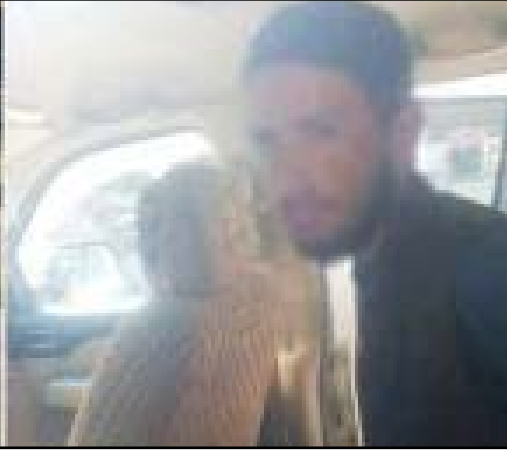


Deadly Bombing Plot Foiled in Kabul City, Suspect Arrested

KABUL - A deadly bombing plot by the anti-government armed militants was foiled by the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) in a populated area of Kabul city. Security sources said a suspect was arrested as he was trying to plant an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in Gozargah area of the city. The sources further added that the suspect was arrested by security personnel belonging to the Afghan Public Order police forces. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insur-



gents have not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as the security forces thwarted a major attack plot by the anti-government armed militants in another populated area of the city few days ahead of Eid. The explosives were seized from Haji Yaqoob area of the city before the militants manage to detonate it. Earlier, at least 33 people were killed and over 80 others were wounded in a twin suicide attack in the outskirts of the city. The anti-government armed militant... (More on P4)... (18)

10 Militants Killed within Day



KABUL - Up to 10 militants had been killed during military operations and clashes across Afghanistan within the last 24 hours, authorities said on Saturday. "Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) conducted several cleanup operations in surrounding areas of Nangarhar, Kapisa, Ghazni, Paktia, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Badghis, Takhar and Helmand provinces over the last 24 hours. As a result, six armed militants were killed, two wounded and seven others detained by the ANSF," the Afghan Defense Ministry said in a statement issued here. The security force also found and seized weapons, the statement said, adding that three army personnel also lost their lives in separate incidents over the same period. Furthermore, four militants were killed and three others wounded after army soldiers repelled a militants' attack on security checkpoints in Imam Sahib district of northern Kunduz province Friday night, an army source told Xinhua earlier Saturday. He said no member of army troopers was harmed following the attack. The Taliban militants, who ruled the country before they were ousted in late 2001, renewed armed insurgency, staging ambushes and suicide attacks, killing combatants as well as civilians. (Xinhua)

Hundreds Storm Govt's Pistachio Jungles in Samangan

AIBAK - Hundreds of people have illegally started collecting pistachios from government forests in northern Samangan province before the fruit ripens, an official said Saturday. Pistachio jungles are as set of the government, but their fruit is collected by local residents. Acting Samangan agriculture and livestock director, Sayed Rafiullah Roshan, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the time to collect pistachio started from July 22, but thousands of people on Friday afternoon rushed into the jungles in Hazrat Sultan district. He



said the number of forest guards had been reduced and they could not prevent people from storming the jungle. Mohammad Samim, 17, a resident of Sarqad area of Aibak city, the provincial capital, said he personally collected 28 kilograms of pistachio. He said people were already preparing to storm the jungles, therefore he along with his 20 friends also decided to do the same. "Thousands of people are busy right now collecting pistachio," he said. A dried fruit trader, ... (More on P4)... (19)

US Drone Strikes Kill 16 Daesh Rebels in Nangarhar



JALALABAD - At least 16 Daesh militants, including three notorious commanders of the group, have been killed in US drone strikes in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the air raids conducted in Karkanai locality late on Friday. He said the insurgents' weapons and other gears used in terrorist activities had been destroyed in the drone missile strikes. (Pajhwok)

2 Policemen Dead in Paktia Clash

GARDEZ - Two policemen were killed and as many wounded in a clash on the outskirts of Gardez, the capital city of southeastern Paktia province, on Saturday, an official said. Police Chief Qadir Gul Zadran told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened early in the morning when militants opened firing on policemen stationed at a checkpoint. The injured security officials had been evacuated to the hospital, he said without giving details about their health conditions. Taliban have not commented about the clash. (Pajhwok)

