

Task Team UnCOVERS Hundreds of Ghost Schools

KABUL - The report, which was leaked to TOLONews, also states that millions of dollars has been embezzled from within in the education system. The report also stated that the father of a suicide bomber was included in the list of teachers in the administrative structure of the ministry of education but that his salary was not paid over to him. The president appears however to be opposed to releasing the results of the report to the media but the presidential palace says details will



be made public within the next two days. Meanwhile the report indicates that those who prepared it came up with different statistics compared to what was provided to them by some education departments. For instance, the planning department of Kandahar says that the number of inactive schools in Kandahar province is about 158 schools, but Kandahar education department says the number is closer to 150 schools while Kandahar Security ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Funeral Held for Long Island Service Member Killed in Afghanistan

CORAM, N.Y. - A funeral was planned for Saturday for a New York service member killed in a suicide attack in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Louis Bonacasa, a Suffolk County native, was one of six Americans killed Dec. 21 when a suicide bomber rode a motorcycle into a group of U.S. soldiers outside Bagram Air Base. Bonacasa was on his fourth military tour. His family said he was planning to retire from the Armed Forces after finishing his deployment, set for April of next year. The 31-year-old leaves behind a wife and 5-year-old daughter. Services were set to begin at 11 a.m. at the New Beginnings Christian Center in Coram, Long Island. Bonacasa will then be buried at Calverton National Cemetery. Another New Yorker was also killed in the suicide attack. Joseph Lemm, 45, was an NYPD detective ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

3 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Truck Blast in Herat

HERAT - Local officials in Herat province said Saturday that at least three Taliban fighters were killed and two others wounded after their truck - loaded with explosives - blew up while they were on their way to Shindand district. Provincial governor spokesman Ehsanullah Hayat confirmed this and said three insurgents died and two others were wounded. Meanwhile, Herat police chief General Abdul Majid Rozi said the insurgents had used the vehicle to transfer the explosives from the bordering area of Shindand to other parts of the district, but while on their way the explosives detonated. Taliban has not commented in this regard so far. *(Tolo News)*



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5.8-Magnitude Earthquake Jolts Afghanistan

NEW DEHLI - An earthquake of 5.8 magnitude struck Afghanistan today sending tremors across North India on Saturday. The earthquake originated in the Hind Kush mountains, near Jarm in Afghanistan. The India Meteorological Department said the quake measured 5.8 on the Richter scale, while the United States Geological Survey (USGS) put the intensity of the earthquake at 5.3. Tremors were felt in Pakistan, and several parts of North India. The earthquake jolted the Kashmir Valley, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi and surrounding areas ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Afghanistan Loses 3rd ODI Against Zimbabwe

HARARE - Zimbabwe kept the five-match One Day International (ODI) series alive by defeating Afghanistan during the third match of the series by 117 runs. The Afghan bowlers restricted Zimbabwe 175 runs in a yet another brilliant performance however the Afghan batsmen could not chase the given target and collapsed by scoring only 58 runs during the 16th over the



game. Zimbabwe elected to bat first by winning and set a target of 176 runs for Afghanistan by losing all their wickets by 9 balls remaining. Mirwais Ashraf took 3 ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Bahadzura to face American UFC Fighter Brandon Thatch Next Month

The Afghan-born Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) fighter Siyar Bahadzura will face the American UFC fighter Brandon Thatch next month. According to UFC, the fight has been scheduled on 21st February during the 'UFC Fight Night 82'. Bahadzura made his debut in UFC in early 2012 by taking on the Brazilian fighter Paulo Thiago and knocked him out during the initial seconds of the first round. After a touch of gloves and a feeling-out process during the UFC FUEL 2 bout, Thiago charged forward, but after he over-committed on the punch, Bahadzura connected on a perfectly placed right hand to the jaw. Thiago crashed to the mat face ...*(More on P4)...(19)*



An Afghan man who sells colored balloons rides in Kabul, Saturday, January 02, 2016. *(AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)*



An Afghan man collects his belonging on Saturday January 02, 2015 after a suicide bomb attack that targeted French restaurant Le Jardin, in Kabul. *(EFE/EPA/HEDAYATULLAH AMID)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Listening to the voice of reason isn't easy today as relationship tension tugs at your heartstrings. Unfortunately, your words are more inflammatory than you realize, especially if you impulsively open your mouth before considering anyone else's feelings. Thankfully, you can reduce the negative impact of your rash reaction by simply remembering to be respectful of other people's perspectives.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You Bulls are quick to dig in your hooves and get ready for battle if you feel your stability is being threatened. You might even be provoked to fight back in order to maintain possession of what you assume is yours. Unfortunately, your opinions can magically turn into facts now. You could begin to believe them so intensely that you're unable to hear anyone's contrasting viewpoint.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Since you are usually the first one to change your mind, others may be caught off guard if you stick with a specific action plan even when better alternatives become available. You're attracted to complex entanglements now because you want to experience the deep emotions that usually slip through your fingers. Happily, unbridled inspiration accompanies you on your journey today.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may need to stand up to people who refuse to give you what you want today. You might even feel personally attacked by someone who accuses you of using your vulnerability to get your way. Letting down your guard and sharing your true feelings is challenging when you think it's safer to keep your desires hidden.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your peers will either follow your lead today or just step out of your way because your positive attitude is so unflappable. No one can talk you into taking a different path if you already know where you're going and how you're getting there. Thankfully, you can accomplish more than you expect if you remain methodical in your approach now. Nevertheless, being obsessed with the details is counterproductive.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may be preoccupied with wanting to have fun today and will do nearly anything to keep your social plans from falling apart. However, playing the role of a drill sergeant and telling people what to do isn't the most effective management style. Relaxing your grip on the reins of control contributes to a more pleasant and productive day for everyone. Leaving a bit of room for the element of surprise can make all the difference in the world.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Although you're not typically emotionally volatile, powerful desires can build until the pressure becomes unbearable today. A dramatic event in a relationship could rattle your cage; however, the stress won't lead to a volcanic meltdown if you stay on top of your feelings throughout the day. Calm your nerves with exercise, meditation or creative expression.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

