

Unexploded Rocket Kills 4 Sar-i-Pul Children



KABUL - Four children have been killed and a fifth wounded when an unexploded rocket shell went off in northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said on Wednesday. The blast took place in Imam-i-Jafar area of Sar-i-Pul City, the provincial capital, Noor Agha Faizi, the police's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News. Four children were killed and a fifth wounded after the rocket shell exploded, he said, adding the injured child condition was said to be critical. (Pajhwok)

Senior presidential guard succumbs to injuries



KABUL - Presidential Protective Service (PPS) Officer Gen. Abdul Ghaffar died days after being injured in a roadside bombing, an official said on Wednesday. Police spokesman Firdos Faramarz told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion took place five days ago in the Qala-i-Zaman Khan area of Kabul. Presidential spokesman Sidiq Sidiqi confirmed the death of Gen. Ghaffar late on Tuesday. He said a funeral ceremony for the victim was held at the Eidgah mosque. He said President Ghani also took part in the prayers. Also on Wednesday morning, all main roads in the capital remained closed for hours and social media users spoke of the problems they faced.. (Pajhwok)

Miller Says Afghan Forces Avoid Civilian Casualties at all Cost



KABUL - The top US commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Scott Miller, says civilian casualties in the Afghan conflict are worrying but added that the Afghan and foreign forces are maintaining precision in their operations against militants. Reports indicate that civilian casualties have sharply increased in re-

cent months as violence continues in different parts of the country. Miller made the remarks in a visit to the western province of Herat on Tuesday where he was accompanied by Deputy Interior Minister for Security Gen. Khoshal Sadat and Deputy Defense Minister Gen. Yasin Zia. "Afghan security forces side and the

coalition side, we absolutely want to avoid civilian casualties at all cost. We demand precision in our operations and we hold people accountable when that precision is not maintained. But at the same time, I do believe it is the will of Afghan people and it is the best way to stop civilian casualties is reduce the ...*(More on P4)...*(10)



15 Taliban Commanders Killed in Herat Operations

HERAT CITY (Pajhwok): Fifteen Taliban commanders have been killed and another 23 wounded during security operations in western Herat province, officials and residents said on Wednesday. The governor's spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News 15 Taliban commanders, including the group's chief for Pashtun Zarghon district Mullah Safiullah Chapat, had been killed. Jilani Farhad said 23 militants were also wounded during operations in Pashtun Zarghon, Oba and Chasht districts. Eastern districts of the province were also cleared of Taliban militants' presence, he added. Ghulam Shah, a resident of the provincial capital, praised the security forces' recent advances but criticised their hasty departure after the operations. He said the militants were coming back once the security forces leave the areas cleared. The Taliban have not yet commented in this regard. (Pajhwok)

10 Rebels Killed in Helmand, Arms Depots Destroyed in Paktika



SHARAN/LASHKARGAH - At least 12 Taliban insurgents have been killed in southern Helmand province and two arms depots destroyed in southeastern Paktika, officials said on Wednesday. Rahm Dil Haidarzaï, commander of the 2nd brigade of ANA in Paktika, told Pajhwok Afghan News the security forces

conducted a two-day operation in the Khairbeen area of Yousafkhel district. He said the security forces had inflicted casualties on the rebels besides destroying two arms depots belonging to the militants during the raid. Governor Mujeeb Rahmān Chamkani commended ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

Shah Walikot Operation: 27 Militants Killed, 12 Injured



KANDAHAR CITY - Twenty-seven militants, including insurgents commander, have been killed in the Shah Walikot district of southern Kandahar province, an official said on Wednesday. Governor spokesman Baheer Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News security

forces have launched joint operation in Chinar locality of Shah Walikot district from the past few days. He said 27 militants, including notorious Commander Bilal, have been killed during the operation and 12 others injured. ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Jul 18, 2019 - There's a conservative feeling to the day that asks you to get serious and take care of business. This may not be such a bad idea. This grounded atmosphere can help you move into a deeper relationship with someone special. Let your creativity shine, and try to do more listening than talking. Make your dreams a reality.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Jul 18, 2019 - There is a conflicting push/pull aspect to today that may leave you feeling unsure about how to proceed. On the one hand, you may feel like you want to plan things out and get your emotions stabilized so you can function at full capacity. On the other hand, something may be pulling you into the clouds. This is your heart talking. Listen. Find a compromise between these two energies.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Jul 18, 2019 - Get your chores done early, Gemini, so you have time to play tonight. Plan a romantic getaway with a loved one. Let your imagination carry you to a whole new realm of pleasure. This is a great day to explore your artistic nature and begin to manifest some of the ideas that have been rattling around in your head for a while.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Jul 18, 2019 - This is an excellent day to tell people exactly how you feel, Cancer. Your emotions are more stable than usual, so open up and speak from the heart. Listen. What you learn will be valuable for the future, so pay attention. Keep an eye on what is real, but let your heart explore all the possibilities. Follow your emotions and trust your instincts.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Jul 18, 2019 - Today may be tough, Leo. Does it seem like nothing fits into place? Are you trying to be someone you're not? If things don't seem to be working out, don't press the issue. You're better off waiting for a time when you feel more confident about who you are and where you're going. Meanwhile, have some tea and relax

