



Afghan Expat Comes to Rescue of Disabled Soldier

GHAZNI CITY - An Afghan expat has been monthly salary to a soldier who has defused thousands of landmines. The soldier was incapacitated by a landmine explosion. The soldier complains the government has not helped him ever since he lost both his legs, eyes and a hand to a blast three years ago.

The ex-soldier, Mohammad Salim, is a resident of Ghazni province, served in the army for 14 years in Paktia and Nangarhar besides his native province.

In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Salim claimed defusing 3,775 improvised explosive devices (IEDs) during his service. Full report

On June 22, Mohammad Salim, told Pajhwok Afghan News good changes had come to his life after Pajhwok released a report about his plight. "Several people have helped me but an Afghan living in Belgium has fixed 9,000 afghanis for me in monthly salary. He sends me the amount every month," the disabled soldier explained.

He said earlier his four-year-old daughter sold eggs to help the family. But now the situation has changed for the better. "These 9,000 afghanis salary is everything for us. We can meet our expenses well but I'm worried about my children's future," Salim remarked.

Nazir, living in Belgium, financially helps Salim every month. He had watched the soldier's video released by Pajhwok on its Facebook page. "When I saw Salim, I got upset and decided to send him a salary every month," he said.

He thanked Pajhwok and criticised the government for not helping the brave Afghan security official. But Mohammad Arif Noori, the governor's spokesman, said the governor and other officials met Salim after ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

NATO Defence Ministers to Discuss Afghanistan

KABUL - NATO defence ministers will meet on June 26 and 27 in Brussels to discuss a range of security issues including Afghanistan, the alliance said on Saturday.

Afghan Minister of Defence Asadullah Khalid and representatives from the UN, EU, and the World Bank have also been invited to the meeting, a NATO statement said.

"Afghanistan will be an important agenda item. "We have scheduled a dedicated meeting on 27 June, with all NATO allies and all operational partners contributing to our Resolute Support Mission," the statement added.

NATO's Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan Ambassador Nicholas Kay and the commander of the NATO-led Resolute Support Mission General Austin S. Miller will also attend the event. ...*(More on P4)...(10)*



Afghan Special Forces Kill 4 ISIS Militants, Detain 14 Others in Kunar Province

KABUL - The Afghan Special Forces killed 4 militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria during an operation in Kunar province.

The informed military sources said Saturday that the Special Forces conducted the operation in Nurgal district of Kunar.

The Special Forces also detained 14 militants of the terror group during the same operation.

The anti-government armed elements have not commented regarding the operations so far.

The security situation in some districts of Kunar province has deteriorated during the recent years.

Taliban and ISIS militants are active in some districts of the province and often



conduct terrorist related activities. Meanwhile, the Afghan forces routinely counter-terrorism operations against the anti-government armed groups in this province. The U.S. forces also conduct regular airstrikes in restive parts of the country to suppress Taliban and other anti-government militants. (KP)

5 Taliban Killed, 4 Wounded in Farah Airstrike

FARAH CITY - Five Taliban militants have been killed and another four wounded in a NATO troops airstrike in western Farah province, an official said on Saturday.

The incident happened in Rokan village of Farah City, the provincial capital, late Friday night.

Ghulam Khan, a resident of the area, told Pajhwok Afghan News, the airstrike targeted a group of Taliban gathered in a residential compound.

He said five Taliban militants were killed and four others wounded in the nighttime attack.



However, Hashmat Ahmadi, a military official, told Pajhwok six Taliban were killed and as many wounded in the NATO airstrike. The Taliban have not yet commented in this regard. (Pajhwok)

Samangan Residents Protest Surging Crime Graph

AIBAK - Hundreds of residents of northern Samangan province on Saturday protested against soaring crimes and demanded concrete measures against outlaws.

The protesters said 21-year-old Abdul Manan was beheaded last night in the Sarghani area of Aibak and 30-year-old Roohullah was shot dead in Takht-i-Rustam area by unknown individuals.

On behalf of the protestors, Haji Najibullah Khurami said police had failed to maintain security in the city.

Killings, armed robberies and other crimes had increased in the city recently, he alleged, claiming outlaws roamed freely.

Acting deputy governor Sifatullah Samangani, addressing the protestors, asked police to immediately arrest the killers of Abdul Manan and Roohullah.