Man Kills Spouse, Daughter in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - A man killed his wife and a one-year-old daughter in southern Helmand province, an official said Saturday. The governor's spokesman, Omar Zwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in the center of Sangin district on Friday night. He said the man, Khan Mohammad, had escaped after killing his spouse and their daughter. Police have launched investigation into the incident, the official said. Sangin crime branch police chief, Maj. Niamatullah, said the family had recently displaced from Marja district to Sangin. He said Mohammad reportedly sent his mother to a relative's house before killing his wife and little daughter. Neighbors of Mohammad said he was always involved in disputes with his family. (Pajhwok)

Cricket Series between Afghanistan and Ireland to Kick off Today

KABUL - A cricket series between the Afghanistan National Cricket team and Ireland will kick off on Sunday (Today) at Belfast. Afghanistan will play 5 One Day International (ODI) matches against Ireland together with a 4-day match, ICC Continental Cup. The second ODI match will played on 12th July, third match on 14th July, fourth match on 17th July, and the final match will be played on 19th July. This comes as Afghani-



stan won the One Day International (ODI) series from Scotland 1-0 on 6th July. The Afghanistan National Cricket Board (ACB) announced the national team squad for the Scotland and Ireland tours late last month. The squad includes Asghar Stanikzai, Noor Ali Zadran, Mohammad Shahzad, Shapoor Zadran, Rahmat Shah, Mohammad Nabi, Samiullah Shinwari, Rashid Khan, ... (More on P4)... (20)

2 Feared Dead As Gas Cylinder Exploded in Kabul

KABUL - At least two people lost their lives after a gas cylinder exploded in Kabul city this afternoon, causing panic among the local residents. The incident took place in the vicinity of Quwai Markaz area of the city after a gas cylinder went off in a shop, leaving two shopkeepers dead. The sound of explosion caused panic among the residents of the area who feared the blast was due to a terrorist attack. Incidents involving gas cylinder explosion is not new in Afghanistan, specifically in the capital where numerous incidents have been reported. Such explosions normally take place due to the low standard of the gas cylinders and the reckless acts of the shopkeepers and householders. In the meantime, the city residents fear that the anti-government armed militant groups are attempting to carry out attacks in major cities of the country, specifically in capital Kabul. The Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant since the group announced its offensive earlier in April this year and vowed to carry out more attacks as the group's insurgency entered to its 15th year. The Taliban militants have carried out at least two major attacks in the capital since they announced their spring offensive, including an attack on VIP protection unit and recently targeting the convoy of Afghan police cadets. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

A tightly packed schedule isn't as restrictive as it appears today. Although your activities can certainly keep you busy on the outside, you're traveling far and wide within the unrestrained realms of your imagination. Others might not realize what you're up to now, allowing you to explore the edges of the cosmos in your fantasies.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

Although you see extraordinary possibilities in ordinary experiences today, manifesting your visions isn't as simple as you might think. It's misleading when beauty seems within your grasp, yet it vanishes when you tighten your grip. Surprisingly, the solution to many a problem is contained within this paradox.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You wish you could let the world go by without your participation today. In fact, you might cherish the idea of just putting your feet up and giving your body a chance to recuperate from the recent stress. However, your overactive mind still seeks something to do. Peace and quiet may need to wait if you get caught up in running errands or finishing projects around the house.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

It seems as if there's never enough time to catch up on all your networking and today is no exception. But devoting your day to phone calls, texts, email and social media doesn't leave you any time to connect with your soul. Do something special for yourself now and unplug from technology. Play some music, read a book or take a hike.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

It's ironic that you have a fixed idea of what you want today, yet you encounter trouble putting it into words. Of course, people can't read your mind, making it unlikely they will assist you on your quest. Nevertheless, you're ready to go off on your own in search of your dream.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your powerful mood changes are both a strength and a weakness today. Your gut reaction to each situation is clear enough to reveal your inner truth, but you know your current thinking is not permanent. You also have an antenna tuned toward the distant horizon that makes you recognize the limitations of your immediate feelings. Nevertheless, you can't live in one world without also being acutely aware of the other.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your dreams have broken free from the restraints of reality and it sounds like fun to follow them wherever they lead. However, those closest to you have other ideas in mind and you're unable to ignore their wishes today. Thankfully, with a little cosmic magic you can do it all with very little effort on your part. Enjoy your time with friends and family but don't give up on your dreams since they have the power to transform your world.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

