



### Huge Fire Rips through Takhar Market

TALIQUAN - Takhar officials said they will continue their efforts to block the fire which so far has destroyed many shops. Local officials in Takhar said a huge blaze ripped through a wood market in Taluqan, the capital city of the province on Friday afternoon. Eyewitnesses say the reason behind the fire is not

clear. Many shops have been burnt so far in the incident, an eyewitness said. Takhar officials said they will continue their efforts to block the fire. A number of Takhar residents launched a campaign on social media, calling on government to send helicopters to the scene in order to block the fire. (Tolonews)

### 4 Civilians Killed in Laghman Roadside Blast

KABUL - Four Civilians were killed in a roadside blast in the Alingar district of eastern Laghman province on Friday, an official said. Governor spokesman Sarhadi Zwak told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened in the Shakhtari

area early in the morning. He said the blast targeted the vehicle of individuals who wanted to transfer rocks for construction work. Zwak said four wagers had been killed and their vehicle was destroyed in the blast. (Pajhwok)

### Honey Production on the Rise in Nangarhar



JALALABAD - The honey production is on the rise in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan as the local officials are saying that the production of honey will further boost if the government provide them with necessary support. Officials in the honey production association in Nangarhar are saying that enough honey will be produced for the export to the

other provinces and outside the country if they receive the required modern equipment and other support from the government. The head of the association Riaz Mohammad Rodwal said the honey production has increased in this province as compared to the previous years, mainly due to the betterment of the weather condition, greenery of the province... (More on P4)... (22)

# AAF Targets Taliban Safe Havens in Helmand, Kill 43

KABUL - At least 43 Taliban insurgents were killed during an airstrike in southern Helmand province on Wednesday, the MoI said.

At least 43 Taliban insurgents were killed in an Afghan air forces airstrike in southern Helmand province on Wednesday, Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement. The airstrike took place during the night in Marja district of the province, according to the statement. "Key Taliban members are also among the dead," the MoI said adding that a number of weapons belonging to the insurgents were also destroyed. However, the statement did not provide more details. The Taliban have not yet commented on the airstrike. (Tolonews)



### Afghanistan-Windies ODI Series Ends in 1-1 Draw



KABUL - The One-Day International (ODI) series between the West Indies and Afghanistan ended in a 1-1 draw as the third match at the Darren Sammy National Cricket Stadium was washed out on Wednesday. The 3rd ODI had to be abandoned due to heavy rain, leaving the three-match series drawn. Rashid Khan, who took 10 wickets and grabbed the 7th position in ODI bowler rankings, was declared player of the series. Javed Ahmadi and Gulbadin Naib played well and made good fifties for the national team in the ODI series. Rahim Gul Sarwan, a cricket expert, said Afghan batsmen played poorly in the T20 series. He... (More on P4)... (23)

### Police Officer who Stopped Suicide Bombers Laid to Rest

KABUL - The Ministry of Interior said in a statement that it commends the courage of police force members in response to the attack on Al-Zahra Mosque in Kabul. Officer Mohammad Saleh Nawabi, commander of the Second Company of the Kabul's PD6 police headquarters, who stopped two suicide bombers from entering Al-Zahra Mosque on Thursday night, where a large number of people were praying on the 21st night of Ramadan, was laid to rest on Friday.



A large number of Nawabi's relatives and colleagues attended his burial ceremony in Khairkhana area in Kabul's PD15. Police officials say one of the attackers were killed and another was wounded after the police officer opened fire on them, stopping them from entering the main hall of the mosque... (More on P4)... (24)

### Paktika ALP Commander Loses 8 Relatives in Explosion

SHARAN - Eight people, including children and women, have been killed and five others wounded in a blast inside the residence of an Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander in southeastern Paktika province, an official said on Wednesday. Mohammad Barat, police chief for the Janikhel district where the incident happened, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion took place on Wednesday morning. "During a clash between Taliban and ALP personnel on Tuesday, two militants were killed and their motorcycles brought to the house of the injured commander, Abdul Shakoor," he said. Abdul Shakoor's brother Abdul Malik said: "The Taliban stormed a security check-post but faced strong resistance from us. One militant was killed and we brought an explosives-rigged motorcycle to the commander's house." Eight members of Shakoor's family, including children and women, were killed and five others wounded in the subsequent explosion, Malik confirmed. The ALP commander was among the wounded, he said. Another member of the family, Haji Gul, said at least 14 relatives of... (More on P4)... (26)

### ISIS Claims Responsibility for Suicide Attack on Kabul Mosque

KABUL - The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group's offshoot in Afghanistan, ISIS Khurasan, claimed responsibility behind the suicide attack on a Shi'ite mosque in Kabul city. The group in a statement said the attack was carried out by the fighters of the group, targeting the Shi'ite mosque in West of Kabul city. The death of at least four people including a police



officer has been confirmed by the security institutions so far and at least eight others including four policemen were wounded. The Ministry of Interior (MoI) spokesman Najib Danish confirmed that two suicide bombers attempted to attack the prayer participants... (More on P4)... (25)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



Someone may present you with ideas today that contradict your own position. The willful Sun opposes stern Saturn in your 9th House of Philosophy, encouraging you to rationalize your actions with authoritarian ideas. But rather than wasting time trying to justify old patterns, you're better off exploring new metaphysical territory now.

