



Pakistan Rejects Passage to Indian's Cargo Flights to Afghanistan

KABUL - Pakistan's Civil Aviation Authority has denied passage Spice-Jet cargo flight from India to Afghanistan three times in the last week of December and on January 11, 14, a media report said on Wednesday accusing Islamabad of violation of civil aviation norms.

According to the Indian media, New Delhi raised the matter with Islamabad with Ministry of External Affairs sending a "note verbale" to Pakistan.

The development comes even as New Delhi has been trying to connect landlocked Afghanistan with India and rest of the world. Pakistan has been blocking the land route for trade between Afghanistan and India.

The India Afghanistan air corridor, launched in 2017, connects Afghanistan with Delhi and Mumbai. The Chabahar port being built in Iran with India's help also provides Afghanistan goods gateway to the world.

Speaking at first-ever India Central Asia Afghanistan Dialogue in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on 13th January, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said, "Joint efforts of India, Iran and Afghanistan have led to the development of the Chabahar Port in Iran as a viable and operational trade route to connect to Afghanistan and potentially to Central Asia. Chabahar provides a shining example of what strong partnership can achieve to overcome any obstacles."

India has already sent a very substantial quantity of wheat to Afghanistan using the Chabahar port. India took ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

US Service Member Killed in Afghanistan



KABUL - This is the second US soldier to be killed in the country in a week. A US service member has been killed in Afghanistan, Resolute Support said Tuesday in a statement. "One US service member was killed in Afghanistan today as

a result of enemy small arms fire," according to a brief statement late Tuesday night from Resolute Support, the NATO-led coalition in Afghanistan. The identity of the soldier has not been released. In accordance with Defense Department policy, "the name of the ser-

vic member killed in action is being withheld until 24 hours after notification of next of kin is complete," read the statement. It is the second US military soldier killed in Afghanistan in a week and this year. Army Sgt. Cameron Meddock died last week at ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



6 Civilians Killed in Miadan Wardak Airstrike

MAIDAN SHAHR - At least six bird hunters have been killed and another one wounded in a US forces airstrike in Jalriz district of central Miadan Wardak province, a public representative said on Wednesday.

Sharifullah Hotak, a member of provincial council, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in Kohna Khomar area on the hillside of Kanda Mountain at around 3:00pm on Tuesday. He added a 15 years old child was also among those who lost his life in the incident.

Hotak added that the hunters who all were civilians stayed on the hillside till late night as they feared they would get targeted by aircrafts circling on their heads. The government should control the blind bombings in the province and should not take revenge from civilians, he said.

An eyewitness Mohammad Omar Amarkhel told Pajhwok victims of the incident were all civilians and needy people who went to the mountain for hunt. However, Muhibullah Sharif, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok all the killed people were Taliban militants.

He said that the individuals were under their chase since long ago. Taliban have not yet commented in this regard. *(Pajhwok)*

2018: Above 450 Civilians Suffer Casualties in Southeast



GARDEZ - As many as 457 civilians suffered casualties, including women and children, in southeastern Paktia, Paktika and Khost provinces in 2018, the Independent Human Rights Commission (IHRC)'s regional office said on Tuesday. Noor Ahmad Shahim, IHRC regional office head, told Pajhwok Afghan News the casualties occurred as a result of Afghan and foreign forces airstrikes and Taliban

operations and bomb blasts. According to Shahim, most of the casualties resulted from suicide bombings and roadside blasts, carried out by Taliban militants, in civilian populated areas and their use of people's homes as bastions. He said: "Last year, 457 people, including men, women and children suffered casualties across the southern zone and most of the perpetrators ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Kunduz Officials Admit Failure To Ensure People's Security



prevent criminal incidents while local residents say armed robberies, murders and kidnap cases have recently increased in the province. A joint meeting between provincial council members, government officials and ordinary people was organized in Kunduz City, the provincial capital, late Tuesday to discuss recent security developments

in the province. Ziaulhaq, a resident of Kunduz City and trader, said the security situation had recently deteriorated in the province. "The city police search for excuses the entire day how to extort money and their officers are also very weak, we ask the government leaders to show ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You have the creative ability to make a real go of your music or writing. Why not put it to better use? Are you afraid to take the risk? Today you may be inspired to rise above your fear as you read a book or hear a piece of music that moves you to want to create one of your own. It's never too late to get started, Aries.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Prosperity isn't just around the corner - it's here, Taurus. Your finances are looking better than ever. Don't rely on this money, however. The whole point of a windfall is that it's unexpected, and thus can be used for luxuries or indulgences that you wouldn't normally allow yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You've never looked better, Gemini. As a result, people are drawn to you and you have an unusually large circle of friends. This is fun but time consuming, as everyone seems to want a piece of you. Try to keep your feet on the ground. Don't let your vision become clouded by all the flattery you receive.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



- You've always been interested in the arts, and now you want to explore that interest on a deeper level. A visit to a museum isn't likely to do the trick, Cancer. Instead, why not enroll in a class or sign up for a lecture series? A few artists, in particular, capture your interest. Make it a point to concentrate on them first.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Errands seem to rule the day. You spend most of it in the car, running hither and yon. Don't be surprised if you run into an old friend you haven't seen in a while. The casual pleasantries you exchange could develop into something more. Perhaps you will discover a common interest and decide to build a business based on it.

