

Officials Call for Large-Scale Operation to Secure Baghlan-Kunduz Highway

KABUL - Security officials in Kunduz said Friday that a large-scale operation is needed to secure Baghlan-Kunduz Highway and prevent a recurrence of passengers' abduction. Rahmatullah, commander Public Order Police in Kunduz, told TOLONews that there are terrorist hideouts near the main road and that no clearance operation has been carried out here so far. "Taliban and other terrorist hideouts are located nearly 500 meters from the road. No clearance operation has been launched here and there is a need for a large-scale clearance operation [to secure the highway]," he



added. According to TOLONews' Sharif Amiri, there are gardens and trees on two sides of the highway in some of parts, which provides Taliban a safe places to hide and then attack passengers or security forces at nights. "There are Taliban and robbers on the highway. They stop the people. We cannot go there after dark," said Nematullah, a driver. The Public Order Police has recently established at least 25 security check posts along the highway, but a number of security forces said there is a need for more security check posts in the area. ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

Blind Teacher Calls on People to Treat Blind Kindly

KABUL - Hamayoun Azizi, a blind teacher, has called on the public to treat blind children with compassion. Azizi, who has a degree in Dari literature, is also a poet and a champion of the blind, and says blind children should not be underestimated but should be provided with special education by government. Azizi writes poems about issues affecting the blind and has learned English and computer skills in India. He now works as a teacher at a high school for the blind. "We faced lots of bitterness in society; we saw a lot of pain, now I want to sign all those pains in the format of poems," said Azizi. Azizi said he was six years old when his parents told him he was blind. "I was very small and very silly and always playing outside with other children. But I would always fall and I couldn't understand why the other children didn't fall. That's when ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Fuel, Gold Prices Down in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of fuel and Russian gold fell while that of sugar and ghee slightly increased during the outgoing week in capital Kabul, market sources said on Thursday. Abdul Hadi, a fuel station worker in Wazirabad locality of Kabul, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the price of one litre of petrol dipped from 39 afghanis to 38 afghanis and the same quantity of diesel from 32 afghanis to 31 afghanis. He linked the decrease in fuel prices to international market trends. However, the price of liquefied gas remained unchanged. Mohammad Sharif, a dealer in Taimani locality, said gas prices stayed stable at 45af per kg during the outgoing week. In food items, the prices of only sugar and ghee slightly increased. Food Traders Union head, Fazal Rahman, said the price of 49 kilograms of Pakistani sugar increased from 2,250af to 2,260af and 16 litre of Shaista ghee from 1,050af to 1,060af. However, he said a 49 kilograms sack of Kazakh flour cost 1,280af and 25kg of Pakistani rice 1,600af, the same prices as of last week's. A shopkeeper in Kabul Market, Haji Rahmatullah, sold a kilogram of African black for 260af and the same amount of Madina green tea for 240af. ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

Kandahar Girls Concerned Over Lack of Access to School

KABUL - A number of schoolgirls from Kandahar province said more than half of them are deprived of high school education due to unwanted traditions in families and society, and harassment from other sectors. They said when they pass eighth or ninth grade; they are not allowed to continue their education as often their families stop them. "A number of schoolgirls are not allowed by their families to go to school, because people will say bad words about them," said Roqya, a schoolgirl in Kandahar. Asma, another schoolgirl said: "I think another reason behind this problem is the transportation issue, as girls



are harassed on the way to their schools." Meanwhile, Abdul Qadir Paimwastun, provincial director of education said that nearly 400 girls graduated from 12th grade last year and 650 girls this year, but the figure is still very low.

