

# Disabled Security Force Member Calls on ARG for Help

KABUL - Nazir Ahmad Walizada had defused more than 300 mines before losing his hands in an explosion while on duty and as his family's sole breadwinner he is today unable to cover the costs of any treatment.

Walizada had been part of a demining team for the Afghan National Police (ANP) in Ghazni at the time of the incident a year ago but now he struggles to make ends meet.

In an appeal for help, Walizada, who has served in the ANP for ten years, called on President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Execu-



tive Officer (CEO) Abdullah Abdullah for help. He said he has however returned to work as it is his only income. "Doctors have said they can transplant my toes to my hands and it will hopefully work; but I don't have the money for the surgery; it will cost \$12,000 USD," said Walizada.

According to doctors, Walizada also sustained psychological trauma during the incident. "I don't have any option except to go to work for the sake of my two children; they will stop my salary if I don't go to ... (More on P4)...(15)

## Kandahar Resident Arrested for Having Links with ISIS Loyalists

KABUL - A resident of the southern Kandahar province was arrested for having links with the loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group. According to the local security officials in Nangarhar, the suspect was arrested from the vicinity of Achin district.

The officials further added that the suspect has been identified as Abdul Satar and is in custody of the police forces for further investigation. No further details were given by the security

officials regarding the apprehension of the suspect. The loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group have not commented regarding the report so far.

This comes as reports have emerged recently suggesting that ISIS loyalists have started recruitment for the group in other parts of the country, specifically in eastern Kunar province.

The head of the high peace council for Kunar, Mohammad Ismail Munib, said ... (More on P4)...(16)

## Kidnapped Policemen Kill 5 Taliban Militants in Baghlan

KABUL - Two Afghan policemen have broken a Taliban cell in northern Baghlan province, leaving at least 5 militants dead. According to the local government officials, the policemen were kept in a cell in Barak district.

Provincial police spokesman Zabiullah Shuja said the two policemen managed to break the Taliban jail after snatching the weapon of them and opening fire on the others.

He said at least five militants were killed and a clash broke out after the



other policemen arrived to support the two captives. According to Shuja, the clash between the two sides continued for at least three hours. The Taliban

militants group has not commented regarding the report so far. This is not the first time the kidnapped members of the Afghan security forces have broken

the Taliban cell. An Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier killed at least five Taliban insurgents after he was kidnapped in eastern Ghazni province of Afghanistan late in 2014.

The local officials said the soldier had also lost his life during the clash with the Taliban insurgents. According to the officials, the soldier was abducted while he was his way from Kandahar province to capital Kabul by traveling through the restive Ghazni province. (KP)

## In Harsh Winter, Kabul's Tent Dwellers Struggle to Survive

KABUL - War-displaced families, living in refugee camps in Kabul, are struggling to survive in makeshift shelters. With their humanitarian needs largely unmet, sub-zero temperatures and associated ailments have made life miserable for them.

The Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation (MoRR) says more than 7,000 families displaced by wars in the country were currently living in 42 areas of the capital. Proja-i-Taimani and Charah-i-Qambar areas are home to many of

the IDPs living in tents. The shelters are full of smokes of plastics and papers the families burn to keep themselves warm. Many children run around their tents bare-foot. Their lips, hands and feet are cracked due to frosty conditions.

Faiz Mohammad, 70, a resident of the Musa Kala district of southern Helmand province, was displaced along with his family to the Charah-i-Qambar refugee camp four years ago. His stinky room has a tat-



tered carpet and the entrance is protected with a dirty piece of cloth. The roof of the room is covered with tarpaulin.