He also ordered security officials to arrest the individuals harassing the people. (Pajhwok)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You may feel like you're coming up against a brick wall, Aries. Your emotions are a bit stifled and you may find that you're more stubborn than usual. There is a large and beneficial force that you can tap into today, as long as you keep your intuition open. The less you search for it, the more likely it will come to you. Something may spur you to act.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Smile at the world today, Taurus. Be thankful for the things you have and the people around you. Amplify the cozy, warm feeling inside and spread this love to others. This is a very expansive time for you in which you can get quite a bit accomplished if you set your mind to it. Radiate your true nature through every cell in your body and watch as the opportunities come your way.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Today isn't the best day to play practical jokes, Gemini, so put away the disappearing ink. Stick close to home. Find security in doing things you know how to do best. Hang a painting and cook a scrumptious dinner. You can inspire others with your smile, so use it. Don't get down if your thoughts aren't flowing well with the group. This is a sign that you should spend some time alone.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



There may be a great deal of opposition in your way today, Cancer, but try not to dwell on it. The key is to stay levelheaded and maintain a positive outlook. This is a day in which you can bring a great deal of balance to issues by understanding and respecting the other side. Have charity for those who are making sacrifices so that you may have a more comfortable ride.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



The pieces of today's puzzle may not fit into place, Leo, and it's possible that you have no idea why. Don't stress over something you don't quite understand. The key to making things work out is listening. Adjustments will definitely be needed on both sides, but this can only happen if both parties are willing to open their ears and understand one another's perspective.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Today can be an extremely productive day, Virgo. You're in a good space from which to work and this will aid you in all your endeavors. Today is also excellent for looking at some of the long-term trends moving through your life now. Consider the next five or ten years and think about how your actions will affect your future. Plan ahead to get ahead.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



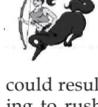
There may be a battle between old and new in your world today, Libra. A reserved and old-fashioned perspective has a strong hold on the prevailing sentiment. This feeling is likely going to hit you square in the face as you lean toward the unconventional and more revolutionary approach to life. See what sort of past lessons you can learn from as you build the future.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



People may seem a bit stubborn today. Your powers of adaptation may be put to the test, Scorpio. The people around you are likely to call on your tender, sympathetic nature. Offer a nurturing ear and strong shoulder for others to cry on. Keep things low key and steady. The more grounded you are, the easier it will be to get along with the energy of today.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



When you go up a flight of stairs, take one step at a time today, Sagittarius. Skipping up the staircase two at a time could result in you falling back to the bottom. Trying to rush things today will leave holes in your projects. Finish jobs completely by making sure that every step is thoroughly taken care of. Don't ignore the details.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Today is a terrific day for taking the plunge or making an investment, Capricorn. Luck and prosperity are in your favor, and you have the opportunity to make some very profitable financial decisions. Your intuition is right in line with what you need to do. Make the best deal possible and provide a fair and secure future for you and your investment.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

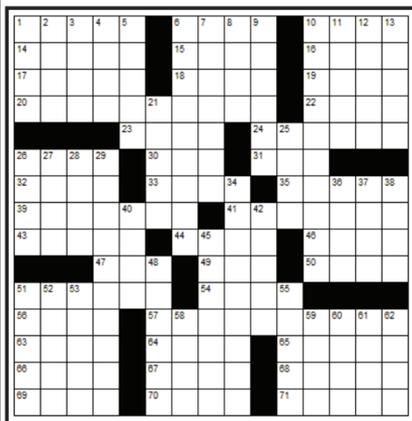


The key to being successful today is to maintain an air of stability. If others see you as too flighty and off the wall, they will hesitate about putting their trust in you. Make sure you do those things in your power that will help boost your clout. You will need this support from others later. Make a solid base to build on.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Today is a very expansive day for you, Pisces. Your emotions can lead you into favorable situations with others. The pace of the day may seem a little slow, but this can be used to your advantage. Examine every detail with care and try not to leave any piece of the equation unaccounted for. You should enjoy a stable, caring mood that radiates out and draws others toward you.



Across

- Statistics, 6. Noxious plant, 10. Certain ball-and-socket joints, 14. Terror, 15. Small island
- Modify, 17. Spare, 18. Knife, 19. A coniferous tree, 20. Disappoint, 22. Carry
- Not hard, 24. Public speaker, 26. Plateau, 30. Regret, 31. Record (abbrev.), 32. "Smallest" particle, 33. And, 35. Hindu loincloth, 39. Bill of lading, 41. Hunched
- Step, 44. Cassava, 46. Be worthy of, 47. Vigor, 49. Apprehend,
- Colors, 51. Defile, 54. Largest continent, 56. Welt, 57. Digest, 63. Sea eagle
- Audition tape, 65. Eagle's nest, 66. Mortgage, 67. Portent, 68. Noodles
- "___ we forget", 70. Bankrolls, 71. Go in, ,

Down

- Hurried, 2. Cab, 3. Picnic insects, 4. Rubber wheel, 5. Skims, 6. Covetously, 7. Demesnes
- Distinctive flair, 9. Ower, 10. A seven-string lyre, 11. Fool, 12. Kind of bean
- Drive, 21. Reef material, 25. Start over, 26. Mouths, 27. French for "State", 28. Kind of bean, 29. Uncertain, 34. Occurrences, 36. Alright, 37. French for "Head", 38. Midmonth date, 40. Colored part of an eye
- Fanatical, 45. Without a weapon, 48. Field, 51. Inhabit, 52. Creepy, 53. Nemesis
- Slack-jawed, 58. Chancel, 59. Average, 60. At one time (archaic), 61. Anagram of "Tine", 62. Rip, ,

Yesterday's Solution

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lunch, malign,
manual, metal

