

Mass Grave Discovered in Faryab: Police

MAIMANA - A mass grave has been discovered in Maimana city, the provincial capital of northwestern Faryab province, local officials said on Saturday. Col. Mir Amanullah Zafir, provincial police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that according to inhabitants of Chaghatak village, which is located in limits of 9th municipal district of the city, security and discovery team of 2nd police district had found the collective grave. "The grave had seven bags of



rotten bones, which are earlier shifted here." He said while considering the decomposed bones it was estimated that about 20 to 30 people were collectively killed. However, a bag of the bone would also be sent to Kabul for forensic test, he added. Dr. Abdul Basir, Chaghatak village residents' representative, said the mass grave surfaced after people started digging in a graveyard to bury a body. He said the bones might date ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Badakhshan: Food Aid Distributed to 550 Poor Families



FAIZABAD - The People's Republic of China distributed food aid to around 550 impoverished families in northeastern Badakhshan province, an official said on Saturday. The food items included 25 tonnes of rice, 30 tonnes of flour, five tonnes of ghee (cooking oil) and 5.7 tonnes of salt. Abdullah Naji, provincial council head, said the

aid package from China wash handed over to the authorities of Wakhan district and was then distributed among 550 families of Pamir under the supervision of district council. It was set the country would distribute more food assistance in near future China to nearly 6,000 displaced families ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Daesh Set Free 42 Kidnapped Civilians in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - The 42 civilians kidnapped by Daesh have been released by mediation and efforts of tribal elders, officials said on Saturday. The Nangarhar governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News the 42 civilians were abducted about four months back by Daesh in Pachiragam district of the province. With efforts by the Presidential advisor and Nangarhar governor, Mohammad Gulab Mangal and tribal elders' assistance the kidnappees were set free. Khogyani said the captives were all men, who were transferred to Haska Mena and Kot districts after abduction. He said 16 of the kidnappees were released in Aghaz locality of Haska Mena and 26 others in Janjal Ghondai area of Kot district. The released men were handed over to their families by security personnel. There has been so far no word from insurgents in this regard. *(Pajhwok)*

6 Commanders among 47 IS Fighters Eliminated in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Six notorious commanders were among 47 other Daesh militants killed during the ongoing Shaheen-25 military operation in Haska Mena district of eastern Nangarhar province, a statement from the Afghan Army said Saturday. The 201st Selab Military Corps in the east in a statement said the casualties had been inflicted on the rebels in the past 24 hours during air and ground operation.

It said six Daesh commanders including Abu Osman, Qari Imran, Zabihullah, Qari Amanullah, Mullah Obaidullah and Qari Azizullah and 41 other fighters of the insurgents were killed during the joint operation of Afghan and foreign security forces in Langari Kando, Shabai and Gorgorai areas of the district. About 25 other Daesh or so-called Islamic State (IS) members suffered wounds during the offen-



sives, the source said, adding an ammunition depot of the insurgents was also destroyed. The bodies of the militants killed in the ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

2 Dead, 4 Hurt as Land Dispute Turned Violent in Kapisa

MAHMOOD RAQI - Two people have been killed and six others wounded in separate incidents of violence in central Kapisa province, an official said on Saturday. Police spokesman Mohammad Ayoub Yousufzai told Pajhwok Afghan News two people were killed and four other wounded over land

ownership dispute. He said the incident took place late on Friday in the Ghanikehelo village of Mahmood Raqi, the provincial capital. Yousufzai said the dispute erupted between cousins over a piece of land and turned violent at the end that left two dead and four wounded. ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

5 Road Construction Engineers Kidnapped in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - Five engineers of a road construction company have been kidnapped in Mohammad Agha district of central Logar province, an official said Saturday. Mohammad Agha district chief, Mohammad Nasir Amin told Pajhwok Afghan News that five engineers belonged to the Global Construction Company were kidnapped by Taliban militants in Dawlatabad area of the district late on Friday. He said the engineers were responsible for the construction of Pul Kanda-



har-Surkhab road. "These individuals traveled to the area without contacting with security forces, all of them were taken hostage along with their vehicles

by the Taliban," he added. The abductees are kept in Zarghon Shar area of the district and local tribal elders are trying to mediate ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Man Sentenced to Death by Appeal Court in Kabul