Your social life is suddenly taking off in unexpected ways and you don't know whether to celebrate or mourn. Although you may need to sacrifice some personal freedom to participate in group activities, it will be well worth the detour. It's healthy to open your heart to new experiences now.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)

Unexpected opportunities offer you the chance to connect with an entirely new cast of characters now. It's quite exciting when your dreams come true and you can't tell the difference between them and your real life. But there's also danger in the air when your power of discernment is malfunctioning. Making long-term decisions is tricky because today's treasure can turn into tomorrow's prison.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

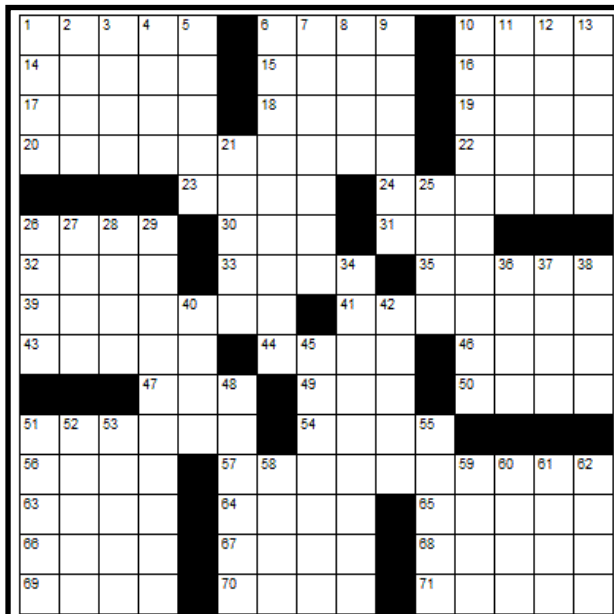
You're not limited to your regular choices today. It's as if your blinders were removed and there's a variety of roads leading from the present moment into the rest of your life. Although this jolt of awareness is thrilling, it's also daunting. You don't necessarily enjoy being overwhelmed with so many alternatives.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

You're likely to encounter a few surprises today no matter how meticulous you are in your planning. But you're not willing to put up with anyone's restrictive ideas because people's plans that are built on fear seem ignorant to your progressive thinking now.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

It's nothing new if people accuse you of being a dreamer, but the dynamics change if you're not motivated to defend your practicality today. Instead of arguing with anyone, you probably just see their criticism as a distraction from your magical thinking. You don't want to waste time engaging doubt, no matter where it originates. Instead, you are obsessed with creating your own version of Utopia.



Across

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- Piquant, 25. Communication device, 26. River of Spain, 30. Wiggle room, 32. Antelope, 35. Tenfold, 39. Diminutive, 40. Ends a sentence, 41. Roiled, 43. Weird, 44. Chronicles, 46. A noble gas, 47. Fabrics with long coarse nap, 50. Blockade, 53. French for "Head", 54. Estimated time of arrival, 55. Stay, 60. Savvy about , 61. Temple, 63. Two-toed sloth, 64. Website addresses, 65. Master of ceremonies, 66. Sailors, 67. Midmonth date, 68. Expels

Down

- Monotonous sounds, 2. District, 3. Engage in logrolling, 4. Ancient Peruvian, 5. League members, 6. Damp, 7. Each, 8. Detained, 9. Clairvoyant, 10. Typical crabs, 11. Juliet's love, 12. Extraterrestrial, 13. Make fun of, 18. Bite, 24. Type, 25. Harness racer, 26. Wanes, 27. Bleat, 28. Hindu princess, 29. Offensive, 31. Cried, 33. Farm buildings, 34. Portent, 36. A coniferous tree, 37. Corporate image, 38. Biblical garden, 42. A despicable coward, 43. South southeast, 45. At risk, 47. Stalwart, 48. Reddish brown, 49. Fragrant oil, 51. Needlefish, 52. Sea eagles, 54. Decorative case, 56. Incline, 57. Behold, in old Rome, 58. Killed, 59. TTTT, 62. S

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