

Flash Floods Kill 4 in Jawzjan, Damages 7 Villages

SHEBERGHAN - At least four people were killed in flash floods in northern Jawzjan province on Monday, which also damaged at least seven villages, local officials said on Tuesday. According to officials, ten people are still missing. The incident took place in Darz Aab district of the province after heavy rains. Most of the families have fled to bordering districts, deputy governor of Jawzjan, Abdul Rahman



Mahmoudi said. The floods are moving in Sheberghan, the capital of the province and Khwaja Du Koh District, he said. "So far there is no exact information about the damage and investigations still continue over information about the casualties," he added. Every year, flash floods in the northern part of the country cause major devastation in the spring season. (Tolonews)

12 Militants Killed in Air Strikes near Pak-Afghan Border



KHYBER AGENCY - In precise air strikes Tuesday morning, 12 militants were killed in Khyber Agency, close to the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) statement revealed. The deeply forested areas near the border are a key smuggling

route between Pakistan and Afghanistan, and are dotted with Taliban bases, used as launch pads for attacks on Pakistani forces. Read: 44 militants killed in North Waziristan, Khyber air strikes In air strikes conducted this morning, 12 terrorists were killed, while initial reports revealed that some militants hideouts were also destroyed. Last month, air strikes killed at least 15 suspected militants in Shawal Valley a week after security forces moved in on Taliban strongholds there. Similar air strikes and operations have continued in the area in efforts to eliminate terrorism from the country. (Agencies)

Illegal Gunmen Loot Aid Convoy in Faryab

MAIMANA/FEROZKOH - Gunmen briefly seized a convoy of four trucks carrying relief goods for flood-affected families in northwestern Faryab province, looting two trucks, officials said on Tuesday. In their report members of a delegation tasked with distributing the aid in Faryab, said the trucks were intercepted in the Pashtun Kot district on Monday. The report said gunmen briefly



held hostage a joint delegation of World Food Program (WFP), International Organization of Migration (IOM) and Norwegian Refugees Council (NRC) organiza-

3 Commanders Killed in Taliban-HIA Clash

PUL-I-KHUMRI/FEROZKOH - Two Taliban and one Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) commanders were killed during a clash between the two rival groups in northern Baghlan province, officials said on Tuesday.

Gauhar Khan Babari, the Baghlan-i-Markazi district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash erupted in Torani area of the district at 11pm last night and lasted at 2am. Babari said two Taliban commanders, Sameer and Palawan, and one HIA commander, Mohammad Kabir were killed and a third Taliban fighter was wounded in the firefight. He said the clash resulted from differences over the collection of usher and zakat from residents. Qurban, a resident of the area, said both Taliban and HIA men annually visited their village during every crop harvest days to collect the alms. He said there was no police check-post in their area and urged the government to build a military base to keep the rebels away from the area and enable people to live in a safe environment. Neither the Taliban nor the HIA has so far commented on the incident. Elsewhere, a policeman was killed after Taliban militants attacked their check post in the Tolak district of western Ghor province, the provincial police chief said. Another four policemen were injured in the attack that took place near the district police headquarters, Brig. Gen. Gulam Mustafa Muhseni added. The Taliban have said nothing about the attack in Tolak, but they had claimed in their website blowing up a tank and killing and wounding the crew in Dolina district. A day earlier, local officials had said 25 rebels were killed and 13 others wounded in an airstrike in the Pasaband district of the province. (Pajhwok)

Pouring Onto Streets to Study Under Solar Lights

FEROZKOH - In the dead of night, students in Ferozkoh - the capital of Ghor province - pour onto the streets to make use of solar lights for homework and exercise. They make use of the lights available and enjoy the still of the night. Despite three major rivers - Farahrod, Harirod and Murghab - flowing through Ferozkoh, the city of almost 20,000 people remains deprived of the basic facility called electricity. A diesel-powered generator produces electricity for 25 percent of the population from 7:30pm for three hours, but the tariff is prohibitively high: 35 afghanis per kilowatt for residents and 60 afghanis for offices and businesses. Ferozkoh has only 12 asphalted roads and in recent years four kilometres have been equipped with over 100 power pylons. After 10pm when the businesses close, city streets become vibrant, with students coming out of homes along with their books and studying together in groups. The city is



relatively safer, where they can stay as long for their studies as they like. Others, however, go for a walk, brief discussions and an exchange of ideas in the apparently secure environment. Some go for workouts. Some of these students say despite spending much of their time outside until late at night, they feel safe and secure. Ehsanullah, a 10th class student at the Allaudin Ghor High School, told Pajhwok Afghan News after 10pm when the generator goes off they have no choice but to come out for studying on streets. "When electricity is available at night, we only have dinner and chat... (More on P4)... (18)

