

# Flouting Ban, Arabs Hunting Rare Birds in Nimroz

ZARANJ - A senior environment protection official in southwestern Nimroz province on Tuesday said a group of Arab tourists was hunting rare birds in the region. Environment Protection Director Mohammad Jafar told Pajhwok Afghan News hunting rare birds was prohibited under an agreement with the United Nations. "We cannot prevent them from hunting such fowls because we have no support from security forces;

we have shared the issue with the central government," he said. A local security official, who wished not to be named, said the Qataris had entered Zaranj, the provincial capital, along with 20 eagles and wanted to hunt highly valued birds in Chahar Burjak district. The hunters had security guards who did not allow anyone to take their photos, the source said. Some of rare birds could be found in Farah, Helmand and Nimroz provinces, he added. Resident Gul Ahmad claimed seeing a number of Arabs travelling in Surf vehicles from the airport to Ansari area. "Foreigners do everything they want to. We want the government not to allow them here." ...*(More on P4)...(16)*



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## 3 Civilians Including Girl Killed in Zurmat Explosion



were killed in a roadside bombing in the Zurmat district of southeastern Paktia province near the Pakistan border on Tuesday. Kaftan Ikhlas, the district's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the bomb went off in Muqarabkhel area at 4.00pm. A girl was among the three people killed in the blast. *(Pajhwok)*

## Kabul Blast Leaves 2 Dead, 2 Injured

KABUL - At least two people were killed and two others were injured including a woman as a result of a remote controlled bomb blast in capital Kabul, security officials said; while eyewitnesses claim the

intelligence officials were targeted in the attack, something security sources neither confirm nor reject. The incident took place early Tuesday morning when a corolla type vehicle ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## Afghan Interpreters Win Right to Challenge UK Resettlement Restrictions

Government must answer claims it failed to comply with equality law before offering programme to injured men, says appeal court

KABUL - Afghan interpreters who were injured while working with British forces have won the right to argue before the high court a decision to restrict the numbers coming to Britain was discriminatory and unlawful. An appeal court ruled on Tuesday that the government must respond to

claims it failed to consider equality issues before offering Afghan interpreters a resettlement scheme that was much more restrictive than the one offered to their Iraqi counterparts. The decision means a judicial review brought by two Afghan interpreters can challenge whether the ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## 14 Insurgents Killed in Nationwide ANSF Raids

KABUL - At least 14 Taliban insurgents were killed during a nationwide operation led by the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) in the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement on Tuesday. The operations were conducted in Laghman, Nangarhar, Parwan, Baghlan, Maidan Wardak, Logar, Ghazni, Khost and Paktika provinces, the statement said. It added two other insurgents were arrested dur-



ing the operations. The security forces have also seized weapons and explosive devices. "During the past ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## On Peace Mission, 5 Men Walking from Balkh to Kabul

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Five men are walking from northern Balkh province to the capital Kabul for the sake of peace and stability in the country. Below 30 years of age, the men embarked on the 500-km journey from Mazar-i-Sharif, the provincial capital, hoping to convey the message of peace to the president in 25 days. The walkers may face

insecurity and heavy snowfalls at the Salang Pass on their way to Kabul. Samiullah Aimaq, one of men, told Pajhwok Afghan News their aim was to ensure peace and stability in Afghanistan. "We would convey our hope for peace to President Ashraf Ghani and urge him to honestly work for strengthening peace in the country," he added.

Aimaq said he had been working on the plan for the past two years. "We plan to traverse 20 kilometers a day and walk the entire route in 25 days." His companion Syed Nasir Ahmadi said they would show the world that Afghan youth were ready to cross deadly passes like Salang in the cold winter to propagate the message of peace. *(Pajhwok)*

## Badakhshan Avalanches Claim 5 Lives; Women among Victims

FAIZABAD - At least five people, including two women, have been killed and three more hurt in two separate avalanches in northeastern Badakhshan province, officials said on Tuesday. The avalanches occurred in Shoki and Mahami districts of the vulnerable province, bordering Pakistan's northwestern valley of Chitral. Fakhruddin Beazar, Shoki district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News three people, including a woman returning from a health clinic, lost their lives and two more were ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Hospital Guards Sentenced 17Yrs Imprisonment for Rape Charges



