

Afghanistan Condemns Hydrogen Bomb Test by North Korea

KABUL - The Afghan government joined the international community in condemning the hydrogen bomb test by North Korea, saying the test is not only against United Nations Security Council Resolutions but attempt will also escalate tensions and arms race in the region.

"The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan condemns the Hydrogen Bomb test by North Korea on January 06, 2016, and considers it against all United Nations Security Council Resolutions," a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) said. The statement further added



"This attempt by North Korea will create new dimensions to the tensions in the region, intensify the arms races, and put the peace and stability of the region to risk." "The Islamic republic of Afghanistan which is against the expansion of weapons of mass destruction; considers a nuclear free Korea peninsula in favor of the regional and world's peace and stability," the statement said, adding that the Afghan government joins the International Community in demanding a halt ... (More on P4)...(14)

Return Refugees Warn Afghans Against Fleeing Country

KABUL - Afghan migrants who have returned home have appealed to their countrymen not to go to Europe illegally. The returnees warned Afghans that the trip to Europe overland was perilous. They said that in going overland, unrealistic migrants are tricked by human traffickers and fleeced of their money. They said that most migrants also end up selling everything they own in their quest to reach Europe. The Herat border representative for refugee affairs Mobein Qadiri said that between 300 and 500 ... (More on P4)...(17)

Helmand Suicide Car Bomber Killed Before Reaching Target

LASHKARGAH - A car bomb was detonated close to a local market in Lashkargah city in southern Helmand province on Wednesday afternoon, the provincial governor's office confirmed. In a statement, the governor's office said the target appeared to have ... (More on P4)...(18)

36 Infrastructure Projects Completed in Daikundi Province

KABUL - National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD/NSP) on Wednesday said that 36 infrastructure projects worth Afs 47,700,000 completed in Sharistan, Keteyou, Kachran and Sang Takht districts of Daikundi province.

According to NSP Provincial Manager of Daikundi province, these development projects include the construction of irrigation canals 1,418 meters in length, retaining walls, and



sidewalks ditches, graveling rural roads, extension of water supply networks, drilling of 41 water wells, and graveling of rural roads. Approximately, 5,913 families in various communities have been able to get access to basic human needs upon completion of these projects, he said. (PR)

Police Prevent Terrorist Attack in Kapisa

KABUL - Police have prevented a terrorist attack in central Kapisa province by seizing two homemade bombs in a Corolla vehicle, Ministry of Interior announced on Wednesday. According to the statement, the bombs were seized in the jurisdiction of 1st PD of the provincial capital around 11 am today. No suspect has been detained in connection to the bombs but security agencies have launched a search operation in the area. This comes as two huge explosions already rocked two cities of Afghanistan today. A suicide attack which was followed by a gun battle between security forces and the attackers left at least six people martyred in Jalalabad, capital of eastern Nangarhar province. Also, a car bomb rocked Lashkargah, capital of southern Helmand province this afternoon. Another car-bomb was seized by security forces before the militants could detonate it in Kandahar city. Four terrorists were killed and five others wounded in the encounter in Ghorak District. (KP)

Police Kill 4 Militants Planning Suicide Attack in Kandahar

MOSCOW - Officers from the Afghan National Police killed four terrorists and wounded six others during an operation to prevent a suicide attack in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, the country's Interior Ministry said Wednesday. The operation took place in the Ghorak district on Tuesday night, according to a statement on the ministry's website. It was noted in the statement that the terrorists were equipped with suicide vests, light and heavy rounds of am-



munition and had cars containing explosives. No law enforcement officers were injured in the raid. The situation in Afghanistan has signifi- cantly ... (More on P4)...(19)

Bamyan's Cave-Dwellers in a Grim Battle for Survival

BAMYAN CITY - Thousands of cave-dwellers near the Taliban-dynamited Buddha statues in central Bamyan province are wallowing in abject poverty and unemployment. Unable to make ends meet, the troglodytes have to struggle to keep their bodies and souls together. Their children and family members have to be content with eating breadcrumbs and unhygienic leftover food collected from restaurant rubbish. Around 3,000 caves are dotted around the famous Buddha statues,



inhabited by 250 families from Bamyan and other provinces. Caught up in grinding poverty, the people living here do not have other shelters. Some of the caves at the base of the statues were used by the Taliban for storing weapons. Later on, destitute civilians used the rock structures as their ... (More on P4)...(15)

5 Militants Killed in Cleanup Operations

SHIBERGHAN - Security forces have killed five Taliban militants and captured another following cleanup operations near Shibergshan city in the northern Jawzjan province on Wednesday, police said. "The cleanup operations begun early morning and so far five rebels have been killed and another one made captive," deputy to provincial police chief Abdul Hafiz Khashi told Xinhua. The operations would ... (More on P4)...(16)



