



### New Polio Case Detected in Kunar's Warapur District

KABUL - A new polio case has been detected in a three-month-old child in the Waturpur district of eastern Kunar province.

The child has been permanently paralysed, the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) said. It brings to eight the number of polio cases surfacing in Afghanistan in 2019.

This is the first case detected in eastern Afghanistan this year, according to a statement from the ministry. The rest of seven incidents have been reported from the south.

Relatively large areas in Waturpur have been inaccessible for most of polio vaccination campaigns and routine immunisation. Around 85% of target children (8,500 out of 9,821) were inaccessible in last Subnational Immunization Activity conducted in April.

Inaccessibility in Waturpur district has been dynamic since many years now. This area has been under Daesh control since August 2018 and before that, it was under the control of Taliban.

Public Health Minister Dr. Ferozuddin Feroz expressed his deepest concern, calling inaccessibility a big challenge in reaching every child with two drops of polio as his/her right to a healthy life.

There are two major challenges to polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan: First, inaccessibility that means many children are unable to be vaccinated in every round of polio vaccination campaign due to security problems.

The second challenge is low awareness of community about importance of polio vaccine and risk of polio virus to their children. Combined, these two issues mean that many children are needlessly at risk of permanent paralysis due to polio. Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

# Helmand: Commandos Break Taliban Prison, Free 33 Captives



LASHKARGAH - Afghan army commandos broke a Taliban prison and freed 33 captive soldiers during a raid in the Kajaki district of southern Helmand province, an official said on Friday.

The last night raid was conducted in Abdar Karez area of the district, said Afghan National Army's 215 Maiwand Military Corps spokesman Maj. Abdul Qadir Bahadari.

He said 33 prisoners were freed from the Taliban's jail where some detainees had been held for the past four years. He said the Taliban militants had exited the area during the operation. *(Pajhwok)*

### Taliban Rejects Reports on Ceasefire



KABUL - The Taliban has rejected the reports that they have made a decision on a ceasefire for the upcoming Eid al-Fitr.

Zabihullah Mujahid, a spokesman of the group, said in a tweet that an audio message on social media about ceasefire is from the last year.

This comes few hours after former President Hamid Karzai said in a statement that he welcomes "ceasefire announcement" by the Taliban during three days of the upcoming Eid al-Fitr. In this statement, Karzai called on the Afghan government to come up with a similar act. ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

### Peace Marchers Start Journey to Taliban-Controlled Musa Qala

LASHKARGAH - Members of the Peace Movement in southern Helmand province have embarked on a new foot journey to the Taliban-controlled Musa Qala district to urge peace and ceasefire.

Leader of the movement, Iqbal Khyber, said they had previously held meetings and talks with the government, foreign forces and officials of various foreign embassies and those efforts had positive impact.

He said this time their foot journey to Musa Qala district involved 30 people, including an eight-year-old child. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

### 9 Special Unit Police Injured in Tirinkot Roadside Blast



TIRINKOT - Nine special unit police personnel were wounded when a roadside bomb ripped through their Humvee vehicle in the capital of central Uruzgan province, an official said on Friday.

The incident happened in Sarkhom area of Tirinkot last night, Uruzgan police chief Col. Khitab Khanjari told Pa-

jhwok Afghan News.

He said the special unit police personnel were conducting a patrol in the area when came under attack. Their vehicle was destroyed in the blast.

The injured personnel had been taken to Kandahar province for treatment and their condition was said to be stable. *(Pajhwok)*

### Afghan Refugees Being Treated Equally: Pakistan



ISALAMABAD - Pakistan has claimed treating refugees with dignity and respect, rejecting allegations of harassment of the Afghan nationals.

Many Afghans often complain that despite possessing the required residency documents, they are harassed by the Pakistani security personnel.

However, Minister of State for States and Frontier Regions Shehryar Afridi insisted the Afghan refugees were being treated equally in Pakistani

schools and hospitals.

Addressing a news conference in Islamabad on Wednesday, he promised the government and people of Pakistan would never leave their Afghan brethren alone.

He said 1.6 million Afghan refugees had been given access to Pakistan's banking system. The elements trying to create anarchy in the country would not succeed in their nefarious designs. *(Pajhwok)*

## Outlook Horoscope

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



Something strange may happen today. Someone in your family may reproach you for having chosen your profession. It may be that your career has little connection with what people have traditionally done in your family. But just because a tradition is lost doesn't mean that it must be mourned, Aries. Listen to your heart. If you've chosen a profession that you're truly meant for, you will know it.

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



authorities who have been your guides up to now may confront you. The hour is here to set aside your fears and lead yourself along your path. This is undoubtedly a very positive state of affairs. It means that you're maturing, Taurus. Besides, there's nothing to stop you from asking for help from time to time, should you need it.

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



The day is likely to be confrontational. The latest developments in your career have offered you so little encouragement that you're tempted to cut back on your efforts, but your financial situation is forcing you to try even harder. The flashes of insight you gain today are only likely to increase your discomfort, but in the end they will provide some valuable information.

