

# 108 Afghan Media Workers Join Refugee Stream to Europe

KABUL - Pajhwok Afghan News has learned that as many as 108 Afghan journalists and media workers had left Afghanistan to seek asylum in foreign countries during the past one year. These individuals mainly worked in information technology and translation sections at different media outlets in Afghanistan before leaving the country. Since early 2015, five workers of Shamshad TV, 21 of 1TV, six workers of Pajhwok Afghan News, two of Maiwand TV, as many of the Killid Media Group, 10 of Aryana TV, 12 of Moby Group, two of Niga TV, two of



Zwandon TV, one of Arzo TV, two of Mitra TV, six of Ayna TV, two of Tamaddon TV, one of Rushd News Agency, one of Kabul News TV, four Daily Outlook Afghanistan and two of Khurshid TV have left the country. In addition, 12 workers of local media in Herat, seven in Balkh, six in Kunduz, four in Nangrahar and two media officials from Bamyana had also left the country. Javed Stanikzai, newscaster at Maiwand TV, sought asylum in Belgium. He told Pajhwok Afghan News...*(More on P4)...(10)*

## Security Forces Among 9 Dead in Jawzjan Gunbattles

SHIBERGHAN - Security officials in northern Jawzjan province on Tuesday said six Taliban fighters had been killed and five others wounded during a clash in Tosh Tapa district. But the insurgents claimed 21 Afghan soldiers were killed, wounded and captured during the clash. Maj. Reza Rezaee, spokesman for the 209th Shaheen Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clashes happened in Khan Aqa, Turkmen and Oldi Chaqma Choqur villages. He said security forces defused four landmines in the area, but a fifth exploded, claiming the lives of two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier and one policeman. He added reinforcements were about to reach the area, where a clearing operation would be launched soon. But Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## 111 Prisoners Including 17 Women Freed from Herat Jail

HERAT CITY - More than a 110 prisoners have been released from the central jail of western Herat province and prison terms of another 76 inmates reduced, an official said on Tuesday. Abdullah Azizi, Herat central jail commander, told Pajhwok Afghan News 111 prisoners, including 17 women, had been freed. Eight children had been released from a juvenile detention center in compliance with a presidential decree, he said. "Based on the decree, jail terms of 76 pris-



oners have been reduced." Jamshid Saljuqi, an attorney evaluating detention centres, said only small-time offenders had been given relief under the decree. Around 3,000 prisoners, including 147 women, are being held in Herat prison. *(Pajhwok)*

## Deadly Clashes Erupting Between Rival Taliban Groups in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - Deadly clashes have been erupting between two rival groups of Taliban in central Ghazni province of Afghanistan, officials said on Tuesday. The provincial governor said that one group belongs to Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour and the other one to Mullah Mohammad Rasoul. According to Mohammad Aman Hamim, the clashes which started in the jurisdiction of Nawa District earlier this morning have so far left 27 militants killed. Head of the Provincial Council of Ghazni also reported clashes between the followers of Mullah Mansour and Mullah Rasoul. Khaliqdad Akbari said both groups clashed in Muqr...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## 5 Afghan Police Killed in Insider Attack in Kunduz: Official

KUNDUZ - About five Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel were killed and three others wounded in a suspected insider attack in northern Afghan province of Kunduz on Tuesday, an official said. The attack took place after an ALP member turned his gun against his comrades in a security checkpoint in Chahar Sarri locality in Khan Abad district, outskirts of provincial capital Kunduz city in the wee hours of the day, district governor Hayatullah Amiri told Xinhua. The shooter fled the scene and an investigation was



launched into the incident, the official noted. The government established the ALP, or community police, in 2010 to protect villages and districts where army and police have limited presence. Taliban militants claimed responsibility for the incident. Such attacks also happened in the past as five police officers were killed and six others sustained injuries in a similar attack in southern Kanda...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## Khost Governor, PC Head Extol Security Forces' Performance

KHOST CITY - Khost Governor Hukam Khan Habibi said on Tuesday security forces were making progress in curbing activities of insurgents in the southeastern province. Addressing a news conference here, the governor spoke of a string of recent counterinsurgency offensives in the province, where weapons were seized and some Taliban detained. He said the operations were conducted jointly by the Afghan National Army (ANA), police and National Directorate of Security

