



### Personal Interests Ruptured Grand Alliance: East Elders

KABUL - A number of residents of eastern provinces on Monday said politicians who formed the Grand National Alliance have forgotten their promises and were pursuing personal interests. The residents, coming all the way from Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman and Nuristan provinces to Kabul, said they would support election teams which only worked for the national interest, not personal. More than a hundred tribal elders from the four eastern provinces attended the gathering in Kabul. Haji Hazrat Ali, a lawmaker from Nangarhar and an organizer of today's gathering, said no tribal elders from the eastern region had so far announced their support for a particular presidential candidate. He said they would not join any candidate unless advised by their people to do so. Ali said the GNA was formed to fight against Afghanistan's challenges, but the alliance broke ahead of the presidential election as each politician in the party wanted to reach the power corridors. The GNA was created few months back and politicians who joined the alliance had promised to work for ending the country's problems and would introduce an election team for the presidential election. First vice-president and Junbish-Islami Afghanistan head Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum, Jamiat-i-Islami Afghanistan chief Salahuddin Rabbani, former Balkh governor Atta Mohammad Noor, former special representative to the president, Ahmad Zia Massoud, deputy chief executive officer (CEO) Mohammad Mohaqiq and former spy chief, Rahmatullah Nabil are members of the coalition. ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

# Afghan Air Force Conduct Night Airstrikes in Uruzgan Leaving 30 Militants Dead



KABUL - The Afghan Air Force has carried out a series of night airstrikes in southern Uruzgan province leaving at least 30 Taliban militants dead. According to the informed military sources, the Afghan Air Force A29's conducted night air strikes last night killing 30 Taliban fighters

in Khas Uruzgan district of Uruzgan. The sources further added "The Afghan Air Force's night strike capabilities greatly minimize the Taliban's abilities to move and operate at night." Uruzgan is among the relatively volatile provinces in South of Afghanistan where Taliban are actively operating in some of its districts and often carry out

attacks against the government and security institutions. In the meantime, the Afghan forces and the coalition forces based in Afghanistan also conduct regular ground operations and airstrikes to suppress the anti-government armed elements in Uruzgan and other restive parts of the country. (KP)



### Polio Vaccination Drive Kicks Off in Herat

HERAT CITY - The three days polio vaccination campaign in which 250,000 children in Herat City, the capital of western Herat province, and Shindand district would be vaccinated began on Monday, officials said. Monasa Hasanzada, deputy head of the Work and Social Affairs Department, on the launch of the vaccination drive asked the families to support health officials and workers in the administration of the vital drops. She said the polio vaccination drive is administered after every three months in Herat province to ensure the eradication of polio virus. Mohammad Asif Karbir, deputy head of the Public Health Department, said during the campaign over 250,000 children are administered with polio vaccination. He said mobile teams had been tasked at the entrance gates of Herat City to vaccinated children under the age of five. Of the total 250,000 children, 143,000 would be vaccinated in the Shindand district, 90,000 in Shindand district and 17,000 displaced children in camps on the outskirts of Herat. (Pajhwok)

### US Gen. Meets Pakistan's Army Chief on Afghan Peace



ISLAMABAD - Before this, US Special Envoy Zalmay Khalilzad concluded his four-day visit to Pakistan which was to follow up on the discussions held in December. An American delegation led by Gen. Joseph Votel, Commander of the US Central Command met Pakistan's Chief of the Army Staff Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa on Sunday, Pakistan Inter-Services Public Relations

(ISPR) said. Geo-strategic environment, regional security and Afghanistan peace and reconciliation process were discussed during the meeting, it said, adding that the visiting dignitary appreciated Pakistan Army's efforts for regional peace and stability. The army chief reiterated that peace in Afghanistan was vital for regional peace. ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

### 12 Security Personnel Killed, 30 Wounded in Taliban Attack



MAIDAN SHAHR - A dozen people were killed and 30 others wounded on Monday when a suicide bomber struck a special forces' base in central Maidan Wardak province, officials said. The bombing happened at around 7:30am after a firefight between militants and the National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel

stationed in the Bagh-i-Zanana area of the provincial capital. Mohibullah Sharifzai, a government spokesman, confirmed to Pajhwok Afghan News the suicide car attack, saying a second car bombing was thwarted. A third suicide attacker was frustrated by security forces soon after the blast. ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## Outlook Horoscope

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

A friend from far away could contact you by phone, email, or even in person, Aries. This person might bring great news that suddenly turns your life in a new direction. This could involve a new intellectual study or possibly a new circle of friends. At any rate, you will certainly enjoy catching up and hearing what your friend has to say.

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

You might try to learn a new computer program today, Taurus. You could find it a little confusing at first, but as you continue to learn, you will find that it makes things easier for you. You should master it more quickly than you thought. This may sound minor, but it will improve your productivity from now on, leaving you time to explore other possibilities.

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

Today you may stumble into an unexpected new friendship, Gemini. This could come as the result of a social event or an introduction by a close friend. You will discover new rapport the likes of which you haven't experienced in a long time. You could spend hours trading ideas. Make sure you exchange contact information. You will definitely want to stay in touch with this person.