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



It feels as if time is running painfully slow today, and everything seems to take longer in reality than on paper. You could adopt a negative attitude this morning on a moment's notice, especially if you must overcome an obstacle that catches you off guard. Nothing will be gained by complaining about your bad luck or by attempting to shift the blame to anyone else.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your attempts to restore an energetic balance in a relationship may be blocked today, especially if you think you can take the easy way out. It's a sign of maturity to actually consider what people say before rejecting their perspective out of hand just because it's inconvenient. Accept whatever situations arise, rather than demonstrating how stubborn you can become when there's a good reason.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Serving others today can bring you more contentment than you expect, even if your own needs remain unfulfilled. However, there's a fly in the ointment when someone's selfish behavior upsets you now, prompting you to resist doing anything nice. Nevertheless, forgiving petty annoyances is still your best strategy because you won't be happy with yourself unless you take the high road.

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



Controlling your cravings for pleasure is an uphill battle, especially if you believe you deserve some time off now to replenish your energy. There is nothing wrong with pursuing happiness as long as you don't overdo it. The smartest approach is to set aside a specific time to nurture your soul as well as your physical senses.

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



Maintaining an even keel on the home front can be a struggle today, especially if someone is tempting you with a fun-filled distraction. You see everything through a very expansive filter now, but don't let an impulsive moment inspire you to jump too quickly just because an offer sounds right up your alley. These are serious times and you could court unnecessary problems if you don't keep your priorities in balance.

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



You might wake up with lofty intentions today, aiming to be methodical about accomplishing your goals. But as the day wears on, you could become increasingly lackadaisical and fall further behind until you just give up. Don't be too self-judgmental if you find yourself on the wrong end of the stick now; give yourself the gift of reprieve.

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



It's certainly not helpful if you can't make up your mind about spending money today. Be responsible and stick to your budget or you could find yourself in a difficult cash position sooner than you might expect. However, conserving resources is probably the single smartest thing you can do now, since it's very easy to talk yourself into buying something you don't really need.

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



Interactions with others seem strained today for no apparent reason. It's as if people are on your case while the free-wheeling Gemini Sun opposes conservative Saturn. You might think the smartest solution is to simply withdraw from social activities for a while. Nevertheless, keep in mind that retreat doesn't need to be an all-or-nothing option.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Although a spiritual discipline can offer much-needed peace of mind today, you must follow through with your practice if it's to create a long-lasting impact. You possess a strong need for self-expression now, yet rationalizing what you do might be difficult. However, there is no law that says you must follow a tradition or explain why you're not doing so.

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



Determine what you need to do today by first deciding where you want to end up. Unfortunately, fascinating distractions could lure you off course if you're not paying attention. In any event, it's crucial to achieve a modicum of balance between your immediate craving for variety in your daily life and your non-negotiable long-term goals.

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



Your current commitment to social responsibility is strong, yet you may be searching for an escape clause in an agreement you no longer wish to keep. It's not that you're so bent on defaulting on your commitments now; however, if there was an honorable way out, you might take it. You're better off meeting your previous obligations without trying to renegotiate the deal.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-66.

Across: 1. Welt, 6. Madly in love, 10. Large N. Amer. deer (plural), 14. Ancient, 15. Not odd, 16. 13 in Roman numerals, 17. Trombone or banjo, 19. Blockage, 20. A hot spring, 21. Born as, 22. Impetuous, 23. Muzzle, 25. Draws into the mouth, 26. Large mass of ice, 30. Like a god, 32. Perform surgery on, 35. Open one-horse carriage, 39. Household, 40. Harvester, 41. Sexual partner, 43. Hold, 44. Exaggerate, 46. If not, 47. Range, 50. Lassoed, 53. Pervert, 54. Needlefish, 55. Equip, 60. Margarine, 61. Air, 63. Scheme, 64. Mortgage, 65. Chordophones, 66. Feudal worker, 67. Unit of land, 68. Excrete.

Down: 1. A 19th century political party, 2. Sharpen, 3. Not difficult, 4. The products of human creativity, 5. Harps, 6. Precious stone, 7. Boulevard, 8. Hereditary, 9. Blind (poker), 10. Torment, 11. Light purple, 12. Sales booth, 13. Surspire, 18. A large vase, 24. Lyric poem, 25. Femme fatale, 26. Explosive device, 27. Type of sword, 28. Cleave, 29. Antique record player, 31. Casino game, 33. Tula, 34. French for "Head", 36. Iridescent gem, 37. Wreaths, 38. Sea eagle, 42. Fickle, 43. Policeman, 45. A gabled roof extension, 47. Incline, 48. Mobile phones, 49. Sea, 51. Dawn goddess, 52. Double, 54. Big party, 56. Goon, 57. Celebration, 58. Angers, 59. Exam, 62. Half of a pair,

Yesterday's Solution

FACE	CLIME	MADE
REAL	AIDES	ANGIA
IRIDESCENT	ENDS	
AIR	NAIAD	SNOUT
REDOUBT	INLAY	
AIRA	CAUDATE	
SKATE	WAR	NEW
AIDS	BLAND	ACRE
NTH	TRAIT	TEENS
KEELHAUL	FOR	
SUITS	STRICCO	
SLIPS	AVENUE	FLAB
XLVII	STORHOUSE	
OXEN	AEGIS	NETS
WISE	DRIFT	ESSE

belay, biddy, black, botch, build, cagey, care, cell, clamor, distract, doubt, endear, fantasy, feign, fleet, fodder, frame, garrison, here, honest, hurry, ignore, illustrious, influence, intimidate, kettle, liner, load, merit, nape, place, rill, silent, silly

FANTASYKETTLE  
SILLYDYDSTYLE  
FEDRDAAEFLEET  
NBRILLNSBOTCH  
SUBESOYPLACEN  
HIBLHTFODDERB  
WLLGARRISONAE  
EDOEOCMAEUDCM  
APRMNIKMCBEAE  
VTAGTTASATAGR  
ELINERIGNOREI  
CEINFLUENCEYT  
FILLUSTRIOUSM