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



You're likely to experience a day of thoughtfulness and reflection, Cancer. Your state of mind will resemble that of a person who has just rebelled against everything and is now in search of a new vehicle for self-fulfillment. Others seem to be trying to exert pressure on you. Will you yield or will you listen to your inner voice? You will know the answer by the end of the day!

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



The day may give you great insight into the decisions you face concerning your future. Now is the time to decide on your priorities. Do you want a career right away or would you prefer to continue your studies? Are you satisfied with your love life and family relationships? It's possible that a major upheaval in one of these realms will affect all the others. It will be interesting!

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



Prepare for a somewhat stressful day, Virgo. Your family life may be marred by some disagreements. There's some likelihood you will feel as though your territory is being invaded and your range of action limited. But you have no intention of surrendering. You've a right to a room of your own. You will fight for it tooth and nail!

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



You may have planned to isolate yourself in order to get things done, but that won't be possible. It's like a force is destabilizing your professional life. Nothing seems to go right today. Everyone may be disagreeing, misunderstandings may crop up, things could be delayed, and communications are likely to be scrambled. You will be asked to take sides in a conflict, Libra. Try to stay neutral.

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



People seem fussy about your way of doing things today, Scorpio. Try as you might, it seems there's no pleasing the authorities. You, one of the world's great escape artists, would be well advised to choose this opportunity to do a vanishing act. However, if the financial health of your home is at stake, it would be better to stay and face the music.

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



Your characteristic independence may play some tricks on you today, Sagittarius. What you say won't be approved of as easily as usual. Even though you have quite a bit of freedom, there are others who assume that you feel you don't have enough. There's no way to please everybody. This concern is their problem, not yours. Do the people you associate with daily really understand who you are?

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



Here is a day that may make you think you aren't exactly in the right place in your profession, Capricorn. Could it be that your current position is too traditional? You're someone who wants to expand on all the ideas that you have at any given moment. It would seem that your superiors aren't evolving in the same way. If this is the case, take the necessary action.

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

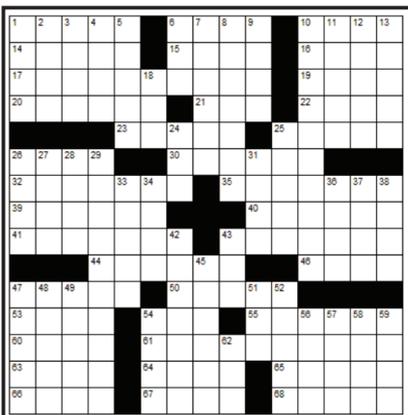


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#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



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#### Across

1. Gash, 6. Chance, 10. A D-Day beach, 14. Celebration, 15. Again, 16. 3 times 3, 17. Fortuitous, 19. Figures, 20. Abandon, 21. Autonomic nervous system, 22. At one time (archaic), 23. Sour, 25. Low, heavy horse carts, 26. Vipers, 30. 1 less than a dozen, 32. Snipped, 35. Set free, 39. Animal oil, 40. Postage, 41. Besmirched, 43. Train depot, 44. Hit, 46. Despire, 47. Applied mathematics (British), 50. Swine, 53. Footnote note, 54. Be victorious, 55. Catch, 60. Audition tape, 61. Re-beautify, 63. Killed, 64. "Smallest" particle, 65. Columbus's birthplace, 66. Small slender gull, 67. Combustible pile, 68. Hops,

#### Down

1. WWI plane, 2. Shoestrings, 3. Circle fragments, 4. Anagram of "Ties", 5. 9-headed monster, 6. Prohibit, 7. Necessity, 8. Wander aimlessly, 9. Hole-making tools, 10. Beneath, 11. Crown, 12. Jittery, 13. Warm, 18. And so forth, 24. Scarlet, 25. Triangular formation, 26. Does something, 27. Shut, 28. Heap, 29. The end of an Apollo flight, 31. Sleeveless garment, 33. Harbors, 34. Pitcher, 36. Dogfish, 37. Smudge, 38. Feudal worker, 42. Doubtfulness, 43. Calypso, offshoot, 45. New World vulture, 47. Center, 48. Poplar tree, 49. Anagram of "Merit", 51. Record (abbrev.), 52. Kisses, 54. Envelop, 56. Journey, 57. Hindu princess, 58. At the peak of, 59. Legumes, 62. An uncle,

#### Yesterday's Solution

SASS STARS BOWMA  
UNITS ORGANS UPON  
SILHOUETTE SPAT  
HOT BRASH SHOTS  
INSPECT HOPES  
EYE BOBOLINK  
GOERS FRUIT TOE  
JUST POINT DENY  
EST ALONE WASTE  
ETIOLATE BIB  
PLA TICRABSLAP  
ROBS FORTISSIMO  
ABLE TONIC IBID  
MEET GLENS PINE

above, angry, attach, avatar, beside, boat, bright button caress, caring, change, claim, cloud, daybreak, east, flame, fleck grind happy, hole, leave legislation, light, lone lunch mercy, motion