KABUL - The Kabul appeal court on Saturday sentenced a man to death who was found guilty of killing his pregnant wife seven months ago in the Macroryan area of the city. In an open hearing, the appeal court upheld

the earlier primary court judgement to sentence the man, Noorullah, to death. The murderer and the family of the victim were present in the court as the decision was announced. "On the charge ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Pakistani Police Arrest Four Afghans in Islamabad

ISLAMBAD - At least 110 suspects were apprehended by the law enforcement agencies on late Friday and early Saturday morning under the Operation Raddulfasaad from Lahore, Islamabad,

Sialkot and Peshawar, Pakistan's GEO news reported on Saturday. According to the report, Islamabad police arrested 43 suspects, including four Afghan nationals ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Flour, Gold Prices up in Kabul Markets

KABUL - The prices of flour and Russian gold have slightly increased while the rates of other items remain steady this week in the capital Kabul, market sources said Saturday.

Food Traders Union head, Fazal Rahman told Pajhwok Afghan News that the price of 49 kilograms of Kazakhstani flour increased from 1,130 Afghani to 1,160 Afghani this week. He linked the hike in flour price to closure of the country's borders with Pakistan. Besides Kazakhstan and some other countries, Afghanistan imports a



portion of flour from Pakistan too, he said. Pakistan shut its borders with Afghanistan on February 15. However, Fazal Rahman said the closure

of borders did not impact the prices of other essential items. He said 49kg of Pakistani sugar cost 2,230afis, 24.5 ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You are traveling out beyond the Twilight Zone and well into the Outer Limits where the mundane world is but a faint memory. As much as you like exploring new territory, you might worry that you've gone too far this time. Instead of struggling to find your way back home, just open your senses to those around you. Reestablishing solid connections with others is more important than reaching a destination today.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You long for the comfort that stability brings, but may be deprived of the facts today. It's as if you're barreling ahead but are unable to see what's around the sharp bend. A little assurance goes a long way now because you're finding it difficult to trust your internal GPS. Although your family and friends might come to your rescue, they only confuse matters even more if they misunderstand your intentions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You might feel a little lost as you look to your future today. Although you may have the weekend off from work, you still could be dreaming about where you want your career path to take you. Don't be concerned if you're lacking a concrete plan at this time. Instead, cultivate your ambitions without worrying about someone else's possible judgment. Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Establishing ambitious goals is a double-edged sword. On one hand, it inspires you to apply yourself with greater determination. But, on the other hand, it can set you up for failure if you fall short of your expectations. Nevertheless, you don't have to let discouragement sabotage your accomplishments.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

It's such a blessing today when people offer you encouragement and support. Nevertheless, you still might feel like something is missing from what they bring to the cause. Your problem stems from the fact that you can tell when someone's heart isn't connected with their actions, and their lack of passion could make you feel unloved.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You wish that your friends and relatives would pay more attention to your needs, but they seem to be wrapped up in their own worlds today. It's as if everyone is busy with their personal agendas and they will do whatever is necessary to achieve their goals. However, the potential for true cooperation is in the air. Combining your efforts compounds progress exponentially. Aristotle was defining synergy when he wrote, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may not have a list of things to do, but you intuitively know what needs to be accomplished today. Unfortunately, people won't likely leave you alone now; they ask for more details, insist on your commitment and demand your loyalty. However, your enthusiasm to work overshadows your refusal to be too specific in your answers. Understandably, rigidity can create more problems.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Being of service to others is particularly tricky since everyone seems to have very different ideas about what you should contribute today. Juggling the conflicting agendas is enough to make you crazy because you can't do it all. Meanwhile, you just want to be left alone with your creative muse, whether or not you have a specific inspiration in mind now.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You can easily visualize your success in the not-too-distant future, but you might not be enthused about doing the work to realize your dream. In fact, you may be feeling downright unmotivated today. Stop trying so hard; your well-intended efforts only stand in your own way now. What you need more than ever is a timeout so you can reestablish your equilibrium. The key to keeping your balance is knowing when you lost it.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