(NDS) personnel in different areas of the province. Hukam Khan said 84 boxes of Kalashnikov, machine gun and heavy machine-gun bullets, 51 missile warheads and 20 artillery shells had been recovered during the crackdown on terrorists. The governor acknowledged security forces, making significant headway, had been able to disrupt insurgent activities to a greater extent. Provincial Council Chairman Abdul Wali Wahidzai also praised the efforts of

security forces to enforce peace in the province, bordering Pakistan's restive tribal region of Kurram. He believed if residents cooperated with security forces, insecurity could be banished for good. The security personnel had prevented militants from implementing their nefarious designs. Tahir Khan, a resident of Khost, expressed pleasure over the current state of security, but said occasional bomb attacks in urban areas, including the provincial capital, fuelled concerns. *(Pajhwok)*

## 93 Killed, 309 Injured in Kandahar Accidents This Year

KANDAHAR CITY - A number of people have been arrested and referred to attorneys in connection with traffic accidents that left 93 persons dead and 309

others injured during the outgoing solar year in southern Kandahar province, officials said on Tuesday. The dead included 62 men, five women and 26 children.

They lost their lives in 72 accidents, said Kandahar traffic department head Col. Mohammadullah Khan. Khan told Pajhwok Afghan...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## 2 Militants Killed in Premature Blast in Helmand

LASHKAR GAH - Two militants had been killed and another injured in a blast in Helmand province, sources said on Tuesday. "The militants tried to plant an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) along a main road in Naway-i-Barakzayi district on Monday, but the home-made device went off accidentally, causing the casualties among the militants," a provincial security source told Xinhua. The injured was detained and shifted by security forces to a hospital for treatment, he said. The Taliban militant group has been using IEDs to target security forces, but the lethal weapon also inflicts casualties on civilians, according to military officials. More than 3,540 civilians were killed and over 7,450 others injured in 2015 as the violence spread in different places of the country, according to a report released by United...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## 13 Insurgents Dead, 8 Wounded in Daesh-Taliban Clash

JALALABAD - At least 13 insurgents have been killed and eight others wounded during a clash between Taliban and Daesh fighters in eastern Nangarhar

province, an official said on Tuesday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the incident took place in

the Karkani locality of Achin district a Daesh stronghold near the Pakistan border. He said information about civilian casualties in...*(More on P4)...(15)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You know what you want today, but your fluctuating emotions aren't nearly as stable as you think. You could tell a variety of stories throughout the day, which certainly could be confusing to others. Nevertheless, you repeatedly explain yourself each time you change your mind. Unfortunately, your valiant attempts to bridge the communication gap might just increase your loneliness and frustration.

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

Someone's unfriendly communication style might hurt your feelings today. As much as you struggle to understand their intentions, you can't comprehend why you deserve this cold shoulder. In fact, you may have done absolutely nothing at all to provoke rejection. Be patient and don't take everything so personally.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may be excited about everything and nothing today as the Moon skips through jittery Gemini. Your ideas come and go so quickly now that you might not be able to keep up with yourself. Each thought appears like a stroke of brilliance; the fact of the matter is that your perspective is slightly warped while cerebral Mercury is stretching his wings in radical Aquarius. Explore your imagination and enjoy your fantasies.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your coworkers seem to be unappreciative of your production today, even if your work habits are impeccable. Don't let anyone's misinformed judgments lead you on a journey of self-doubt. Unfortunately, you could talk yourself into a major funk now, so try not to take criticism too personally. Maintain a hands-on but heart-off approach to making things run smoothly.

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

You might remember something in a flash that makes you feel quite serious today, but it's still easy to project a lighthearted attitude. However, your upbeat nature could complicate matters, especially if people assume you're not operating with a proper demeanor. Meanwhile, you know you're not ignoring what's happening; you're just making a conscious choice about where to focus your attention.

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

Staying on task is nearly impossible today, especially if your work demands exacting concentration. You often enjoy sorting out the details, but logical Mercury's journey into futuristic Aquarius makes it more difficult to communicate your thoughts. You still may need to maintain productivity, but don't be too hard on yourself if you fall short of your own expectations. Even Virgos need to take a break from the rat race now and then.

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

You are eager to engage in a conversation with a potential friend or lover. Consciously acting sweetly is the first step to deepening your bond while hoping for the same treatment in return. But there are complex intricacies to handle today as the coolness of Saturn's restraint hides your true feelings. Don't just overcompensate by slipping into denial; avoidance won't turn an uncomfortable situation into a more pleasant one.