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

A group meeting of some sort, perhaps job related, could take place in your home today, Cancer. Whatever business the group has planned should be taken care of quickly and then you will be able to hang out and socialize. You might discover new aspects of your guests you didn't know existed. This could prove very enlightening for all concerned. Your bond with them will defi-

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

A phone call from a close friend or love partner could bring a thrilling surprise your way today, Leo. An event has occurred that you either gave up on long ago or never dreamed of. This news could necessitate your spending a lot of time on the phone or computer making contacts, but that's OK. You will be so happy that this happened that you won't mind the time you spend on it.

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

If you own property, you might discover that its value has increased far beyond anything you dreamed of, Virgo. This might involve real estate, but it could also involve other resources like stocks, bonds, or family heirlooms. What you choose to do with this information is up to you, but you will probably decide to hang on to what you have. It's just nice to know it's valuable.

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

A surprising phone call or email could come your way today from a friend you haven't heard from in a long time, Libra. This should make you happy, as you've probably been wondering what this person was doing. Some business changes may have occurred for your friend, but possible new opportunities might also be in the cards for you.

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

Today you may discover that you have a previously untapped talent for the occult sciences, Scorpio. This might involve astrology, numerology, alchemy, or using oracles. A class or workshop could be involved. You tend to be intuitive by nature, and studying these fields may offer an opportunity to train that ability to a higher level of accuracy. Find an expert in one of those areas.

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

There's someone you've wanted to meet for a long time, Sagittarius, and today you might have the opportunity to introduce yourself. This could be a potential romantic interest, a teacher you've wanted to study with, or someone interesting you might like for a friend. Sparks are apt to fly between you. Don't hesitate, for this encounter could affect the rest of your life in some profound way.

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

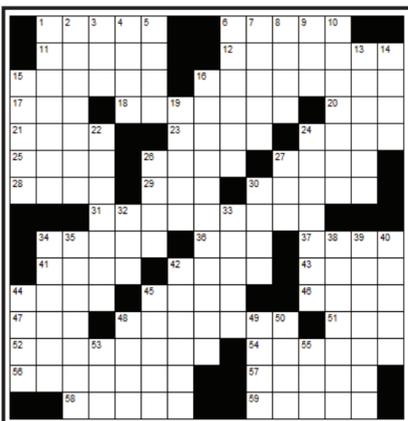
Do you feel helpless in the face of problems with technology? If so, you might surprise yourself today, Capricorn. Some software that you use a lot could go haywire, and you won't want to take the time to wait for a professional. Some study could enable you to come up with the solution on your own. Consulting a professional could demonstrate that you're on the right track.

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

If you've been thinking about studying astrology, numerology, or other occult sciences, Aquarius, this is the day to start. There may be a school or teacher that you've been considering. By doing this, you could open doors to new knowledge, meet new friends who share your interests, and steer your life in a fascinating new direction. Pick up the phone and take the first step.

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

A woman you meet at work might point you in a new direction, Pisces. You should investigate all possible options. This could be a new intellectual interest, a technological skill, or possibly a new and more lucrative source of income. It may involve an unusual field, but don't worry about that. The world is changing, so what seems unorthodox now could be commonplace tomorrow.



#### Across

- 1. Slumber, 6. Prods, 11. Interlace, 12. Take care of, 15. Shred, 16. Extremely stupid behaviors, 17. A late time of life, 18. Not just walking, 20. Tin, 21. Blackthorn, 23. Applications, 24. Remain, 25. Not highs, 26. Slaloms, 27. Assistant, 28. Barley beards, 29. Married, 30. More pleasant, 31. Knowledgeably, 34. Animal toxin, 36. Mineral rock, 37. Voucher, 41. A single time, 42. Group of two, 43. Roman moon goddess, 44. Anagram of "Tine" 45. Pear variety, 46. Historical periods, 47. Card with one symbol, 48. Not devious, 51. Explosive, 52. Corruption, 54. Caramelized sugar, 56. A dais, 57. Be in trouble with 58. Made a mistake, 59. Blithely,,

#### Down

- 1. A gulp, 2. Disappointment, 3. Consume, 4. Always, 5. South American country, 6. Lingerie, 7. Wreckage, 8. Hot rum drink, 9. And so forth, 10. Self-destruction, 13. A literate person, 14. Feudal worker, 15. Electrical pioneer, 16. Pemiciously, 19. Microwaved (slang), 22. Gist, 24. Two wheel vehicle, 26. Travelled through water, 27. Bother, 30. Require, 32. Caviar, 33. Small amount, 34. Vocalizations, 35. Accord, 38. Injurious, 39. Fatuously, 40. Flavor, 42. Scattered, 44. Central area of a church, 45. \_\_\_\_\_ and groom, 48. Winglike, 49. Male deer, 50. Couch, 53. Arrive (abbrev.), 55. A departure feast (archaic),

#### Yesterday's Solution



opposite, other, passenger, penetrate, present, protection, reward sharp, sore stiff, , trait, truck, widely, , yellow birth, buses, choke cough, desire effects, elite, expensive, ,

