

# Insurgents Order Girls High School Closed in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - A girls high school has been closed by insurgents in central Logar province, education officials said on Tuesday. Provincial education department spokesman Mohammad Shahpur Arab told Pajhwok Afghan News that insurgents had closed the girls high school in Pork area on the outskirts of Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital. He said the armed rebels on Monday entered the school and threatened teachers and students with elimination and warned them against coming to the school. "Earlier the Taliban had said the man principal of the school should be



replaced with a woman, but the arrangement delayed, which provoked the insurgents to close the school." Arab said the education department had decided to hire a female principal for the high school as soon as possible. He said efforts at reopening of the school had been launched with the help of tribal elders. A resident of Porak area, Gul Habib, said his three daughters were studying at the school. "My daughters told me that yesterday Taliban visited their school and told all teachers and students to not come to the school." Habib said residents of the area fearing ... (More on P4)... (17)

## 2 Indians Among the Dead in Kabul Suicide Bombing

KABUL - Two Indian nationals were among the 14 people killed in Monday's suicide attack on a mini-bus carrying Nepalese in Afghan capital Kabul, the Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) confirmed on Tuesday. "We have learnt that two Indian nationals, Ganesh Thapa and Govind Singh from Dehradun died tragically in the blast in Kabul today morning," MEA official spokesperson Vikaswarup said in a tweet. Twelve Nepalese citizens were killed and nine others, including four Afghans, wounded in the suicide bombing on Monday. The attack took place at around 6:00am in the limits of the 9th police district in Banai locality. The bomber rammed into a mini-bus carrying Nepalese security guards with a foreign company, leaving 14 dead and nine others hurt. Following the first major attack during the ongoing holy month of Ramadan, Kabul residents claimed seeing several dead bodies lying at the scene and some injured individuals being shifted to hospital by ambulances. The Islamic State (IS) and the Taliban have claimed ... (More on P4)... (19)

## 12 Militants Including Taliban Commanders Killed in Helmand Clash

LASHKARGAH - At least 12 Taliban insurgents including their two commanders were killed in a clash with Afghan security forces in Helmand province, 2015 Maiwand Military Corps said in a statement on Tuesday. The battle took place in Nad Ali district after a group of Taliban fighters attacked a military outpost and started gunfight against the forces, the statement added. It said that the security forces have sized a number of weapons during the clash. No casualty was suffered by security forces in the conflict,



according to the statement. Meanwhile, Helmand police officials said that military operations will continue in the province to eliminate all insurgents. Last week, security officials said that a large-scale military operation will be launched in Gereshk, Marjah and Nad Ali districts in order to clear the areas of Taliban. (Tolnews)

## Taliban Claims Snatching Passengers on Highways is Not Kidnapping

LASHKARGAH - The Taliban militants group in Afghanistan has claimed that snatching passengers from the highways is not an act of kidnapping. The Taliban group spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid issued a statement following the kidnapping of scores of passengers in Helmand province. In his statement, Mujahid said the Taliban fighters took passengers from at least 3 buses with them amid suspicions they work for the security institutions of the country. Mujahid further added that 27 people were taken by the Taliban militants and the remaining militants were re-



leased after they went through a preliminary interrogation process. He said the remaining 27 people would be released if found not guilty or would be handed over to the judiciary of the Taliban group if they had role in working with the security institutions. The Taliban militants have stepped up hostage takings across the country during the recent weeks as the group ... (More on P4)... (18)

## ALP Commander Critically Wounded in an Explosion in Parwan

CHARIKAR CITY - A commander of the Afghan Local Police (ALP) forces was critically wounded in an explosion in northern Parwan province of Afghanistan. The provincial criminal investigation department chief Gen. Abdul Samad Zalmi said the incident took place in Charikar city earlier today. He said the incident took place near the provincial government's office in Charikar city but did not disclose further information. In the meantime, another local security official, said an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) planted in a motorcycle belonging to ALP commander was detonated earlier today.