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

Your feelings are twisting around current events and bending you out of shape in the process. The problem is you're not sure how to get your heart back to where it belongs. Your spiritual ideals encourage you to connect with your friends, but it's tough when you don't receive positive responses to your overtures. You long for a warmer reaction and without support.

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

You want to show everyone how to have fun today and your irrepressible spontaneity can shatter people's expectations of how maturely you should act. However, responsible behavior could be pushed to a back burner while your wildly creative side steals the show. Luckily, your competence enables you to adapt to the changing situation well enough that no one realizes you have escaped into the recesses of your own private universe.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

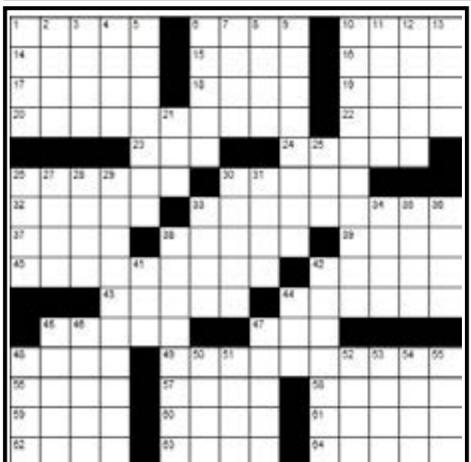
Self-discipline usually comes easily to you austere Mountain Goats, but not while indulgent Venus tries to squeeze in some last-minute fun before leaving your sign later tonight. You might attempt to be serious-minded, but you're just having too much fun today. There's no harm in feeling joyful, even if your current exuberance has nothing to do with your job.

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

Suppressing your hope is nearly impossible now, but you might be struggling to wrap words around your current optimism. Don't worry about your inability to explain your intentions today; the most intelligent thing you can do is to lead by example. Anyway, you'll be better able to share the process of your inner journey in a couple of weeks, and it should be well worth the wait.

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

You're swinging back and forth on an emotional pendulum today, tightly stretched between feeling overly confident and worrying yourself sick about the judgments of those around you. Unfortunately, making an important decision is complicated by not knowing if you are being recognized for the contributions you make in a relationship or at work.



**Across**  
1. List components, 6. Baroque composer, 10. Frosts, 14. Pertaining to the oceans, 15. Found in some lotions, 16. Exploded star, 17. Doctrine, 18. Nonclerical, 19. Wisecrack, 20. Appraisal, 22. Website addresses, 23. Fodder, 24. Death notices, 26. Exhibited, 30. Rubber wheels, 32. Adored, 33. Nurse, 37. A Freudian stage, 38. Damp, 39. Container weight, 40. Oil drilling places, 42. Metal money, 43. Bottoms of shoes, 44. January's birthstone, 45. First Greek letter, 47. Watch chain, 48. Food thickener, 49. Refurbishment, 56. Dry riverbed, 57. Computer symbol, 58. Audio communications, 59. Portent, 60. Gait faster than a walk, 61. Make improvements, 62. Water chestnut.

**Down**  
1. Ancient Peruvian, 2. Sailors, 3. Nights before, 4. Fabricated, 5. Splashed, 6. Mild and pleasant, 7. Wings, 8. Metal money, 9. Bullied, 10. Interrogated, 11. Woo, 12. Iniquities, 13. Exhausts, 21. Unhappy, 25. Implore, 26. Shredded cabbage, 27. Sharpen, 28. Egg-shaped, 29. An abundant source, 30. Domesticates, 31. Colored part of an eye, 33. Adorable, 34. Conceited, 35. Sea eagle, 36. A musical pause, 38. Mirth, 41. Comes after Mi and Fah, 42. Nightclub, 44. Governor (abbrev.), 45. A long-legged bird, 46. Burdened, 47. Typefaces, 48. Absent Without Leave, 50. Beige, 51. Cozy corner, 52. Docile, 53. Bright thought, 54. Pig sound, 55. Gestures of assent.

**Yesterday's Solution**  
abate, bale, boor, born, break, campaign, chapel, cheap, cheep, chose, circus, clock, craft, death, dress, drought, express, fear, flare, focus, fudge, future, horse, latex, ledges, limit, marry, picnic, point, prevaricate, rise, scuttle, seduce, shift, strand, teen.