Afghan security forces inspect at the site of a blast in Nangarhar province on Wednesday January 13, 2016. At least seven people, including four police personnel, were killed in an attack near Pakistani Consulate office, sources and witnesses said. (Xinhua/Rahmat Safi)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You are poised in anticipation, eager to ride the fluctuating waves of contradictory energy. You believe that maintaining a positive attitude will overcome all challenges, but you may have underestimated the power of the cosmic tides now. A smarter strategy could be to retreat and reevaluate your plans today, instead of futilely pushing against the currents.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Everything seems to be flowing your way today, but all the positive feedback could have a surprising negative effect. You may become so sure of your actions now that you overlook a potential problem. Luckily, you can rely on your common sense to remind you that it takes less work if you do something right the first time around.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Although it might seem as if every word you say now encounters resistance, sit tight and wait your turn as communication continues to improve over the next couple of days. Your bright idea is close to paying off, but you must remain persistent in your efforts. Unfortunately, too much stress on the job can make you less effective today, so just coast for a while if you run into trouble.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your moods are brewing up a storm today, yet you won't gain any respect by giving up at the first sign of conflict. Neither do you need to battle against an immovable stone wall. Your most sensible approach is based upon a high level of consistent behavior without any signs of aggression. It may even be helpful to consciously let go of control so you can float with the flow now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

A flood of brilliant ideas opens many possibilities at work today, yet you may grow agitated because you can't find the hook that could turn this magical moment into something more. If you experience an unexpected setback now, pushing harder won't bring success any faster. Instead, connect with the intellectual buzz but wait for the energy to quiet down before finalizing your career plans.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

This is a significant day for your relationships and you might end up pleasantly surprised with the outcome. However, you need to demonstrate a modicum of self-restraint or someone could rain on your parade now. There are long-lasting ramifications if unequal power dynamics are left unaddressed today. Even if it feels like you're being bent out of shape, express the love that is already in your heart.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

There's plenty of detailed busywork on your agenda today but you really don't want to mess with your schedule to make it all fit in. Unfortunately, your lack of rigidity only stirs up more conflict. You gain the most by meeting others halfway and acting as spontaneously as you can. Paradoxically, a gracious compromise may be the most sensible way to get what you want now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Some of the current complexity in your life stems from how you chose to react to recent events. If you pursued an opportunity without overplaying your hand, you won't likely run into any problems at all. But if you overcompensated by listening to your ego and making a hasty decision, today's consequences might be a bit tougher to accept.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Although you are concerned that your secret isn't safe today, you still could enjoy yourself while navigating all the twists and turns of the day. This high level of action is what you asked for so don't waste everyone's time wishing that your life was less hectic now. The Sun's sweet trine to auspicious Jupiter suggests that there really is a pot of gold at rainbow's end for those who believe.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Living up to your end of the bargain and managing all the minute details of a project means that delicious rewards may be just around the next corner. But the dark clouds might not clear until later in the day so it's best to keep your shoulder to the wheel since it's uncool to fall behind in your work. Part of your current lesson is learning to live with more uncertainty now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Keeping your thoughts in line is a fruitless and frustrating endeavor today. You might not have much fun at first, but don't waste energy berating yourself if your agenda isn't working out according to your expectations. Your maps successfully brought you this far but now you must set them aside to explore the uncharted territories ahead.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Someone may shock you with unexpected criticism today, refocusing your attention back on reality. If your fantasies have hijacked your goals, embrace the unsolicited advice you receive from others now, instead of rejecting it out of hand. Be sure to establish healthy boundaries so you can maintain your emotional sanity. Nurturing your confidence, not your skepticism, will guide you toward fulfillment.



Across
 1. Dad, 5. Frauds, 10. Hindu princess, 14. By mouth, 15. Hawaiian veranda, 16. Biblical garden, 17. Concerned, 19. East Indian tree, 20. East southeast, 21. Roasters, 22. Cries, 23. Made less in size, 25. Different, 27. Neither, 28. Underpants, 31. Papal court, 34. Nightmare, 35. Born as, 36. Hodgepodge, 37. Hoax, 38. Stigma, 39. Autonomic nervous system, 40. An unwholesome atmosphere, 41. Mantelpiece, 42. Not landings, 44. Chief Executive Officer, 45. Map within a map, 46. Shad, 50. Trousers, 52. Pertaining to the Sun, 54. Russian fighter, 55. End, 56. Unsurmountable, 58. Ascend, 59. Considers, 60. Totals, 61. Convenience, 62. Nag, 63. In order to prevent.

Down
 1. Show-off, 2. Got up, 3. Went white, 4. Former boxing champ, 5. Splinter, 6. De-spised, 7. Soon, 8. Burial chamber, 9. Female sib, 10. Ransom, 11. Faithful support, 12. Half-moon tide, 13. Writing fluids, 18. Hot chocolate, 22. Objective case of "who", 24. Pearly-shelled mussel, 26. Tailless amphibian, 28. An alloy of copper and zinc, 29. Genuine, 30. Slave, 31. Jacket, 32. Forearm bone, 33. Peril, 34. Drawers of building plans, 37. A small high-pitched flute, 38. Display, 40. Nonvascular plant, 41. Clairvoyants, 43. Main course, 44. Stylish, 46. San Antonio fort, 47. Suffuse, 48. Movies, 49. Excrete, 50. Unadulterated, 51. Largest continent, 53. Not closed, 56. Actress Lupino, 57. American Sign Language.

Yesterday's Solution
 activate, blip, branch, brand, brass, card, celery, clever, crown, drift, enter, epicure, fence, gather, glade, gleam, gorgeous, grind, hinder, hose, instrument, internet, lies, pivotal, plane, porcine, putty, rapier, scar, scimitar, squeal.