The official further added that the ALP commander lost his two legs in the explosion and no casualties were incurred to the security personnel or civilians. No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident. Parwan is among the relatively volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating and frequently carry out insurgency activities. At least 8 people were killed and over 30 others were wounded in a suicide attack in this province earlier in the month of April this year. (KP)

## 18 Militants Killed in an Airstrike

MAIMANA - At least 18 militants were killed in an airstrike in northern Faryab province of Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Tuesday. The airstrike was carried out in the vicinity of Garziwan district targeting the militants, MoD said, adding that 8 more militants were critically wounded in the raid. The Ministry of Defense also added that two vehicles belonging to the militants were also destroyed in the airstrike. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report



so far. Faryab is among the relatively volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating in a number of its districts and often carry out insurgency activities. This comes as a key Taliban group commander was killed during a gun ... (More on P4)... (20)

## Casualties As Supporters of Rival Commanders Clash in Herat

HERAT CITY - A clash between supporters of rival insurgent commanders has left 30 rebels killed or injured in western Herat province, an official said Tuesday. Parwan is among the relatively volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating and frequently carry out insurgency activities. At least 8 people were killed and over 30 others were wounded in a suicide attack in this province earlier in the month of April this year. (KP)

clash between loyalists of Mullah Rassoul and Mullah Haibatullah erupted on Sunday night and ended on Monday night. The gun battle happened on the border between Pashtoon-Zarghooon and Adraskan districts of the province. Up to 30 militants on both sides suffered casualties. Farhad did not have exact figures of the militants killed and injured but said Mullah Rassoul's supporters had suffered more casualties. Four men killed in the clash belonged to Pashtoon Zarghooon district. (Pajhwok)

## 6 Daesh Rebels Eliminated in AAF Air Raids

JALALABAD - Six Daesh militants have been killed in Afghan Air Force (AAF) airstrikes in the Achine district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday. Attaullah Kohyoni, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the overnight airstrikes Daesh

rebels in the Abdulkhelo locality. He said some of the weapons and ammunitions have been destroyed in the bombardment. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

A good idea will turn into an unworkable plan unless you exercise a healthy dose of self-restraint along the way. You might be able to justify expanding the size and scope of your vision by ignoring the feedback you receive from your colleagues. However, a rude awakening is no fun at all when you realize you overstepped the practical limitations of your time.

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

You grow anxious when circumstances shift too quickly. You prefer to move through change at your own pace and only after you are ready. Unfortunately, you might find yourself in over your head when a simple thought that you share with someone in the morning evolves into a major initiative by the afternoon. Naturally, you can't take your words back, so you must figure out a way to rise to the occasion.

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

You can talk circles around everyone today without actually saying anything of substance. It's just that your mind is zipping along so fast now that you don't consider the consequences of your words before you move on to the next great idea. Fortunately, the calculating Capricorn Moon is standing in the wings to help you follow through on an innovative breakthrough if you're willing to slow down.

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

It might feel as if people are encouraging you one moment and then just a few minutes later telling you that your dreams are unrealistic. You're not sure whether to run with a current idea or shift your attention to something entirely different. Try not to lose your optimism in the face of criticism.

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

You possess a keen ability to connect the dots as you mix and mingle with people in your network today. Coworkers bring a variety of agendas, but you're able to synthesize them in a way that motivates everyone to work together. In a more social environment, your friends may have conflicting preferences about an upcoming activity, yet your sharp perceptions can see through the differences.

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

Self-discipline is your friend; without it you are likely to flounder about today. But circumstances test your resolve as rational Mercury is distracted by exorbitant Jupiter. The big question is whether or not you can maintain your focus in spite of your desire to fit as much as possible into your day. It may be helpful to rely on a system and to establish ground rules early in the game. If you set limits and work within them, there's no end to what you can accomplish.