14 Uplift Projects Completed in Parwan Province

CHARIKAR - At a cost of Afn 19,629,301 funded by the National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD/NSP) including 10% community contribution ten infrastructure projects were recently completed in Sayedkhil, Bagram, Jabal Seraj and Koh-e-Safi districts of Parwan



province. According to NSP Provincial Manager in Parwan province, these develop-

ment projects include the construction of a pathway 2,792 meters in length, micro hydro power stations, a 1,131-meter retain wall, and a couple of water supply networks. Approximately, 2,738 families in various communities have gained access to basic human needs upon completion of these projects. (PR)

Rebels Harass, Loot Pro-Govt. Residents in Ghor

FEROZKOH - Residents of Pasaband and Dolina districts of western Ghor province on Monday complained Taliban militants having captured some areas in the two districts were harassing pro-government residents. A former jihadi commander, Ahmad Tajdar, a resident of Pasaband



district, told Pajhwok Afghan News he had long been fighting against the Taliban and had survived two bomb blasts and ambushes by the militants... (More on P4)... (17)

Local Police Commander and 4 Family Members Killed

MAIMANA - A local police commander and four of his family members were killed when a mine exploded at his home, local officials said on Tuesday. Two of his sons were also injured in the blast. The incident took place in Grezwan district of the province after a mine exploded at his home, District Governor, Abdul

Razaq Kakar said. "The police commander, his wife, a son, a daughter and his son's wife are among the dead," he said. A witness said the commander had been keeping the mines at his home after having discovered them. Police have started investigations into the incident. (Tolonews)

7 Killed in Nangarhar Drone Strike

JALALABAD - A drone strike killed at least seven armed rebels in Lalpur district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday. Col Hazrat Hussain Mashraqiwal, police spokesperson, told Pajhwok Afghan News armed rebels were killed in Samsolocality between Lalpur and Bati kot districts. Haji Ghalib, district chief, said five

dead bodies were brought yesterday evening and another one this morning to the district centre. Sparghay, a prominent rebel commander and resident of Bati kot, was also among the dead. Five of the killed persons were Bati Kot High School students who were taken for military training by the slain commanders, he added. Sparghay, Ghalib said was... (More on P4)... (19)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You are working with a short emotional fuse while the Moon is agitating reactionary Aries, and your shoot-from-the-hip delivery could cause a real problem. Thankfully, a little common sense goes a long way to prevent a meltdown over a misunderstanding. However, if you get caught up in the heat of the moment and choose to express your feelings, accept the responsibility.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Although you may need to work with someone whose long-term goals aren't the same as yours, at least try to see things from an open-minded perspective today. Instead of allowing your exasperation to explode in an unpleasant interaction, take the high road and acknowledge that your differences don't have to impact your collaboration in a negative way.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



A sudden imbalance of power could rear its ugly head. You might believe others are working against your personal interests, yet no one is honest enough to come out and say anything directly. Your best response to this awkward situation is to remain as optimistic as possible, even if you grow more irritated throughout the day. Relying on your natural friendliness and adaptability enables you to dance around the unpleasant edges of conflict.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Expressing negativity isn't always appropriate or appreciated, but letting your anger loose today could be a sign of strength. Often, your reaction is to withdraw emotionally when stressed, leading to passive-aggressive behavior. Nevertheless, frustration can push you to the edge now, provoking you to lose control if you aren't aware of your own inner process.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Your friends seem dissatisfied with your actions today, yet you don't believe that you're doing anything wrong. However, adopting a cosmic perspective reveals everyone is performing a role in your personal drama and it's just plain annoying if the actors aren't following your script. Even if others seem to be the source of the problem, continue to bring your focus back to your feelings.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



