

# Analysts Skeptical over Kabul's Promises to NATO

WARSAW - President Ashraf Ghani and his CEO Abdullah Abdullah have pledged to NATO leaders that the Afghan government will take measures to increase national revenues to self-fund the Afghan security forces by the end of 2024.

They also pledged to NATO that the Afghan government will boost the capacity of the conventional forces and their leadership. Reforms in government institutions will be completed and firm steps taken to eliminate corruption. Meanwhile, a number of political commentators have said the



government will not be able to implement majority of the promises it has made to Afghanistan's international partners, and to the NATO alliance in particular.

NATO and Washington have committed themselves to provide nearly \$5 billion a year to Afghan forces until 2020. Kabul, in turn, pledged to NATO that it will take responsibility of financial expenses of the security forces after 2024. This will be done by increasing national revenues.

"I am not confident that the promise by the ...*(More on P6)...(17)*

# Taliban Bomb Kill 3 Children

KANDAHAR CITY - At least three children were killed in an explosion in Kandahar province, local officials said Sunday.

Provincial police spokesman Zia Durani said the incident took place earlier today on a main highway connecting Spin Boldak and Arghistan district.

He said a rickshaw vehicle carrying civilians struck an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), leaving at least three children dead.

Durani further added that six others including three women and three men also sustained injuries in the attack. No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident.

The Taliban insurgents and militants belonging to the other insurgent groups are frequently using Improvised Explosive Device (IED) as the weapon of their choice to target the security forces.

The IEDs are the main contributors to the casualties of the Afghan security forces but are also considered as a key factor in growing civilian casualties.

At least 11 civilians belonging to a same family were killed in a similar attack in northern Baghlan province of Afghanistan late in the month of May.

At least 600 civilians were killed and 1,343 others were wounded in the first quarter of 2016, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan said in its latest report. UNAMA further added that consistent with 2015 trends, ground engagements caused the highest number of total civilian casualties, followed by improvised explosive devices (IEDs), complex and suicide attacks, as well as targeted killings. According to UNAMA, actions by Anti-Government Elements caused at least 60 per cent of casualties while Pro-Government Forces caused at least 19 per cent. (KP)

# 3 Die, 230 Injured in Traffic Accidents During Eid Holidays

HERAT/LASHKAR-GAH/FARAH - Three people died and more than 230 others sustained injuries in traffic accidents during three Eidul Fitr holidays in western Herat, Farah and southern Helmand provinces, medics said on Saturday.

Herat zonal hospital director Mohammad Rafique Sherzai told Pajhwok Afghan News 143 people injured in accidents in Herat City and districts were brought to the hospital. He said most of the injured persons were youth.

He said up to 100 injured persons would arrive at



the hospital during previous Eid festivals, but this time their number reached 143. He said another eight youth had been delivered at the hospital with stab wounds during the three days. He said most of the accidents involved motorcycles. Traffic officials

in Herat confirmed 143 people were injured in accidents during the period, but said they also claimed accidents had reduced in Herat city.

Traffic official Aminullah Mehanyar said the figures provided by the zonal hospital...*(More on P6)...(18)*

# Officials Concern over Daesh Activities in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - Daesh rebels have started their activities in parts of Yumgan district in north-eastern Badakhshan province, local officials said Sunday, adding that they will leave no stone unturned to eliminate the insurgent group.

A propaganda video recently released by the insurgent group shows that a group of rebels in Khastaki area together raise the flags of Daesh and Taliban militants.

"Daesh has activities in Afghanistan. The group is supported by the ISI of Pakistan. The insurgent group implements Paki-



stan's policies in Afghanistan. A group of terrorists in Badakhshan have [recently] changed their white flag into black," said Faisal Begzad, governor of Badakhshan.

Meanwhile, Badakhshan police chief Ghulam Sakhi

Ghafoori said they will stop Daesh activities by conducting military operations against the group. "Our information reveals that a group of militants have raised black flags, claiming alliance to Daesh in ...*(More on P6)...(19)*

# 7 Arrested over Destructive Activities in Parwan

CHARIKAR - Seven people, including an officer of the special security forces unit for capital Kabul, have been detained over their alleged involvement in destructive activities in central Parwan province.

Parwan police chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Zaman Mamozai told Pajhwok Afghan News the seven were arrested by security forces based on a tip-off from a house in QalaKhwaja area of Bagram district early on Sunday morning.