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Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Keep your mind on the present, Libra. As much as you'd like to be somewhere else, your daydreaming is getting out of hand. If you're sincere in your desire to explore other lands, begin some research. For now it's better to focus on any problems that make you want to run away. Open a dialogue with anyone with whom you've had a misunderstanding.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



There's passion in the air today, Scorpio. You can feel it. The feeling is so strong that the air almost pulsates. What are you going to do about it? If you're in a romantic relationship, plan an intimate evening together, free of chores and daily tasks. If you're single, peruse your little black book and see if there are any relationships worth warming up.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Has the opposite sex always been so attractive? Today they seem especially so, Sagittarius, and capture your attention right and left. One person, in particular, you've always considered a platonic friend, but today seems interested in you romantically. Perhaps this person is just picking up on your vibes. He or she may make a wonderful partner, so don't immediately dismiss the idea.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Your poise and gracious nature serve you well now, Capricorn. The best thing you can do today is spend time around other people. Go to a party or other social gathering tonight. The evening is bound to be a resounding success as you radiate warmth and energy and people respond in kind. Allow everyone the pleasure of basking in your glow.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

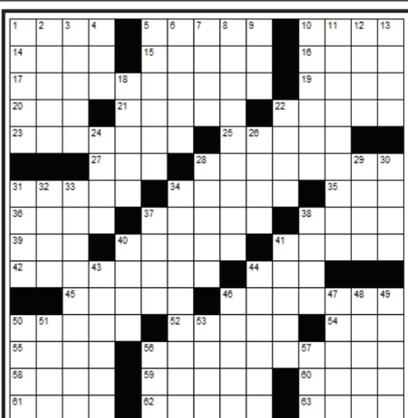


Creativity and romance are a good combination, Aquarius, and today both are in top form. Why not get out the good stationery and craft a love note that will set that special someone's heart flutter? Cater to your romantic nature, ideally with a partner at your side. Even if you're alone, a bubble bath will do wonders for your soul.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



- Is a bit of redecorating in order? This is a perfect time to spruce up your home. Rather than rush into a project that you might later regret, Pisces, it's better to spend the day with color and fabric swatches. Once you're happy with a scheme, then you can pick up a paintbrush. Think hard before making a decision.



Across

- Hurried, 5. A badger, 10. Cumberbund, 14. Prefix meaning 1000, 15. Soup server, 16. Blind (poker), 17. Flood, 19. Den, 20. Muck, 21. Portents, 22. Valleys, 23. Taxonomic group, 25. Foe, 27. Terminate, 28. Adored, 31. Utilizing, 34. Pueblo brick, 35. Nigerian tribesman, 36. Lease, 37. Expels, 38. Kiss, 39. Petrol, 40. Gather, 41. Indications, 42. Male rulers, 44. Tall hill, 45. Awkward, 46. Panes of glass in buildings, 50. Attended, 52. Flip over, 54. 7 in Roman numerals, 55. Arab chieftain, 56. Two-edged sword, 58. Little dent, 59. Female ruff, 60. Away from the wind, 61. Jittery, 62. Daisylike bloom, 63. Sleep in a con, venient place, , ,

Down

- Examines hastily, 2. Cover girl, 3. Avoid, 4. Put clothing on, 5. Found fault, 6. Charges per unit, 7. Norse god, 8. Termination of operations, 9. Barbie's beau, 10. Highly seasoned fatty sausage, 11. Examining, 12. Anagram of "Ties", 13. Not his, 18. Accomplishing, 22. Expunge, 24. 1/100th of a dollar, 26. Anagram of "Snob", 28. Anagram of "Aside", 29. Black, in poetry, 30. Canines, 31. Desire, 32. Where two pieces meet, 33. Stimulating, 34. Openings, 37. Swill, 38. A region of SE Pakistan, 40. Alumnus, 41. Dispatches, 43. Power, 44. It holds papers, 46. Interlace, 47. Convex molding, 48. Filaments, 49. Factions, 50. Formally surrender, 51. Between, 53. He writes in verse, 56. Brassiere, 57. Roll of bills, , ,

Yesterday's Solution

BOARD THATS WEAK
LUNAR HEAL HARE
OZONE ROLE OGRE
CONTINENCE LEAF
DEW PERS
STEREO BLISS
CAVILL WOODSACKS
OXEN SONGS LEAUJ
WINGING BELLS
MUSTY HERMES
BRAVES WESTER
SEES YESTERYEAR
TACT ISLE EERIE
ANTE SPUR STILL
BOOR HYMN STISSY

heaven, hidden, invite, joint, lien, lore, male, malign, normal, obedient, raise, road, slash, speak, stand, sweep, today, touch, tree, woman, world, between, blood, carry, change, enable, energize, explain, fight, flies

