



### Zabul Residents Demand Increase in Number of Polling Stations

QALAT - The residents of southern Zabul province have demanded the Independent Election Commission (IEC) and the government to increase the number of polling stations in the province in order to facilitate all people to exercise the right of vote in upcoming presidential election.

According to the residents, polling stations established in the recent elections were not enough and people could not access them or in most of the districts there were one or two polling stations.

Although, the IEC registered 75,000 people for the Wolesi Jirga election in Zabul, but only 14,000 people voted and the main reason of the low turnout was the lack of polling stations.

Faiz Mohammad Ahmadzai, the head of Zabul Civil Society Organisation, said the residents of Zabul understood the importance of vote and want to fully participate in election. He, however, said the chance of greater participation in polls was not available to the people.

He said despite, several issues and threats people registered as voter and wanted to use the right of vote but most of the polling stations remained closed on the Election Day and it unfair treatment with the people of Zabul.

He said if the government and IEC did not resolve the issue of polling station most of the people in presidential election would be deprived of exercising their democratic right.

Abdul Basir, another resident of Zabul, said the lack of polling stations was a huge issue for voters.

He said from one side the number of approved polling stations was enough ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

# Bamiyan Winter Games Wrapped up



BAMYAN - Two skiers from Bamiyan skiing clubs won the two-day skiing competitions as part of a winter tournament in the province.

At least 70 skiers from Bamiyan and Maidan Wardak provinces had participated in the competition.

Among boys, Mohammad Ali Adin won the championship. He

urged officials to pay attention to improvement of ski in the country.

"There are less facilities available for this sport. I urge the officials and national investors to invest in ski," Adina said.

Raihana Mohammadi got the first position among girls.

"We are faced with some problems. One of them is lack of facilities. But despite all these, Bamiyan girls dared

to participate in the competitions," said Mohammadi. "This year, Bamiyan had less snowfall compared with previous years therefore we had less time for exercising. However, we managed to hold the festival," said Sajjad Hussaini, an organizer of the event. Officials said in winter sports competitions will be held in Bamiyan next month for selection of members of national teams. *(Tolo news)*



### Taliban Seize 2 Oil Tankers Along with Drivers in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - Suspected Taliban militants have seized two oil tankers and their drivers from a major highway in northern Jawzjan province, local officials said on Sunday.

Deputy governor Eng. Abdul Rahman Mahmoodi told Pajhwok Afghan News the oil tankers were intercepted on the Shiberghan-Mazar-i-Sharif Highway in an area between Aqcha and Khanaqa districts late Saturday night.

According to him, the oil tankers, belonging to a national trader, had been moved by the insurgents to an unknown location.

Amaruddin Danishjoi, a member of the Jawzjan provincial council, said some top security officials from Kabul recently visited the province and promised to ensure security on the highway.

But the security situation worsened after their visit and no one felt secure in the province, the public representative said, and warned if the situation remained the same, problems would increase for transit trade supplies. The trailers in Jawzjan were hijacked days after suspected militants seized nearly a dozen trailer vehicles carrying goods of local traders on the Mazar-Shiberghan highway. The Taliban have not yet commented in this regard. *(Pajhwok)*

### Car Bomb Attack Kills Eight Security Force Members in Logar



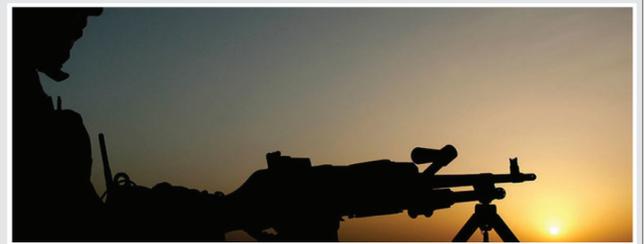
KABUL - A car bomb attack on a convoy of the governor of Afghanistan's southern Logar province killed at least eight Afghan security force members on Sunday morning but left the provincial chief unharmed, local officials said.

Shahpoor Ahmadzai, the spokesman for Logar's provincial police, said the bomber detonated an explosives-packed car close to the governor's convoy on a major high-

way between Logar and the capital Kabul. "Unfortunately 10 others are wounded, and the number of casualties may rise" Ahmadzai said, adding that the provincial chief of the country's intelligence agency was also in the convoy but unharmed in the attack.

Zabihullah Mujahid, a spokesman for the Taliban, said in a statement that the group was responsible ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

### Afghan and Coalition Forces Kill 15 Militants in During Separate Operations



KABUL - The Afghan Special Forces and Coalition Forces have conducted separate operations in northern Baghlan and southern Uruzgan and Helmand provinces over the past 24 hours, killing at least 15 militants.

According to the informed military sources, Afghan Special Forces conducted a clearance operation in Pule Khumri district of Baghlan prov-

ince, killing 12 Taliban fighters and wounding 8 others.

A coalition air strike in Tarin Kot of Uruzgan left 2 Taliban fighters dead, the sources said, adding that in a separate coalition air strike in Sangin district of Helmand province 1 Taliban fighter was killed.

Both the Afghan and Coalition Forces have ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Outlook Horoscope

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



Some problems with the structure of your house may need attention, Aries. Perhaps the plumbing or electrical wiring isn't operating at maximum efficiency. It probably isn't a good idea to try to fix this yourself, but you might not be able to reach a professional today. You will want to get this done soon. Don't be tempted to forget about it.