According to him, there are 79,000 girls in Kandahar schools but only a few of them will graduate. "We are not satisfied with the graduation of girls in this province as it is very low. We registered 13,000 girls this year, but the figure is still very low. ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

A Dozen Wounded As Afghan, Pakistani Migrants Riot in Greece

KABUL - A dozen refugees have been wounded and hundreds left without shelter following a clash between Pakistani and Afghan migrants at a detention center in Greece, a news report said on Friday. The Euro News website reported the incident on the Greek island of Lesbos was triggered by intimidating behaviour of Afghans, who allegedly attempted to control the center. But the Afghans accused the Pakistanis of theft and sexual harassment. A former refugee camp, the centre currently houses migrants who have been refused residence in Greece. The inmates are awaiting passage back to Turkey as part of a deal between the European Union



and Ankara. About 30 tents were burnt as a consequence of the incident, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of people from the camp. Clubs and stones were used by the migrants. Two injured Pakistanis and

an Afghan were hospitalised. Boris Cheshirkov, spokesman for the UN refugee agency's mission to the island, confirmed the clash, saying the situation had returned to normal. (Pajhwok)

Protestors Ask Govt. to Arrest Killers of Passengers

FAIZABAD - A large number of residents and civil society activists in northeastern Badakhshan province on Thursday held a protest gathering and asked the government to arrest those behind the abduction and execution of passengers in northern Kunduz province. Taliban gunmen executed at least 10 men from a group of nearly 200 men, women and children they forcibly removed from three civilian buses on May 30 in Ali Abad district of northern Kunduz province, the UN mission in Afghanistan said on Thurs-



day. In Badakhshan, the protestors, who had gathered in Faizabad, the provincial capital, chanted slogans against President Ashraf Ghani. Badakhshan civil society

foundation head Saifuddin told Pajhwok Afghan News that it was the government's responsibility to protect citizens. He said the government should take urgent steps to ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

Nangarhar Roof Cave-in Leaves 2 Children Dead, Couple Injured

JALALABAD - Two children have been killed in a roof cave-in in the Rodat district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Friday. At least two other people, including a woman, were wounded in the overnight roof collapse in the Zino village of Kada town, the governor's spokesman said. Attaullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News the house owner,



Naseeb Gul and his spouse were injured in the incident. Their two-year-old son Muzamil and daughter Hussaina (3) were killed. Meanwhile, Governor voiced

his deep shock over the deaths and directed public health authorities to ensure the best possible medical care for the couple. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

The truth seems so self-limiting that you could change your mind in an instant for a chance to escape. The airy Gemini New Moon falls in your 3rd House of Communication, allowing your thoughts to fly on nearly any breeze that comes along. Unfortunately, your basic perceptions of reality may be compromised now, especially if you see a way to make life easier for yourself.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Releasing old ideas about generating income creates room for newer and better ones. The multitasking Gemini New Moon occurs in your 2nd House of Finances, encouraging innovative thinking that allows moneymaking strategies to take root. However, the presence of idealistic Neptune and realistic Saturn requires you to weed impractical dreams and schemes from your garden of prosperity.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's disconcerting when the winds of fate shift directions without notice. Although you're aware of the abrupt change, you're not willing to trust a Although your life may be settling into a steady rhythm, be prepared to revise your plans on a moment's notice. Thankfully, you know better than to hold onto your past while the restless Gemini New Moon pushes the restart button in your 1st House of Self.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your dreams are luring you away from your social time today. You're tempted to seek out quiet places where you can contemplate the meaning of life. Although the inquisitive Gemini New Moon disappears into your 12th House of Escapism, you won't be able to ignore your daily activities. Figuring out where you fit into the larger scheme of things should be at the top of your list.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Just when you thought you had a clear view of the future the restless Gemini New Moon shakes up your 11th House of Long-Term Goals, motivating you to create new friendships that reflect your current interests. Don't hesitate to let go of old expectations that seem to have lost their relevance. Look beyond the current moment to see the boundless potential.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Office politics might seem more complicated these days, motivating you to think about creating new relationship patterns on the job. However, it's nearly impossible to make up your mind while the whimsical Gemini New Moon activates your 10th House of Public Responsibility. Although you want to manifest long-term career changes, your thoughts may be racing too fast for your own good.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your brain is buzzing with so many outrageous ideas today, you wonder if any of them are actually worthy of your exploration. Nevertheless, the adaptable Gemini New Moon soars through your 9th House of Distant Horizons, instilling you with fresh hope for your future. You can't decide whether to take a risk and share your plans now or to keep them to yourself.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're known for your decisive nature, but forcing a resolution to an emotional matter won't provide the relief you need today. You may experience uncharacteristic confusion about a significant relationship as the changeable Gemini New Moon seeks expression in your 8th House of Deep Sharing.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Relationships seem unstable while the dualistic Gemini New Moon directs its focus on your 7th House of Others. But tough aspects to this New Moon might weaken your connection with a partner if you can't discern fantasies from reality. Take your time before choosing a new direction because most ideas will sound better now than they actually are. Employing cautious optimism is wiser than letting your blind faith run amok.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