There's no place in your life for passive behavior today; letting circumstances develop until you lose control is not a viable strategy. In fact, cosmic forces prompt you into action now, whether or not you are ready for the engagement. Clearly express what you want without issuing any ultimatums or placing expectations on anyone else.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You often enjoy the excitement of a little chaos and confusion, but nearly everything seems up for grabs today. You may not feel as if you're in control of your destiny, and you can't yet put your finger on where the current changes are leading you. Paradoxically, it might appear that your choices are narrowing at the very same time. But don't act out of desperation even if you are committed to making magic happen now.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

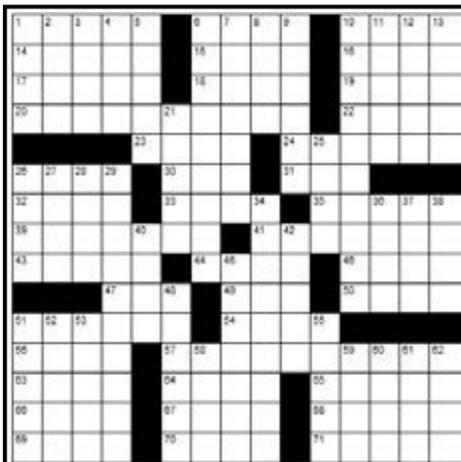
You are tired of sitting around waiting for someone else to get the ball rolling. You are running low on patience today and you might choose to handle your frustration by striking out on your own, leaving everyone else to fend for themselves. Be prepared to forge ahead if you want to make progress now, but it's advisable to remember the wisdom of moderated self-restraint.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Bringing an unfinished project to its proper conclusion makes room for exciting new opportunities. However, anything that remains incomplete now will likely haunt you for weeks to come. Your next venture demands your full concentration which means that you can't drag your old baggage around much longer. But don't waste time wondering about what the future holds in store for you.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

A complex emotional issue that's been quietly brewing within a relationship or a group of friends may need to be brought out into the open today. The expression of hidden emotions is a good first step in a healthy process of honest dialogue, even if the information revealed isn't what's expected. Banish all fears and suspicions before they creep into the mix; rather than withdrawing in denial.



Across
1. Long-tailed parrot, 6. A certain trade agreement, 10. "Oh my!", 14. Courtyards, 15. Diva's solo, 16. Outlay, 17. Feelings, 18. Applications, 19. Small salmon, 20. Starters, 22. End, 23. Biblical garden, 24. Ancient ascetic, 26. Gloomy atmosphere, 30. Former boxing champ, 31. A parcel of land, 32. Dwarf buffalo, 33. Bumpkin, 35. Typefaces, 39. Record book, 41. Porridge, 43. Meddle, 44. Anagram of "Dome", 46. Therefore, 47. British rule in India, 49. Barely manage, 50. An amount of medicine, 51. Acid neutralizer, 54. Fluff, 56. Kick, 57. A flat circular stone, 63. Chocolate cookie, 64. Rescue, 65. Pergola, 66. Beloved, 67. How old we are, 68. Crucifixes, 69. Countercurrent, 70. Armed conflicts.

Down
1. Mother, 2. At the peak of, 3. Prune, 4. Assistant, 5. Garbage, 6. Diaphanous, 7. Insecticide, 8. Layer, 9. Anagram of "Steals", 10. Used, 11. Not tight, 12. Pale with fright, 13. Shop, 21. Potato state, 25. Not hard, 26. Friends, 27. Nameless, 28. Corporate image, 29. Scientific workplace, 34. Eccentricity, 36. Roman emperor, 37. Labels, 38. Blackthorn, 40. Iridescent gem, 42. Modify, 45. Bring to a destination, 48. Scroll saw, 51. Any animal with no feet, 52. Enticed, 53. Work dough, 55. Russian emperors, 58. Indian music, 59. Anagram of "Wort", 60. Double-reed woodwind, 61. Connecting point, 62. At one time (archaic).

Yesterday's Solution
accuse, advance, anile, border, change, cheer, crime, cursor, decline, each, equal, fault, haste, haughty, hitch, identify, late, lines, nations, nerves, passion, proud, rued, sacrifice, shade, shore, solar, splendid, state, sting, stud, sunup.

