

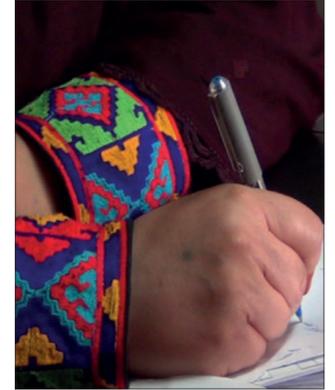
# US, NATO Try to Deny IS Terrorist Group's Presence in Afghanistan: Lavrov

MOSCOW - Military of the United States and NATO has been trying to deny any presence of the Islamic State terrorists in Afghanistan, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Tuesday. "We are alarmed as unfortunately, the US and NATO military in Afghanistan makes every effort to silence and deny [the IS group's presence in Afghanistan]," Lavrov told reporters after talks with his Pakistani counterpart Khawaja Muhammad Asif. "We have very serious suspicions over the measures that the NATO coalition in Afghanistan is using to curb this threat," he noted. "According to our data, the IS presence in northern and eastern Afghanistan is rather serious, there are already thousands of gunmen," Lavrov said. "This increases the ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



## In Remote Parts, Paktia Women Long For Basic Life Amenities

GARDEZ - Women in southeastern Paktia province say nothing fundamental has been done to improve women's living standard and past projects in this regard have little impact. Aisha, a resident of Ahmadkhel district, told Pajhwok Afghan News that women in remote areas of the province



were backward and the government should work for their development in districts besides provincial capitals. She said a majority of women in Paktia were unaware about their rights and had seen nothing practical to be done for their welfare. "Prayer leaders in districts and other remote areas should be persuaded to highlight women's rights and make people give women the rights what Islam has given them." Provincial gender in charge, Muska-Mangal, said works done so far for women were not enough and more basic work should be done. She considered improving women's capacity as essential and providing educational and vocation trainings to women could help improve their lives. "Women's lives can improve if religious scholars and elders work for discouraging bad customs and develop men's mentality that women are half of the world's population and they need what men need and have equal rights." Afghan Women Network head Zarghona Himmatt said women continued to face many challenges and in several areas the gender even lacked basic amenities of life. First of all families should protect the rights of their girls and send them to school and the government should take essential steps towards making women economically self reliant by offering them jobs. ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## Samangan's Ousted Governor Agrees to Step Aside

KABUL - The new governor for the northern province Abdul Latif Ibrahimi will officially take over on Tuesday after the previous governor was sacked on Saturday. The new governor of Samangan province Abdul Latif Ibrahimi will officially take up the reigns on Tuesday after the surprise ousting of former governor Abdul Karim Khudam over the weekend. However, TOLONews' journalist in the province says the governor's compound in Aibak city, the provincial capital, is under heavy guard by security forces.



According to a source government and Khudam, along with Jamiat, reached an agreement on Monday night for Ibrahimi to take over. However, Jamiat has not confirmed this ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## Tons of Expired Food, Medicines Set Ablaze in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - About six tons of expired food items and medicines have been torched in northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Tuesday. Ashuqullah, provincial public health department official, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the torched items had been confiscated during an ongoing campaign over the past six months from different shops and marketplace in Shiberghan City. He said the six tons of items torched included 115 types of medicines and 29 food items. He asked shopkeepers and traders to avoid selling expired and poor quality medicines and food items. On the other hand, some residents expressed happiness over the ongoing campaign against expired items in the city. Kaihanuddin, a resident of Sheberghan city, said the campaign should be extended to all districts. *(Pajhwok)*

## World is Failing Newborn Babies: UNICEF

KABUL - Newborn babies in Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Central African Republic have the worst chance of survival in their first month of life. Global deaths of newborn babies remain alarmingly high, particularly among the world's poorest countries, UNICEF said on Tuesday in a new report on newborn mortality. Babies born in Japan, Iceland and Singapore have the best chance at survival, while newborns in Pakistan, the Central African Republic and Afghanistan face the worst odds. "While we have more than halved the

number of deaths among children under the age of five in the last quarter century, we have not made similar progress in ending deaths among children less than one month old," said Henrietta H. Fore, UNICEF's Executive Director. "Given that the majority of these deaths are preventable, clearly, we are failing the world's poorest babies." Globally, in low-income countries, the average newborn mortality rate is 27 deaths per 1,000 births, the report says. In high-income countries, that rate is 3 deaths per 1,000. Newborns from the riskiest places to give ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## Three Killed in Blast in Afghan City

JALALABAD - An explosion killed at least three tribal elders and wounded two when it hit a hotel in the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad on Tuesday, officials said. Attaullah Khogyani, a spokesman for the provincial governor, said the explosion went off on the second floor of a hotel where tribal elders were staying. The elders were in Jalalabad for a meeting about a new electronic identity cards being introduced by the central government. Jalalabad is capital of Nangarhar province, on the border with Pakistan, where an affiliate of Islamic State has established a stronghold in recent years. *(Reuters)*



## Outlook Horoscope

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

 Aries Your vision of beauty is impossible to manifest today because your imagination is creating a mirage. But as you get closer to the object of your desires - whether it's a person, place, thing or idea - it fades, leaving a faint shadow of its prior glory in its place. Although you may be disappointed when something in the three-dimensional world doesn't match your expectations.

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

 Taurus Your community means so much to you today that you could lose track of your own needs. You appreciate that you are a part of a larger social network and you tend to be proud of your connection to the group. Nevertheless, you may be required to modify your thinking once you discover that some of your friends don't quite meet your expectations.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

 Gemini Your hopes are set on receiving recognition today. However, people don't really understand your contribution now, making it difficult for them to appreciate your role in their success. Instead of seeking approval from your peers or your boss, consider the level of satisfaction you feel after a hard day of work. Rather than comparing your accomplishments to anyone else's, give yourself credit for any job well done.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

 Cancer Concentrating on work isn't easy today, especially if your fantasies are carrying you off to exotic places. But don't mistake your daydreams for real plans as your mind runs free now, unencumbered from the practicalities of the mundane world. Sharing your ideas with others can move you closer to making your dreams come true.