"We fled fighting and came to Kabul, where we feel secure but we have no firewood, food or money. ... (More on P4)...(17)

## 2 Persons Escape from Taliban Captivity

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Two persons escaped from Taliban's captivity after a clash that left five rebels dead in northern Baghlan province, an official said on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Zabihullah Shuja told Pajhwok Afghan News the two persons were accused of cooperation with police and abducted in Tanki March ... (More on P4)...(18)

## Overnight Snowstorm Kills 3 in Salang Pass

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Three bodies have been recovered from snow as the Salang Pass blockade entered a second, an official said on Tuesday. 1st Lt. Zabihullah Shuja, traffic director for northern Baghlan province, said a large number of passengers were trapped in the overnight storm, but police rescued and evacuated them to safety. He, however, said two women and a man were killed by an avalanche. Their ... (More on P4)...(19)

## Police Defuse 5 Improvised Bombs in Parwan

KABUL - The Afghan National Police (ANP) discovered and defused five Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) near a main foreign forces' base in eastern province of Parwan on Monday, the Interior Ministry said on Tuesday.

"A total of five IEDs were discovered and defused by ANP in Chinzaye village, Bagram district of Parwan province on Monday," the ministry said in a statement. The Bagram Airfield, some 50 km north of Afghan capital of Kabul, has been serving as a main U.S. and NATO military base in Afghanistan



over the past 15 years. The Taliban militant group uses IEDs to target security forces but the lethal weapons also inflict casualties on civilians, according to mili-

tary officials. IED explosion is the third largest cause of civilian casualties in Afghanistan, following ground engagement and suicide attack. ... (More on P4)...(20)

## Afghan Citizen Detained at Islamabad Airport

PESHAWAR - An Afghan citizen has been detained at the Benazir Bhutto International Airport in Islamabad for having no residency documents.

The Pakistani Airports Security Force (ASF) arrested Lal Khan, son of Haji Jalat, and handed over to police for further investigation, an official confided to Pajhwok Afghan News. Lal Khan was spotted standing at the entrance to the airport and taken into custody for interrogation. He failed to produce any residency permit. Police registered a case



against him under the Foreigner Act. The man told interrogators he wanted receive relatives

returning from abroad. He will be produced in a court today (Tuesday). (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



You don't like being told no, especially when you're riding a wave of enthusiasm. Nevertheless, there may be enough cosmic restraint to take the wind out of your sails today. Your response is more important than ever; you can pack up your ideas and call it quits. Or you could rise to the occasion and figure out why your progress is being tested.

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



Your dogged persistence is your saving grace today as circumstances test your resolve. You quickly accept the fact that accomplishing your work won't be as simple now as you imagined. In fact, less determined people might just change courses or even throw in the towel. But not you; instead, you consider modifying your strategy in order to assimilate the changes around you.

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



Someone who has been a real ally of yours may turn on you today for no apparent reason. Your first inclination is to ignore the betrayal and just continue on in the same manner. Or, you might react defensively, fearful that their lack of support could be detrimental to your cause. However, a third response is actually your best bet. Uncover what caused the shift in the other person's thinking and then see what you can learn from your new perspective.

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



You might grow annoyed if you encounter a glitch in your day, especially if there's someone or something you can blame. But even if the cause of your trouble is obvious, you're likely to hold your anger close to your chest today. You may reason that nothing positive will come from an open conflict. Nevertheless, you're not interested in just letting the matter pass.

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



You take it personally when something doesn't go your way now. It may feel as if someone is purposefully trying to rattle your cage to test your reactions. Regardless of anyone else's actions, the real lesson here is about your behavior and not theirs. Forget about trying to analyze why other people do what they do; concentrate on the path ahead of you.

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



You can amaze your friends and fellow workers today by your ability to separate your feelings from the facts. While others might take a minor setback to heart, you're ready to review the problem, reassess your options and do better next time. Although you may do an internal dance with self-doubt, you won't let it negatively influence your performance. Motivational coach Ralph Marston wrote, "Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude."

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



You might not understand why, but it seems as if people are harshly criticizing you for no reason at all. Granted, they may be more critical than necessary and their delivery could be less than diplomatic. But the fact of the matter is the cosmos is sending you a signal and your critics are just messengers. Don't reject the feedback you receive now just because it makes you feel uncomfortable.

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



You have little patience for people who question your values. You wish they would take the time to discuss their assumptions rather than jumping to erroneous conclusions about your behavior. However, current interpersonal dynamics can be further confused if you defensively dismiss someone's point of view just because it differs from yours.

