

Thousands of Deserving Families Get Aid in Ghazni

CHAZNI CITY - A Qatar funded Red Crescent (RC) organization distributed aid and assistance among 1,000 vulnerable families in southern Ghazni province, an employee of RC said on Tuesday. Samiullah Sadiqi told Pajhwok Afghan News that the RC initially conducted survey and prepared a list of 1,000 poverty-stricken families. The aid items distributed



among families included one sack of rice, five kilograms (kgs) of edible oil, seven kilograms beans, seven kilograms of sugar and two kilograms of tea and milk, he said, adding that RC would provide more assistance to needy families. Abdul Qadir, a local resident, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "I have 11 members family and the aid is not sufficient for all of us." (Pajhwok)

Man Dead, His Five, 5 Children Wounded in Logar Mortar



PUL-I-ALAM - A man was killed and his wife and five children wounded when a mortar shell their home in Baraki Barak district in central Logar on Tuesday, the town's administrative chief said. Eng. Mohammad Rahim Amin Taliban fired a mortar shell on a police check post which missed the target and hit the resident of Ghulam Sakhi instead.

Sakhi died on the spot while his wife, three daughters and two sons got injured, he said, adding the wounded were instantly shifted to a hospital. Three of the injured were stated to be in critical condition. Ajmal, a resident of the locality, said Sakhi's house was adjacent to police check post. Militants have not commented on the incident so far. (Pajhwok)

36 Militants Dead in Kandahar Operations: Khpalwak

KANDAHAR CITY - The Taliban's-designated chief for Zerai district and 35 other militants were killed in southern Kandahar, Samim Khpalwak, the governor's spokesperson, told Pajhwok Afghan News Afghan security forces conducted joint anti-militants operations in Maiwand, Ghwarak and the surrounding areas. Taliban shadow commander and 35 other militants had been killed in the offensives. Separately, a security



source said that a commander and his guard were killed and a policeman wounded in an attack on police check post. Khpalwak confirmed the attack but did not say anything about casualties. However, Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, a Taliban spokesman, claimed killing two Afghan Local Police (ALP) commanders and four policemen. (Pajhwok)

Civilians Among 8 Dead in Paktia Violence

GARDEZ - Three civilians were killed in clashes between Taliban and Afghan security forces in the Zamakino district in southeastern Paktia, provincial police chief said on Tuesday. Maj. Gen. Zalmay Oryakhail said the fight continued since Monday night in which five rebels had been killed and another wounded.



A huge arms cache had also been seized, he said, adding that Afghan National Army (ANA), Afghan National Police (ANP), border police and National Directorate of Security (NDS) took part in the fight. Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, claimed killing ten security personnel and in-

cluding ten others. One Taliban fighter was killed and five others injured in the firefight. Separately, at least three civilians have been killed in roadside blast on Tuesday afternoon in eastern Ibrahim Khail area, Oryakhail said, adding that all the three persons belonged to same family. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast. (Pajhwok)

District Edu Director Shot Dead inside Mosque

TRINKOT - Unidentified gunmen shot dead director of education of Chura district in central Uruzgan province inside a mosque, the governor spokesman said on Tuesday. Dost Mohammad Nayab told Pajhwok Afghan News gunmen forced their way inside a mosque and shot Momin, director education, dead when he was offering Tarawih prayers.

The official died on the spot, he said, adding that the attackers fled the scene. Police had started investigations to nab the culprits. Abdul Karim Khadimzai, provincial secretary, said the director served on the post for four years. The slain man did not have personal enmity with anyone, he added. No group so far claimed credit for the attack. (Pajhwok)

Badakhshan Moms, Babies in Need of Medical Care

FAIZABAD - "Following her death, my life has become very bitter and my mind extremely vacuous. I don't know whether I should eke out a living for my family using a handcart or sit at home to look after my children." Khair Mohammad, whose house is located just three

kilometres from the civil hospital in the provincial capital, lost his spouse on the way to the medical facility. Expecting a baby, the woman died of excessive bleeding. Pushing his handcart, the palpably distraught man told Pajhwok Afghan News he had received cash from

someone to treat his wife. However, to his chagrin, Mohammad's life-partner breathed her last close to the civil hospital. Since the passing of his 28-year-old wife, the manual worker has been in trouble looking after his six children....(More on P4)...(18)

Ex-PC Head in Nimroz Survives Rebel Attack



ZARANJ - Former provincial council head of southwestern Nimroz province survived a gun attack that left one of his bodyguards dead, an official said on Tuesday. A security official in Nimroz wishing anonymity said a group of armed men stormed the house of Najibullah Naser

in Zaranj City, the provincial capital, on Monday night. He said that a body of the former provincial council head died in the incident. Provincial council secretary Niamatullah Sadiqi said a group of six armed motorcyclists attacked the house of Naser last night at around 9:00pm. He said that armed men wanted to barge into the house of former provincial council head but were stopped by bodyguards. The attackers, he said managed to flee the scene after a brief exchange of fire with the bodyguards. (Pajhwok)

Arm, Drug Smugglers Apprehended in Balkh



MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Authorities in northern Balkh province have apprehended drug and arms smugglers during an operation in parts of the province, provincial police chief said on Tuesday. Maj. Gen. Syed Kamal Saadat told Pajhwok Afghan News police nabbed four smugglers who wanted to smuggle 4 Kalashnikovs from Baghlan to Faryab. The weapons would be sold to antigovernment forces in the area, he said, adding that police

also seized pistol which were used for targeted killings. Meanwhile, police chief said counter-narcotics officials had seized 13.5 kgs of drugs, four kilograms of hashish and one kilograms of heroine during different operation. Saadat added one militant was killed and another wounded in the overnight clash. Militants wanted to attack police check post but police gunned them down before they could reach their intended target. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Shadow District Chief, 3 Police Dead in Clash