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Jul 18, 2019 - Enjoy yourself, Virgo. You have a lot to be grateful for, so give thanks. Take pride in all you've accomplished so far and share your joy with others. Let go of the reins and sit back comfortably for a while. You've worked hard for a reason - to enjoy life. If you don't do it now, then when? Take time out and be with loved ones tonight.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Jul 18, 2019 - This may be one of those days when you don't know which way to turn. For some reason, you just can't make a decision, so you keep going around and around. Stop and rest. Get out and walk for a while until your head stops spinning. Wait until your mind clears before you make your next major move.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Jul 18, 2019 - Romance is coming your way as long as you stay levelheaded about the situation. Take care of the daily tasks and then let your heart soar. You have a strong connection to your emotions. Trust your instincts and let your heart take control. Be realistic about your relationships with others, but push the boundaries once they've been established.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Jul 18, 2019 - Your emotions may be reserved, Sagittarius. Take a break from the spunk and fire and simply lay low. This is a good time to sit back and receive. Don't make any sudden moves. Just let the energy of the day take you where it will. The closer you can get to your inner nature and feminine energy, the closer you will become to a romantic partner or family member.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Jul 18, 2019 - Family issues play an important role in your day, Capricorn. Speak from the heart and tell your kin how much they mean to you. In general, you might feel reserved with your energy. Don't feel like you have to make any great strides right now. It's more a time in which you can enjoy what you've worked for. Kick back and reap the rewards of all your hard work.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

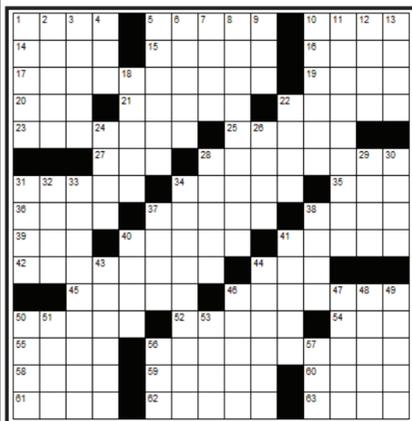


Jul 18, 2019 - You may be undecided about a loved one today, Aquarius. Something may urge you to act yet you want to lay low. There's an important next step that you must take now. Carefully think the situation through before you make a move. In fact, this day would best be spent gathering data on the issue.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Jul 18, 2019 - Today is a great day to move forward, Pisces. Your emotions are stable, leaving your heart free to take off to the clouds. Daydream. Now might be a good time to make plans with a romantic partner. Solidify your relationship and confirm your commitment to one another. If you're single, this is a good time to set a plan in motion that will put you one step closer to your greatest fantasy.



Across

- Besech, 5. Incline, 10. Hits, 14. Adjutant, 15. Claw, 16. Govern, 17. Flight attendant, 19. French for "State", 20. Cool, once, 21. Style of neckties, 22. Sunrises, 23. Astraddle
- Draw forth, 27. Citrus drink, 28. Clairvoyants, 31. Sharpshoot, 34. A friction match
- A state of SW India, 36. Paddles, 37. Handouts, 38. Units of resistance, 39. Pother
- Past tense of "will", 41. Entry permits, 42. Jaguars, 44. Buff, 45. Pier, 46. Humanity
50. Sound of contempt, 52. Depart, 54. Loving murmur, 55. South American country, 56. Sequence, 58. Boats, 59. Academy award, 60. Likewise, 61. The bulk, 62. Shown (archaic), 63. One who colors cloth, , ,

Down

- Ottoman title, 2. Rituals, 3. Apt, 4. A type of evergreen tree, 5. Walk with long steps, 6. Soup server, 7. Margarine, 8. Had, 9. NNNN, 10. Transgress, 11. Preponderates, 12. Scheme
13. Collections, 18. Remain, 22. Leader, 24. Whacks, 26. Colors, 28. Tugs, 29. Unwakable state, 30. Back talk, 31. A cleansing agent, 32. Nil, 33. Iron goods, 34. Act of bluffing in poker (2 words), 37. One who accomplishes, 38. Pig sound, 40. Huh?, 41. Windmill parts, 43. Push forcefully, 44. Bar, 46. Long-tailed parrot, 47. In a cold manner, 48. Hangman's knot
49. Giver, 50. Unwanted email, 51. Roman emperor, 53. Behold, in old Rome, 56. Mayday
57. Unhappy, , ,

Yesterday's Solution

CHARM	PLANT	POST
AERIE	LIDIO	ERNE
SWILL	UNIO	RIOT
ENDARMENT	SIORE	
RUB	SEANT	
HOMAGE	BLISS	
URINE	CRUELTY	TIES
GATE	SHINE	EDDO
SLEIGHING	SINER	
SAUCY	NATANT	
ATOP	FACULTY	
LOUT	LEIS	SOUSE
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boots, breeze, cargo, child
close, cover, delight
deluxe, doubt, dream,
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heart, hedge, horror
humid, instruction,
mile, motor, nurse
origin, owner, plaid

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