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



Your skin is thin today and you might feel things that you wouldn't normally notice. The receptive Moon's visit to your sign increases your emotional sensitivity and her conjunction with stern Saturn is like getting your hand slapped as you reach for the cookie jar. Rather than just withdrawing, you could overreact in order to hide your current vulnerability, especially with contentious Mars in the equation.

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



A reality check requires you to narrow your perspective, reassess your priorities and focus on the most important tasks. Thankfully, you don't need to abandon your optimism; you only need to tighten the reins a little bit to navigate your way through this eye of the needle. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Shallow men believe in luck. Strong men believe in cause and effect." Be strong and do the work; success is not for the faint-hearted.

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



Your friends and associates might not be there to support you today as much as you wish. However, their unavailability is a blessing in disguise that catalyzes you into action. When you realize that you're personally accountable for your success or failure, you shift into overdrive to prove your competence. Hal Elrod wrote, "The moment you take responsibility for everything in your life is the moment you can change anything in your life."

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



You might feel like a fish swimming upstream today if your coworkers are impeding your progress rather than helping it. Although this is no time to just go with the flow, you could exhaust yourself fighting the prevailing currents. You're not required to claim victory over every obstacle in your path; you don't have to attend every argument you're invited to now. Choosing your battles carefully has the magical effect of decreasing the resistance you face.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-55 indicating starting positions for clues.

#### Across

1. Of the highest quality, 6. Leave in a hurry, 10. Burrowing marine mollusk, 14. Winged, 15. Vagabond, 16. Unusual, 17. Abatement, 18. Ends a prayer, 19. Annul, 20. Thrill, 22. Flat-bottomed boat, 23. Venomous snake, 24. Not earlier, 26. Morals, 30. Pincer, 32. Gleam, 33. Vest, 37. Assistant 38. Mentors, 39. River of Spain, 40. Unenthusiastic, 42. Lift, 43. Kicks out, 44. Deformed, 45. Poets, 47. Soak, 48. Killer whale, 49. Days gone by, 56. Dress, 57. Small island, 58. Creepy, 59. Bobbin, 60. Break, 61. Motionless, 62. Anagram of "Sees", 63. Chops, 64. Pantywaist.

#### Down

1. An exchange involving money, 2. Gorse, 3. Trail, 4. Decorative case, 5. Substitute, 6. Not dull, 7. Unwakable state, 8. Foment, 9. Lacking expression (voice), 10. Crab or lobster, 11. Javelin, 12. Elan, 13. Cat sound, 21. Donkey, 25. Altitude (abbrev.), 26. Brother of Jacob, 27. Not fat, 28. Conceal, 29. Unrelenting, 30. Enclosures, 31. Hotfooted, 33. Light bulb unit, 34. Death notice, 35. Backside, 36. Pigeon, 38. Effeminate, 41. Rechewed food, 42. Lapse, 44. Female deer, 45. Hillsides, 46. Units of land, 47. Stairs, 48. Monster, 50. Feudal worker, 51. Shredded cabbage, 52. Abominable Snowman, 53. Anagram of "Sire", 54. Afflicts, 55. Depend.

#### Yesterday's Solution

A grid of words from the previous day's crossword puzzle solution, including: AWED, ADEPT, ABLE, DARE, GERAH, FLEA, ZING, HARVESTING, ETERNAL, RENTENTE, YES, AARDOR, BEFITTINGLY, EARNS, COLAS, TRK, OREG, STRUM, BRAE, SSE, JOUST, IRONY, ASSESSMENTS, STRAP, APE, IMMOBILIZED, HALLO, POOR, SIT, ABS, CESS, TEARS, TUDOR, EVEN, ESNE, SEEMS.

A grid of words from the previous day's crossword puzzle solution, including: DEATHYSchemeE, URKHRALIENK D Q, BLOOEXECUTION, ADEWTHESECDZO, THRNSHPYIBTLT, TVMKAAASAEATTE, EPUNTMTKRSLHR, PINOEHATA TEED, RAIWCURERBCMW, INQNQALFLAMEA, COUNTGRIEFCUR, ELESSSUPPORTF.