He said the detainees included Hashmatullah, owner of the house, Noor Mohammad, Raz Mohammad, Nasratullah, Wahidullah, Abdul Qadir and Azizullah. Azizullah, an officer of the special security forces unit and a resident of Anchoi village of Sayedkhel ...*(More on P6)...(20)*

# Car Torched, 2 Men, A Woman Beaten Over Adultery

LASHKAR-GAH - 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)

# 5 Pakistanis Among 12 Insurgents Killed in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - A dozen militants, including five Pakistani terrorists, have been killed in Achin and Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province, authorities claimed on Sunday.

"Five Islamic State (Daesh) fighters, including four foreigners, were killed in overnight airstrikes by foreign forces in the Mamond area of Achin," police spokesman Col. Hazrat Hussain Mashriqwal said. But Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News five of the dead



were Pakistani Taliban. The raids did not harm civilians, he said. A resident of the district, Noor Khan, said pilotless drones conducted the overnight attacks in Bandar and Lalma areas, a stronghold of Daesh. However, he

had no information about casualties. In the Lagharja locality of Kot district, the Afghan National Army said, seven Daesh insurgents were eliminated and two others wounded in shelling by troops. ...*(More on P6)...(21)*

# Blinded in War, Poor Soldier Seeks Help for Treatment

JALALABAD - An Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier, who lost both eyes in the war, says he is unable to afford treatment for being poor.

The soldier, Bashir Ahmad, first lost one of his eyes during a fighting with militants and a month back, his second eye was damaged in a bomb explosion in a mosque in Rodat district of eastern Nangarhar province.

At least three people were killed and 79 others were wounded in the explosion during Friday prayers.

The 32 years-old ANA service member said: "I lost one eye in an explosion in Helmand. Mow both of my eyes have lost sight and a member of my family helps me in my movements."

Ahmad served for nine years in the ANA and was wounded three times during operations against

militants.

"I served for three years in different districts of Helmand. I got wounded once in Sangin district. I served for three months in Maidan Wardak and Logar provinces where I was injured during a clash. For a third time, I was wounded in an explosion during my duty in Kunar province," he said.

Ahmad added one of his injured eyes was gradually losing sight that obliged him to leave duty and go home.

"I am disappointed, I wanted serve more in the military," he said, adding that poverty started gripping his life after losing his second eye in Rodat incident.

"I have three sons and one daughter. I should fulfill the needs of my brothers and the entire family. Previously I would receive ...*(More on P6)...(22)*

## Outlook Horoscope

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

Your message is as upbeat as you are today and you feel like you're as good as gold. For once, there's no need to monitor your words before speaking them since your positive attitude won't likely offend anyone. Don't waste energy defending your behavior. There's no reason to curb your enthusiasm now; accelerate confidently in the direction of your drive

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

You're eager for a play day and, fortunately, reality seems to be conspiring with you to make it happen. However, you might be so confident that everything will fall into place today that you don't put any effort toward manifesting your vision. It doesn't matter how smoothly events unfold; you need to take the first step by voicing your intention. Circumstances will follow

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

The sparkle in your eyes tells it all today; you're looking to create some mischief and you should be able to do so without too much delay. But flying by the seat of your pants won't work now because mental Mercury trines energetic Mars in your 6th House of Logistics, requiring you to think through your day in advance. You are better equipped to take advantage of a sudden turn of events if you have a rough sched-

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're quite content in your own little corner of the universe today. Although your friends might encourage you to join them in a variety of fun activities, you're more inclined to spend some quality time with your family or partner. You're not interested in changing the world when you can carve out a piece of paradise for your very own. Emotional rewards are yours

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

You're more flexible when it comes to making plans today than others expect. You're often the one with the inspiring agenda, but you're not usually willing to negotiate. However, the diplomatic Libra Moon is visiting your 3rd House of Communication, blessing you with an extra helping of people skills. Even if your friends have conflicting preferences, you're

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

You may be reconsidering your position on a complex issue because of a recent mind-altering experience. You might have learned something important that catalyzed your thinking and is now rippling inward to impact your core beliefs. But don't let anyone push you one way or another just yet. Continue to gather information with an open mind and draw your own conclusions in a natural and organic process. It's been said that you're

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

Your notorious ambivalence is a bigger problem for others than it is for you. However, the ever-changing Moon's return to your sign is annoying if you thought you already made up your mind about your feelings. You might wish you took decisive action early in the day because your certainty seems to fade as the hours tick by. But things happen (or don't happen) for a reason. It's better to wait until you're sure than to regret an overly

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

Although you have a silver tongue today, you don't want to waste it on meaningless chatter. In fact, you hope to investigate unspoken motives while talkative Mercury harmonizes with energetic Mars, now moving direct in your penetrating sign. It's not as much fun splashing in the shallows when you can be fully immersed in the deep end of the pool. Luckily, there seem