An anxious coworker may step over the line today. Rather than avoiding direct confrontation, initiate an open dialogue about the current tension. However, applying force isn't helpful nor does assuming an authoritative posture resolve the issue because the truth will come to the surface when you least expect it. But if you choose to nudge the process along, get right to the point.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



People seem impossible to read today. You might go out of your way to accommodate others, but your amicable behavior currently increases your frustration and your uncertainty. Paradoxically, the friendlier you are now, the worse you feel on the inside. Trust your instincts but don't start a fight with an imaginary opponent; shadowboxing will only tire you out without leading to a solution.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Keep your nose clean now or you might get pulled into an unnecessary conflict before you know it. However, don't be afraid to shake up the status quo if your intentions are honorable and your goal is worthwhile. Nevertheless, powerful emotions are stewing on the back burner and you're right to worry that they could hijack your day.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Everything would be perfect today, but someone may not be playing according to your rules. It might even feel as if a raincloud is threatening your parade, even though it's still sunny on your side of the street. There's no reason to let fear dampen your current enthusiasm. You don't have to outrun bad weather; instead, head off the developing storms by proactively confronting any negativity.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your strong resolve can block out some of today's tension, but choosing to remain unaware of it only deepens the problem. The self-terminated Aries Moon raises concerns about how your personal story is unfolding and who ultimately controls your destiny. It's counterproductive to slip into denial now, so play the role of the rebel and bring differences out into the open while you have the chance.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Life seems so hectic today that you're actually worried something could fall apart unless you watch your immediate environment like a hawk. You prefer playing your cards only once you determine you are ready. However, you might be forced to make your move in response to someone else's behavior. Don't panic and overreact; just walk away from the table and return to the game.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Being swept up in a wave of social activism won't likely help your personal life, but it can still be a good thing in the long run. If you find yourself spending all your free time with people who think like you, go ahead and ride the surge while it lasts. However, this moment of heightened activity might be a temporary passion for you, even if it's a lifelong commitment for others.



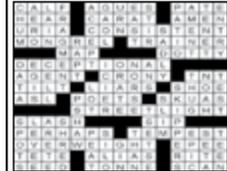
Across

1. Grain to be ground, 6. Gusted, 10. Information, 14. Juliet's love, 15. Magma, 16. Holly, 17. Type of poplar tree, 18. Send forth, 19. "Your majesty", 20. Vile, 22. Care for, 23. Snagged, 24. Restricts, 26. Zero, 30. Din, 32. Disturb, 33. Dissenting, 37. Avid, 38. Filled to excess, 39. Region, 40. Vital, 42. A simple seat, 43. Anagram of "Arson", 44. Reddish brown, 45. Flash, 47. An unskilled actor, 48. Soil, 49. Avatar, 56. Decorative case, 57. Anagram of "Silo", 58. Unsuccessful person, 59. Gambling game, 60. Module, 61. Breathing problem, 62. Biblical garden, 63. Rewards for waiting, 64. Slender.

Down

1. Alumnum, 2. Thorny flower, 3. Rapsallions, 4. Dribble, 5. This evening, 6. Sheep sound, 7. Young sheep, 8. Wicked, 9. A different kind of mattress, 10. A purified liquid, 11. Extraterrestrial, 12. Small slender gulls, 13. Cut down, 21. Small portable bed, 25. Snake-like fish, 26. Microwave (slang), 27. Mimics, 28. Applications, 29. A coming into being, 30. Test versions, 31. Cain's brother, 33. Shower, 34. Press, 35. A noble gas, 36. Big party, 38. Surveillance, 41. Neither ___, 42. Alike, 44. Unhappy, 45. Located, 46. Wrinkled fruit, 47. Legions, 48. Apollo astronaut Slayton, 50. Short skirt, 51. Radar signal, 52. Brood, 53. Feudal worker, 54. Require, 55. Found in a cafeteria.

Yesterday's Solution



amazement, avoid, aware, block, brim, brown, cement, clinics, corner, digital, direction, famine, gadget, galaxy, gets, guessed, hare, horse, lade, lessen, nourishment, other, peace, plan, prank, prince, problem, proud, regional, relax, smog, some, still, stint, stump, summit, talk, trick, wipe.