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

 Leo You are enchanted by those things that are beyond the five senses today. You want to see what's behind the curtain but might be afraid you'll learn that the Wizard of Oz is just a mere mortal. You could actually choose to stop searching before you discover that the mystery isn't as special as you imagined.

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

 Virgo Ironically, falling in love with someone today is easier if you don't know the person very well. Your mind can conjure up a vision of perfection that is based on a non-attainable romantic illusion as long as facts don't get in the way. Nevertheless, pursuing the dream may be a lovely distraction from the normal drudgery of your regular routine.

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

 Libra Adhering to a schedule today seems like a fool's errand, yet that won't likely stop you from trying. But you might reach a point of frustration when you're ready to throw in the towel and walk away from your plans. However, you're closer to your goal now than you realize. Giving up is a bad idea because your discouragement is only transitory.

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

 Scorpio You appear to have an infinite well of creativity today, yet you might not know how to best put it to use. If you're artistically inclined, set aside some time to channel your inner world into something tangible. However, any sort of self-expression is magnified now, whether or not you turn it into a product of substance.

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

 Sagittarius When you nostalgically reconstruct your past today, you're likely to recollect events very differently than as they actually occurred. Your subconscious is in the state of creation now, and the images and feelings that flow forth are influencing how your brain interprets your memories. However, dwelling on years gone by is not productive unless you bring the old thoughts and feelings into the present moment.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

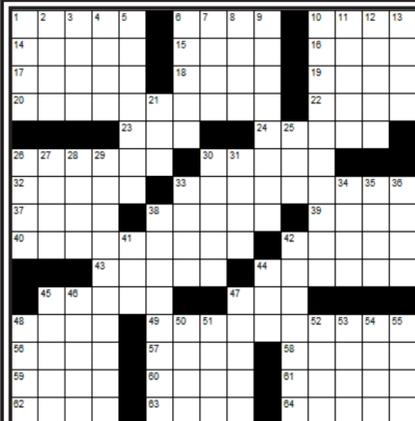
 Capricorn Putting newly found information into perspective can be tricky today, because it's nearly impossible to discern what's real from what's imagined. Your mind is happy to process all the data, whether it comes directly from sensory input or bubbles up from the hidden realms of your subconscious.

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

 Aquarius Your process may feel like a roller coaster ride today, but it's more gentle than scary. Your self-esteem rises and falls as people react to your ideas. They might judge you harshly when your visions are overly idealistic, causing you to doubt your beliefs. But they support your plans when you are more pragmatic, which builds your self-confidence.

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

 Pisces Your imagination can take you on a wild goose chase today, encouraging you to head out one way only to belatedly realize that it's not the right direction. No matter how many times you correct your path, you're still not certain that your aim is correct. Minor confusion could grow into serious concern if you turn yourself around one too many times.



### Across

1. Exhibits, 6. Where two pieces meet, 10. Check, 14. Lawful, 15. Anagram of "Sees", 16. Impish, 17. Turf, 18. Awestruck, 19. Broth (Scottish), 20. Indoor garden, 22. Solitary, 23. Morning moisture, 24. Blatant, 26. Crown, 30. A gold coin of ancient Persia, 32. Lazybones, 33. Acrobat, 37. Swerve, 38. Caper, 39. Savvy about, 40. Attacked, 42. Fragrant oil, 43. Weeper, 44. On the beach, 45. French for "Queen", 47. Venomous snake, 48. Groan, 49. An open letter, 56. Tropical American wildcat, 57. "Oh my!", 58. A type of cold water, 59. Deliver a tirade, 60. Container weight, 61. Pamphlet, 62. If not, 63. Concludes, 64. Open skin infections,

### Down

1. Smelting waste, 2. German for "Mister", 3. Curved molding, 4. Diminish, 5. Defamation, 6. Goat antelope, 7. Brother of Jacob, 8. Vipers, 9. Fast, 10. Table linen, 11. Mistake, 12. Smell, 13. You (archaic), 21. Skirt's edge, 25. By means of, 26. Opera star, 27. Midmonth date, 28. Beers, 29. Displace, 30. Discourage, 31. Desiccated, 33. Kitty (poker), 34. Within, 35. Celebrity, 36. Ripped, 38. Wean, 41. A large vase, 42. Distinct features, 44. American Sign Language, 45. Imperial, 46. Deservedly receives, 47. Donkeys, 48. No more than, 50. Distinctive flair, 51. A division of a hospital, 52. Novice, 53. Russian emperor, 54. Behold, in old Rome, 55. Decays,

### Yesterday's Solution

ACROSS: 1. GOLF, 2. FLOAT, 3. ASP, 4. MADE, 5. ROUGE, 6. FAULT, 7. IRON, 8. OSTENSIBLE, 9. ABRIDGE, 10. SIT, 11. JERRED, 12. FLUG, 13. NEEDS, 14. ANTIPIRETTIC, 15. LEAVE, 16. APAGE, 17. DEN, 18. GALE, 19. STORIE, 20. HERO, 21. APE, 22. SUIED, 23. DOLLOR, 24. ABE, 25. ABSENTEEISM, 26. BOWEL, 27. HEAD, 28. ABELONG, 29. SING, 30. CIO, 31. DELINEATOR, 32. WOOD, 33. GELD, 34. AUTOMIS, 35. NODE, 36. ESSIE, 37. TENET, 38. SPIAS

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