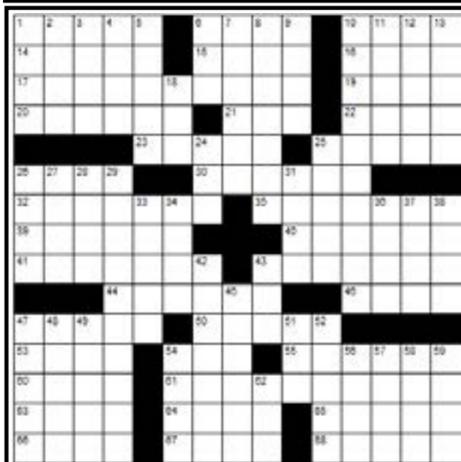
Unlike some of your peers, you grow uneasy when everything starts coming up roses. It's not that you're a pessimist; you prefer being called a realist. Nevertheless, it seems as if you're walking a tightrope now as you balance the pros and cons of your current trajectory with an abyss of uncertainty on either side. The stress is created by your fear of the fall.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You might capitalize on unexpected changes today because your razor-sharp mind appears to have a direct connection with your lightning-fast tongue. But just because you can outtalk nearly anyone doesn't mean that you're speaking the truth. Unfortunately, you are so convincing now that you'll believe whatever you say right along with everyone else.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

People find you nearly impossible to read today because your words and your actions don't seem to match. It's not that you're being duplicitous; it's just that your inner life is richer and more complex now than anyone can imagine, and they can't solve the enigma of you. Fortunately, you don't need to explain yourself. Dwelling in the realms of paradoxical mysteries seems like home to you, even if others don't understand.



Across

- 1. Take as one's own, 6. Affirm, 10. Knife, 14. Columbus's birthplace, 15. Opera star, 16. Gray wolf, 17. Constrained, 19. Press, 20. Record player, 21. Fury, 22. Cover with asphalt, 23. Birthing coach, 25. Doorkeeper, 26. Smelting waste, 30. A monarch's substitute, 32. Progressive, 35. Estrogenic hormone, 39. Leopardlike cat, 40. Reddish brown, 41. Criticize, 43. Tardy, 44. Chief ingredient in ketchup, 46. Nonvascular plant, 47. Life, oat crane, 50. Steep rugged rocks, 53. Biblical garden, 54. Japanese apricot, 55. Breakdown, 60. Corporate image, 61. Bruise, 63. German for "Madam", 64. Construct, 65. Set straight, 66. 10 10 10 10, 67. African antelope, 68. Stop.

Down

- 1. How old we are, 2. Fender blemish, 3. A single time, 4. Decant, 5. Domesticated, 6. Citrus drink, 7. Manly, 8. Extra, 9. Walk in water, 10. Backwash, 11. Synagogue croll, 12. Upon, 13. Silly mistake, 18. Ghost's cry, 24. Website address, 25. Up to, 26. Untidy one, 27. Bloodsucking insects, 28. Cain's brother, 29. Jellylike, 31. Being, 33. Android, 34. "Smallest" particle, 36. Within, 37. 1 1 1 1, 38. Boys, 42. A vehicle that races, 43. Type of snake, 45. Crafty, 47. Dutch pottery city, 48. Love intensely, 49. A strict vegetarian, 51. Gentle, 52. Poison plant, 54. Quick note, 56. Lacquered metalware, 57. Largest continent, 58. Performance bookings, 59. Feudal worker, 62. Spell.

Yesterday's Solution



armada, block, blurt, burst, cloak, court, dance, dead, lock, decline, dunk, gulf, false, fault, fees, fleet, flood, font, forum, hoes, honest, ignores, intelligence, jabber, lose, midst, muse, needy, numeral, overwhelm, rare, reed, reek, reject satellite, scorn, scout.