HERAT - A court in Herat province has sentenced two guards of Herat Regional Hospital for 17 years of imprisonment over rape charges. The girl was reportedly raped by two security guards of Herat Regional Hospital back in December last year after she asked for address of

a ward in the hospital. The Security guards then reportedly took her to a room and raped her. Both the accused were then arrested by the police and put in jail. Rape cases are seemed to be in raise. Yesterday a report surfaced from Jawzjan province where a brother had raped his sister. *(KP)*

## Injured Afghan National in Iran Loses Hope for Life

TEHRAN - An Afghan worker in Iran, who suffered critical wounds in an accident, has been unable to fund his medical treatment due to abject poverty. Safiullah, 30, was injured on his way to Tehran, where he reached illegally via difficult routes and remains in critical condition due to lack of medical care. "I have undergone two operations,

but did not recover." The daily-wager said he did not have enough money for treatment and had lost all hope for life. Safiullah told Pajhwok Afghan News with the help of some Afghan friends he had been able to pay hospital dues for his last surgery. "I'm broke and could not afford to stay in hospital. That's why I got myself ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

## Former Jihadi Commander Shot Dead in Kapisa

MAHMOOD RAQI/MAIMANA - A former jihadi commander was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in central Kapisa province on Tuesday, an official said.

the commander's assassination is still unclear. Police have launched an investigation into the incident. Elsewhere, two policemen were wounded as a result of a roadside bomb blast on the Almar-Qaisar highway in northwestern Faryab province. The Qaisar district head, Abdul Jamil Siddiqui, said the police pick-up was also destroyed in the bombing. *(Pajhwok)*

## Ghor Residents Approach Militants for Dispute Resolution

FEROZKOH - Some residents and civil society members in western Ghor province say people have lost confidence in judicial organs due to inordinate delays and flaws in dispensation of justice. As a result, most people contact local commanders and militant groups for the resolution of their disputes. They complain of growing corruption in the justice sector. Officials confirmed over 4,500 illegal armed men belonging to 100 different groups were waging

a struggle against the government in Ghor. Their activities have undermined people's trust in the government. Dwellers of several localities said corruption and mismanagement in judicial institutions had forced them to approach insurgent commanders for resolving their disputes in a swift manner. They blasted the authorities for miserably failing to eliminate corruption. The need for seeking justice form armed commander would have never been felt if the gov-

ernment had eliminated graft and provided the masses with speedy justice, residents remarked. Ghulam Mohammad, hailing from Pasaband district, said: "I gave 200,000 afghanis in bribes in different courts and waited for three years for the resolution of a dispute over five acres of land. But my efforts yielded no result and the land dispute has not been resolved so far." Disappointed with the government, Mohammad took his case to local Taliban ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Outlook Horoscope

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

A friend or coworker might tell you something that you prefer not to hear today, but you're so involved with talking about your career plans or a specific project that you don't even notice. Instead of being wrapped up in your own version of the story, refocus your attention on the point that others are trying to get across. Carry the light of your awareness when stepping into the shadows that appear in front of you.

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

Finding simple pleasures within your regular work routine is your fastest path to happiness today with the gracious Libra Moon visiting your 6th House of Habits. You are at your best now that the important things are going according to your plan. Nevertheless, you're not fully satisfied; you're yearning for more excitement in your life.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You thrive on the creative buzz you receive from the artistic Libra Moon now as she dances through your 5th House of Self-Expression. Your exuberance is amped even higher now that electric Uranus is rattling your cage. You're in a playful mood, yet still eager to do something productive with your most colorful ideas. However, there is no need to be worry about the end result yet; just take enough time to express yourself as boldly and authentically as you can.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Logical analysis isn't usually your primary consideration when making decisions because you seafaring Crabs are emotional beings. However, you may grow anxious as your rational thoughts lead to one conclusion while your heart chooses to head off in a different direction. Exploring all desires is a luxury, but it's safe as long as you keep them within your imagination.

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

You are so busy that you don't have time to pursue your heart's desire today. Perhaps you have simply tried to pack too much into your schedule. Or maybe you have details to settle that you thought were already completed. Either way, don't get lazy and let your responsibilities slide, even if you wish you could take the day off.

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

Carve out some time to uncover the hidden meanings behind the information coming your way now. Fortunately, there's great potential in the future of your relationships because there may be an opportunity for healing, especially around issues of love and romance. The Sun is still shining brightly in your 5th House of Fun, yet it's tricky to know how deep you need to dig in order to overcome whatever's blocking your creativity.