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

Your plans for an upcoming vacation may not be solidified yet, but that won't stop you from sharing them with anyone who will listen. Unfortunately, your next great adventure might seem more tangible to you than it does to everyone else. There is no reason to involve others in your process yet.

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

Your penchant for delving into the mysteries of the universe can hijack your schedule today. You are intrigued by what you cannot see; you want to explore everyone's motives and may initiate discussions in order to satisfy your curiosity. However, it's crucial to be aware of the boundaries that others establish for their own emotional safety.

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

You're cruising for an argument today, but not because you like the idea of conflict. You are attracted to the dance of dialogue as you exercise your wit and charm. But interactions with intelligent people are not meant to be limited to clever superficiality. The trick is to go deep and engage others in meaningful conversations about your favorite subjects.

#### Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

Although your brain is processing information as fast as everyone else, you have an uncanny ability to structure your thoughts in an orderly manner. You can walk into nearly any situation and quickly discern the facts-spoken and unspoken. Just make sure you use your intellectual skills to improve upon the current dynamics rather than being critical or dismissive.

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

Your mind is seeking puzzles to solve today and the more complex the scenario, the more determined you are to figure it all out. Unfortunately, there may be responsibilities on your shoulders that prevent you from pursuing the satisfaction of intellectual distraction. However, you will excel at whatever you must do for work if you find a way to enjoy yourself in the process.

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

Your ambitious attitude seems to be reflected by friends today as they encourage you to take your ideas to the next level. But their positive feedback has a shadow side that could prompt you to overlook an obvious problem and plow ahead without regard for the facts. Unfortunately, making decisions based upon your fantasies alone will only lead to disillusionment.



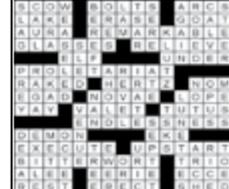
#### Across

1. Mayhem, 6. LummoX, 10. An abandoned calf, 14. Decrease, 15. Disabled, 16. Is indebted to, 17. Varnish ingredient, 18. Send forth, 19. Apprehends, 20. Voters, 22. Give as an example, 23. Biblical boat, 24. Tabs, 26. Angel, 30. Area of South Africa, 32. Type of drill, 33. Anagram of "Mileposts", 37. Electrical or crossword, 38. Quoted, 39. Relating to aircraft, 40. Not here, 42. Pilfer, 43. Stop, 44. Treeless plain, 45. Clumps, 47. Furrow maker, 48. 365 days, 49. Solemnity, 56. Ancient Peruvian, 57. Black, in poetry, 58. Noodles, 59. He writes in verse, 60. Website addresses, 61. A protective covering, 62. Alleviate, 63. Learning method, 64. Lacquer ingredient.

#### Down

1. Rabbit, 2. Cain's brother, 3. Flower holder, 4. Ear-related, 5. Half man and half horse, 6. Office worker, 7. Tibetan monk, 8. Leave out, 9. Found, 10. Make peace, 11. Expect, 12. Liabilities, 13. Being, 21. Sphere, 25. An unskilled actor, 26. An enclosure, 27. Throw, 28. Auspices, 29. Re-beautify, 30. French for "Our", 31. Away from the wind, 33. Desserts, 34. Dribble, 35. Snare, 36. Only, 38. A body of light troops, 41. A spider spins this, 42. Spire, 44. Drunkard, 45. Columbus's birthplace, 46. Shoestrings, 47. A German medieval guild, 48. Cry of pain, 50. River of Spain, 51. Airhead, 52. Found on a finger, 53. Feudal worker, 54. Flower stalk, 55. Indian dress.

#### Yesterday's Solution



archer, arose, conceive, covet, croon, duet, erase, fetish, gain, gear, glare, heels, intersect, leer, lien, loath, minor, nurse, nurse, pore, pressure, pursue, rarely, reads, reek, reuse, rifle, screw, seer, segmentation, sere, shares, shop, sled, sneer, split, surplus, sweet, timer, truck, victim, vowel.