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



A co-worker could call you today, Taurus, but you probably won't be able to figure out what this person is trying to say. Your colleague's mind is a bit muddled now, and he or she might not be able to explain the situation very well. Be patient. Sympathy and understanding are probably what's called for. You're the best person for that right now.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



- Money matters may need your attention today, Gemini, and you probably aren't in the right space to think along those lines. Your mind is on different things, probably on your projects. Nonetheless, if you don't at least make the attempt, you will worry about it all day. Give it your best and ask for help if you have to. Once that's taken care of, you will have the rest of the day to enjoy yourself.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer, you tend to be a master psychologist. You don't need to know people well in order to accurately size them up. But today this ability could be temporarily lacking. You don't sense much from those you meet, and when you do intuit their thoughts and feelings, what you pick up isn't likely to be very accurate. Don't worry. Your mind should be back to normal tomorrow.

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



- You usually tend to be outgoing, Leo, and you love talking to others. However, today you may feel far more reticent than usual, more inclined to listen than speak. There may not seem to be any real reason for this. It isn't as if you're depressed or worried. Don't worry about it. View this as an opportunity to hear what others have to say. You will be yourself tomorrow.

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



- Today you might wonder what's bothering a friend, Virgo. This person may seem depressed and worried but not inclined to share the worries with you. All signs are that these are probably money problems, which he or she wants to keep private. Let your friend know you're there if needed, then concentrate on your own concerns. Your friend will share when the time is right.

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



Today you might be temporarily catapulted into the public eye when you'd rather be alone, Libra. Perhaps a premonition you once expressed has actually come to pass and others want to discuss it. Maybe you will be asked to repeat a story you once told. Your friends will probably want you to entertain them.

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



Spiritual or metaphysical concepts you hear about today may seem confusing and bothersome, Scorpio. You might go off alone to try to make sense of them, but this isn't the day to do that. You will probably only confuse yourself more. Think of this as a good day to collect information, not decide whether to accept any of it or not. Tomorrow your mind will be clearer and more logical.

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



Today you might be constantly engaged in deep, intense thought, Sagittarius. There probably isn't a specific matter that you're concerned about, but you may find that a number of different fragments of information capture your attention and get your mind going. Don't write this off as crazy behavior. Write down your thoughts. They may prove useful later.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



A friend or romantic partner may not be communicating with you the way they should, Capricorn. Something is bothering your sweetie, and he or she doesn't want to discuss it. Even if you ask, the answers are likely to be evasive. Pushing won't be appreciated. Perhaps it's best to leave your friend alone to work it out.

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

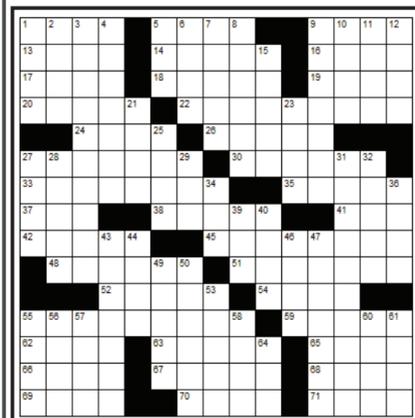


The health of a friend or family member who lives far away may be a bit worrying today, Aquarius. A lack of contact with this person doesn't help matters. You're usually the type to phone at the drop of a hat, but today you're less inclined to do this. You shouldn't make yourself crazy. If there's someone else you can ask, do so. Otherwise, take the initiative and call.

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



Your intuitive abilities are flying high, Pisces. Normally you're sensitive, but today you might be picking up on the thoughts, feelings, needs, and desires of strangers who pass in the street. If you turn this ability to those around you, you're likely to be able to use it to increase your understanding of them, and thus bring you closer together. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.



#### Across

1. Decant, 5. Against, 9. Rich soil, 13. Sea eagle, 14. Jeweler's glass, 16. Diatom, 17. Spurs 18. Slander, 19. Half-moon tide, 20. Napped, 22. Sensory nerves, 24. Violent disturbance, 26. Bog hemp, 27. Involving the stomach, 30. Kind of acid, 33. Participant, 35. Revoke 37. A state of SW India, 38. Creepy, 41. Anger, 42. Change, 45. University, 48. Smooth, in music, 51. Ablation, 52. Opaque gems, 54. Religious offshoot, 55. The previous day, 59. Herring-like fishes, 62. Decorative case, 63. Certain aromatic herbs, 65. River of Spain, 66. Armed conflicts, 67. Affirmatives, 68. Winglike, 69. Flower stalk, 70. Alike 71. French for "Head", , ,

#### Down

1. Pins, 2. By mouth, 3. Downplay, 4. Break, 5. Entire, 6. French for "Black", 7. A fleshy root 8. Vomitive, 9. Type of lamp, 10. Margarine, 11. Food thickener, 12. Geographic illustrations, 15. Lacquer ingredient 21. Ripped, 23. Falafel bread, 25. It ebbs and flows, 27. Madly in love, 28. Coral island, 29. C, 31. Matchless, 32. Oddity, 34. Historic period, 36. Low-fat 39. Frozen water, 40. Hearing organs, 43. Self-importance 44. Sexual assault, 46. Accomplishes, 47. A reversion to the state, 49. Late, 50. Music from the 50s and 60s, 53. Chip dip 55. Evergreens, 56. French for "State", 57. Certain, 58. Anagram of "Lyme", 60. "Dam!" 61. Achy, 64. South southeast, ,

#### Yesterday's Solution

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