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

You are painting your life using a very wide palette of feelings now. You're attracted to new and different ways of having fun, even if you are judged for following your bliss. Unfortunately, people may see you as moodier than usual today, but establishing a spiritual practice can help to settle your erratic emotions. Silently build your case for whatever actions you are taking but don't say too much about your plans just yet.

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

You may seek solace within the confines of your own inner world today since the evocative Moon is lingering in your 12th House of Secrets. Thankfully, you know that your ability to create peace in your life begins with accepting your own feelings. But it's not wise to overdo the everything-is-wonderful philosophy or you won't be motivated to initiate the changes necessary to be truly happy.

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

You might be living in a bubble where you believe that the good times will last forever, but they won't. Nevertheless, you have nothing to fear now. Every cycle must wax and wane in its own time, as does the light of the silvery Moon. Even if you have recently been riding an emotional high, the energy shifts today and you may have to moderate your exuberance. But there's no reason to be discouraged if you can't pursue every desire.

### Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

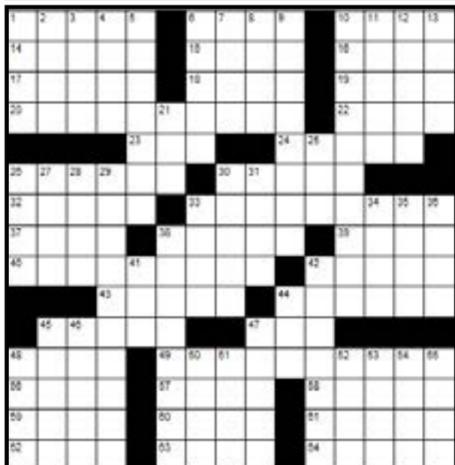
You want everyone around you to be satisfied and will do your part to make it happen. Nevertheless, you're not prepared to sacrifice your integrity for any reason. You might have to face a dilemma now that creates stress from these two conflicting points of view. Ultimately, you must play the role of the judge and decide how the next phase of your life unfolds.

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

Your charisma is off the charts and you're on the prowl for excitement today. Although you might try to keep your energy on an even keel, your mind is racing as you consider all the things you want to do. Practicality is not one of your immediate concerns as rebellious Uranus connects with indulgent Venus in your sign.

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

You intuitively pick up subtle messages that inform you of the needs of others, yet it's nearly impossible to get a clear read on the incoming signals today. Someone's behavior may appear to be out of control and you're concerned enough to step in to help now. Even if you're ready to swing into action, you still might restrain yourself at the last moment due to a lack of confidence.



**Across**  
1. Play a guitar, 6. Kiss, 10. Prison, 14. A kind of macaw, 15. Ripped, 16. Forearm bone, 17. Ascends, 18. A soft sheepskin leather, 19. Spurs, 20. Unfeeling, 22. Fortitude, 23. "Eureka!", 24. Motif, 26. Ungroomed, 30. Very prickly woody vine, 32. French school, 33. Spiders, 37. Not closed, 38. Skims, 39. Dwarf buffalo, 40. Entreated, 42. Bold, 43. Debauchees, 44. Votes that block a decision, 45. Monster, 47. Indian bread, 48. "Darn!", 49. Emphasize, 56. A sharply directional antenna, 57. Storm, 58. Emissary, 59. Prefix meaning 1000, 60. Barely managed, 61. Ancient Roman magistrate, 62. Biblical garden, 63. Stitches, 64. Deposits of ore

**Down**  
1. Indian dress, 2. Snip, 3. Coarse file, 4. Component of mammalian urine, 5. Back rub, 6. Stripes, 7. Newbie (slang), 8. By mouth, 9. A branch of biology, 10. A massive inexorable force, 11. Warning signal, 12. An independent film company, 13. Not first, 21. Timid, 25. Derisive laugh, 26. Untidy one, 27. Hoopla, 28. Cards with 1 symbol, 29. A coming into being, 30. Hillsides, 31. South African monetary unit, 33. Dull pain, 34. Within, 35. An amount of medicine, 36. Articulates, 38. Commutations of military service, 41. Dawn goddess, 42. Refined, 44. Delivery vehicle, 45. Plait, 46. American symbol, 47. Requires, 48. Dam, 50. Birthday or cheese, for example

**Yesterday's Solution**  
around, assist, black, change, clue, coach, crease, crisp, empty, expect, first, flee, fresh, from, lapel, later, minute, moat, moment, neon, oppose, pale, panther, paper, physical, pint, pomp, pound, power, regular, retire, rise, score, shoulder, simple, slip, snag

