lamented, many intending pilgrims



were depriving of performing the ritual. He applied for pilgrimage years ago, but is yet to perform it. Abdul Ghani, hailing from Sharan, deposited

3 Insurgents Killed, as Many Injured in Tagab Ambush

MAHMOOD RAQI - Three militants have been killed and as many wounded in clash with police in the Tagab district of central Kapisa province, an official said on Tuesday. The rebels suffered the casualties in a police ambush in the Bak

Cost of Black Pine Nuts Spike Due to Export Demand

KABUL - A number of dried fruit and nut retailers on Tuesday said the price of black pine nuts has risen sharply this year due to a decrease in supply as exports have in-

Afghan Citizen Held in US Faces Assault Charges

KABUL - An Afghan national arrested during a protest in Washington faces charges of assault on a police officer and failure to obey a lawful order, a US newspaper has reported. Bilal A. Askaryar was detained on Friday when a protest was staged against Education Secretary Betsy DeVos's visit to a middle school. Now freed, the man will appear in a court on March 17 on misdemeanor charges. According to the Washington Post, Askaryar is



too afraid to talk publicly. His attorney did not answer a call, his father Homayon Askaryar said his son "wants to protect education for the future kids. ... Better education gives a better life." Along with several pro-

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may not be sure what others expect of you today. It's tough to choose your next move while the indecisive Libra Moon graces your 7th House of Relationships, but this good-natured influence encourages you to do what's best for everyone. Fortunately, a link between karmic Saturn and the illuminating Sun reminds you of your principles, giving you something solid on which to base your decisions.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

The long process of self-analysis is going on underneath the surface; although this inner work is a special kind of challenge, you possess the resilience to see it through. The best way to show appreciation to others today isn't by going overboard with outlandish gifts. The compassionate Libra Moon highlights your 6th House of Service, encouraging simple donations of your time and effort to help someone in need.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your main goal is to make people smile today, and your innate knack for lightening the mood works in your favor. However, lasting bonds of trust are made from different stuff than the fleeting ones of flirtation. Fortunately, structured Saturn and the honorable Sun are in your corner now, giving you the strength to sort things out with others when it would be easier to crack a joke and pretend nothing is wrong.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Keeping up with your daily schedule is demanding when it seems like there's always another level to which you must rise. However, your natural tenacity is reinforced by a grounding Sun-Saturn connection, empowering you to do the legwork without cracking under pressure. One of the best parts about putting in a full day of work is coming home to a peaceful environment.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You possess the gift of gab today as you shape your words with tact and kindness. Flattery isn't the focus as a mature Sun-Saturn configuration fortifies your sense of authenticity. This sensible combination allows you to be yourself while calming the waters rather than rocking the boat. Honesty is the best policy.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Cultivating a healthy balance between your professional obligations and your personal life requires a special type of discipline. It's worth it to persevere through a tough day at work when you can use the fruits of your labor to show your appreciation to others. The romantic Libra Moon strolls through your 2nd House of Material Things, inspiring you to find the perfect way to brighten someone's day.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You do your best to make people happy, hoping for amicable relationships with everyone you meet. Your signature finesse is on point today as the Moon promenades through your diplomatic sign, emphasizing your desire to play peacemaker. Paradoxically, the key to keeping others satisfied is by sticking to a single message rather than vacillating back and forth trying to accommodate everyone.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You may feel like bowing out on the social scene to avoid any hassles today. You want to create a loving environment in which to exist so when others join you it's easy to be peaceful together. Fortunately, the Sun and Saturn are your allies now, coaching you to make wise choices when it comes to how you spend your energy.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

There's an effervescence about the day which is perfect for hanging out with friends and letting loose. No matter how you choose to spend your time, societal expectations don't seem to hold as much weight as the uplifting feeling you get from being around your tribe. Should any difficulties arise today, an affirmative Sun-Saturn sextile helps you stick to your beliefs rather than being swayed by outside opinions.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

The lust in your world is for your professional ambitions today. The stylish Libra Moon glides through your 10th House of Public Image, prompting you to preen your feathers and put your best foot forward as you move toward your goals. At the same time, the value of privacy is becoming crystal clear as you realize how much better you feel when you recharge on a regular basis.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're confident that showing everyone the bigger picture is the fastest way to ease troubled minds. You're right; it's useful to have a bird's eye view to get the lay of the land. However, it's all too easy to be overly subjective in thinking your ideas are the ones that will change everything. Philosophizing is a great start; but if you really want to make a difference now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Dreams of perfect love may drift through your imagination today, but reality is the same as ever. Truthfully, the most beautiful moments come in times of simple togetherness with all its imperfections. Not every relationship sparkles as you wish, but even amid the hard times you're willing to make an effort to get on the same page with the people you love.

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Down

1. Thin strip, 2. Car, 3. Within, 4. Pace, 5. Entryway, 6. A fencing sword, 7. South American country, 8. Mining finds, 9. Small footholds, 10. Countryman, 11. Electronic letters, 12. Jockey's wear, 13. Anagram of "Ties", 21. Lad, 25. Compete, 26. Powdery dirt, 27. 1/12th of a foot, 28. Shredded cabbage, 29. Administration, 30. Backbone, 31. Engine knock, 33. Slaloms, 34. Be dressed in, 35. Pitcher, 36. Low in pitch, 38. Apple pastry, 41. 16 1/2 feet, 42. Anagram of "Clients", 44. A large vase, 45. Tendon, 46. Extreme, 47. Not late, 48. Lipids, 50. Exploded star, 51. A female domestic, 52. Sea eagle, 53. Go on horseback, 54. Arab chieftain, 55. D D D D.

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