TALUQAN - Three Afghan Local Policemen (ALP) and Taliban's shadow district chief were killed and seven other militants wounded when rebels stormed police check in Darqad district in northern Takhar province, an official said on Tuesday. Sunatullah Taimoor, the governor's spokesperson,



told Pajhwok Afghan News that militants stormed ALP

check posts late Monday night and in the ensuing battle three policemen were killed and another wounded. However, in retaliatory fire, police gunned down Taliban's designated district chief and seven other militants, he added. Sher Dil, a local resident, told ... (More on P4)... (19)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Although your heart is drawn toward your family life. You might feel as if everyone is depending on you at work and you don't want to let anyone down. Meanwhile, those you love at home also require your undivided attention. Luckily, your newfound spiritual approach to problems enables you to advance professionally while still attending to your emotional needs.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Although you have thought long and hard about your goals, insecurities may kick in now, causing you to doubt yourself all over again. The hardworking Capricorn Full Moon brightens your 9th House of Big Ideas, complicating your goals for the future. Keep an open mind about your plans, even if you attempt to stick to your current agenda.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It might seem prudent to exercise self-control today, but narrowing your focus won't prevent your emotions from influencing your decisions. Your thinking is out of whack while the ambitious Capricorn Full Moon illuminates your 8th House of Intimacy, yet your feelings are revealing something significant about a current relationship. You could waste endless energy trying to find the logical in an illogical situation.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your unacknowledged needs come precariously close to the shores of awareness, impacting your most important relationships. The earthy Capricorn Full Moon in your 7th House of Partners pulls directly opposite the watery Cancer Sun, stirring tidal forces from the depths of your subconscious. Luckily, you can create a safe harbor in your imagination that allows you to share your dreams.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Pressing responsibilities may stymie your attempts to dive into the luxurious and nurturing backwaters of your own fantasies. The Capricorn Moon shines in your 6th House of Habits, encouraging you to stick to your daily routine in spite of your desire to while away the time daydreaming. Ironically, you will feel more emotionally satisfied if you have something tangible to show for your efforts.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Suppressing your feelings isn't anything new to you since you understand the impracticality of emotions. Today's goal-oriented Capricorn Full Moon spotlights your 5th House of Self-Expression, urging you to exercise good judgment if you want to reach your desired destination. But self-restraint isn't always your most effective strategy. Push past your tendency to separate yourself from others by inquiring about their hopes and dreams.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You could anticipate the future with such enthusiasm that you miss the most important piece of the puzzle today. Although you want to take advantage of the opportunities in front of you, the serious Capricorn Full Moon impacts your 4th House of Roots, anchoring your feelings to the past. You can imagine the amazing potential but still have a tough time making room for new plans.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Taking an all-or-nothing approach to fulfilling your needs can turn love into a complicated jumble of feelings. It's not easy to stay comfortable in the middle of the emotional spectrum. Nevertheless, the calculating Capricorn Moon casts its light in your 3rd House of Communication, prompting you to consider the consequences of your message before telling anyone what's on your mind.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You might be concerned today if you don't see an easy way to balance your income with your expenditures. Separating your financial worries from deeper issues about self-worth isn't only a matter of numbers, especially while the responsible Capricorn Moon accentuates your 2nd House of Personal Resources. Instead of misdirecting your attention to what's lacking in your life, concentrate on all the positive growth.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your strength is being tested today as you ride the powerful emotional waves of the Capricorn Full Moon. Your life is even more complicated with surreal Neptune's presence making it nearly impossible to separate reality from fantasy now. Balancing your feelings with the demands of the outer world is both challenging and invigorating. However, committing to a path of resistance will eventually exhaust you.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Sneaking away for some personal time could become your obsession while the Capricorn Moon lights up your 12th House of Escape. Unfortunately, current obligations may still require you to adhere to your regular routine. But don't work yourself into a state of anxiety trying to complete everything now. Just do whatever is feasible while allowing time for short breaks throughout the day.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your commitments seem all-consuming but you also recognize your need to rest. The steady Capricorn Moon is offering you the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of friends and relatives. But you must keep things in proper perspective while nebulous Neptune is also floating around in the picture. Swimming in your imagination can be tricky business when you don't know which side of the truth you are on.

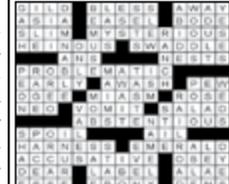
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Down

- 1. Outbuilding, 2. Story, 3. Baking appliance, 4. Quick note, 5. Enliven, 6. Flavorless, 7. Greek letter, 8. Horn sound, 9. Male rulers, 10. Showman, 11. Not fluid, 12. Really bad, 13. Border, 21. Actress Lupino, 25. Snake-like fish, 26. Disgorge, 27. Small slender gull, 28. Police action, 29. Do, 30. Avoids, 31. Despire, 33. Metal money, 34. Clock sound, 35. Pang, 36. Require, 38. Allotting, 41. C, 42. Baffle, 44. An unskilled actor, 45. Breathing problem, 46. Satisfies, 47. Travelled by bus, 48. Clods, 50. Agitate, 51. Ancient Peruvian, 52. Sacred, 53. Picnic insects, 54. Roman emperor, 55. Snare.

Yesterday's Solution



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