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

People are attracted to your big ideas today. Everything you talk about sounds like a grand adventure while still seeming feasible. But you're probably not telling the whole story; if you did explain everything, others might be scared away. Some exploits are better experienced in the mind than in the real world. Don't hide any perilous details when stirring up interest for your ambitious undertaking. Arm everyone

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

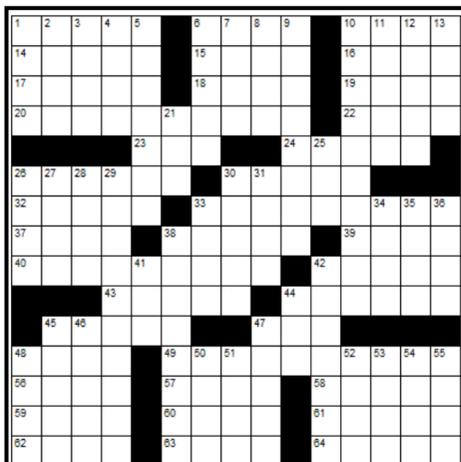
You have a rare opportunity to forge a new path in a current relationship today if you're willing to open your heart. Powerful communication is facilitated by a Mercury-Mars alignment that energizes your 7th House of Partnerships. But you won't be able to hide behind safe formalities or intellectual analysis as emotional water signs are prominent. It may feel awkward, or

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

You would like to follow your regular Sunday routine but it's impossible if your schedule is disrupted by events that are beyond your control. Luckily, you are blessed with the ability to adapt to the unexpected changes today, even if this is not your normal modus operandi. The most important tool in your toolbox now is your skill

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

The most complex relationship dynamics are temporarily simplified today by some unknown cosmic intervention. For some reason, you're suddenly able to talk about a subject that was previously taboo. Thankfully, an honest dialogue now reduces conflict to the point of non-existence, even if the same topic would have started a war just a few days ago. But you must take the initiative or you'll lose the chance to finally clear



### Across

1. Work hard, 6. Not in danger, 10. Envelop, 14. Winged, 15. Found in a cafeteria, 16. Sharpen, 17. Frenzied, 18. Skin disease, 19. Is indebted to, 20. Bed coverings, 22. Gave temporarily, 23. Reverence, 24. Unreactive, 26. Assault, 30. Mentors, 32. Abyss, 33. Stuck-up, 37. Flows, 38. Grain disease, 39. Fail to win, 40. Certifying, 42. Utilize again, 43. Quotes, 44. Bumped around, 45. Ecru, 47. Flee, 48. Fizzy drink, 49. Kirk's starship, 56. Court order, 57. Filly's mother, 58. Assistants, 59. Kitty (poker), 60. Always, 61. Gather, 62. Untidiness, 63. Colors, 64. Gladden.

### Down

1. Young sheep, 2. Wings, 3. Musical group, 4. Ear-related, 5. Repossess, 6. Condition, 7. Coy, 8. A temple (archaic), 9. Vision, 10. Middleman, 11. Oarsman, 12. Concerning (archaic), 13. Annoyance, 21. A wise bird, 25. Born as, 26. Unit of land, 27. Cold-shoulder, 28. Found on most beaches, 29. Affiliates, 30. Indications, 31. All excited, 33. French cheese, 34. Gloomy, 35. Being, 36. Accomplishment, 38. Prized, 41., 18-wheeler, 42. Violent disorder, 44. Glass container, 45. Carried, 46. Makes changes to, 47. Lascivious looks, 48. Travelled through water, 50. Fleet, 51. Tall woody plant, 52. Small brook, 53. Bright thought, 54. Chair, 55. Feudal worker.

### Yesterday's Solution

HABIT WADS BRAT  
URINE EPILE AMIA  
MERCANTILE AMIA  
SALAMT EAR CEES  
EBRO STEWAY  
BLAUBON DEICUPLE  
BANTAM PERIOD  
STIRRRED STRANGE  
ANNALS NEON  
SHAGS STEIGE  
TETE TABEREST  
ONTO TABERNAACLE  
UNAU URLS EMCEE  
TIARS TIGES SPEEWS

ammunition, anchor, attic, beard, bell, blink, breach, burst, cheek, lass, cream, debut, fable, financial, first, flicker, hostage, limit, major, notorious, pinch, please, pleat, poach, press, rascal, risk, rumor, sink, stark, stuff, torus, trail, trick, true, yield, yodel.