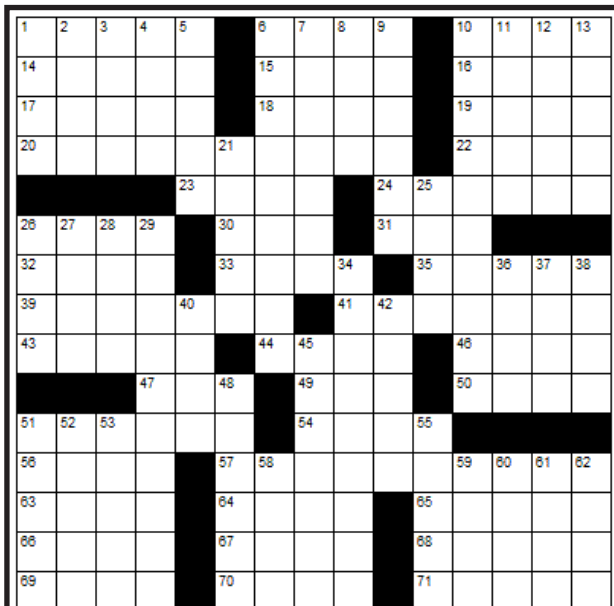
Everything you see today appears like an opportunity to demonstrate your mastery of life. You want to deepen your friendships and you think that showing your competence gives people good reason to depend on you. Nevertheless, you may be unavailable to help someone else if you can't keep up with all the things on your plate now. Rather than trying to impress others, just put your shoulder to the wheel and continue to push forward little by little.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You can be the friendliest person on the block, but you still prefer to keep your feelings under wraps. Nevertheless, it's nearly impossible to hide your emotions when they seem to leak out in every interpersonal interaction today. You have a lot of leeway when it comes to personal disclosure now, because everyone appears to be tolerant of your quirkiness.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You are like a psychic sponge today, soaking in vibrations from people all around you. Although your heightened empathy makes you more compassionate, you can take things too far now. Opening your heart allows everything to enter unfiltered, making it nearly impossible to separate your own personal feelings from those of everyone else. Groucho Marx quipped, "Be open-minded, but not so open-minded that your brains fall out."



Across
1. Liabilities, 6. Blown away, 10. Pervert, 14. Panache, 15. Rant, 16. Relating to aircraft, 17. French school, 18. Radar signal, 19. Team, 20. Indiscretion, 22. Hotfooted, 23. Devil tree, 24. Seldom, 26. One who accomplishes, 30. Sphere, 31. Your (archaic), 32. Church alcove, 33. Not nights, 35. Overact, 39. Instructor, 41. Unemotional, 43. Habituate, 44. Bygone era, 46. Warbled, 47. Santa's helper, 49. Brassiere, 50. If not, 51. Highly seasoned fatty sausage, 54. Achy, 56. Gait faster than a walk, 57. Wont, 63. Hindu princess, 64. Cold-shoulder, 65. Love intensely, 66. Chocolate cookie, 67. Unit of cut wood, 68. Tubular pasta, 69. Alert, 70. Is indebted to, 71. Glacial ridge.
Down
1. Very intense, 2. Behold, in old Rome, 3. Coalition, 4. After-bath powder, 5. Place, 6. Despotic, 7. Brush kangaroo, 8. Wicked, 9. Kick out, 10. Sorrowful, 11. Creepy, 12. Angler's basket, 13. Informal greeting, 21. Thermionic tube, 25. Throat-clearing sound, 26. A romantic meeting, 27. Not closed, 28. Brother of Jacob, 29. Diversion, 34. Encircles, 36. Egg-shaped, 37. 10 10 10, 38. Border, 40. Steering mechanism for a vessel, 42. Approaches, 45. Make less visible, 48. Debacle, 51. To scatter about, 52. A kind of macaw, 53. Hermit, 55. French for "Storehouse", 58. Grub, 59. Poems, 60. A religious figure, 61. Sea eagle, 62. Stag or doe.

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INDICIOUS BEAU
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LYRICAL START
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SPATE MATLS BOO
PIACE RAINFORREST
ARTS ADDER ALEE
REST WEEEDY JESS
analyze, arena, bakery, bate, beet, better, beyond, brand, bread, caught, charge, chase, control, deletes, dream, elite, group, hurry, knife, mental, monkey, need, rain, reality, right, rotate, safe, sheep, sheet, shoot, sleep, slice, smart, solid, soon, stone.

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