

19 Insurgents Renounce Violence in Ghor

FEROZKOH - At least 19 insurgents have renounced violence in western Ghor province and joined the peace process, local officials said on Tuesday. Provincial Police Chief Mohammad Zaman Azimi says that the men joined the peace process through the efforts of tribal elders and security forces. "Mullah Noor Ahmad, a Taliban leader, is among the men who joined the peace process," he said. This comes after 120 Taliban insurgents surrendered and joined the peace process in northern Faryab



province on Monday after being surrounded for two days in a military operation led by First Vice President Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum, officials said. Faryab Provincial Governor Sayed Anwar Sadat said the insurgents officially handed over their weapons to the authorities on Monday and joined the peace process. He said those who joined the peace process will help security forces provide security in insecure areas. (Tolonews)

Injured in Wardak Traffic Mishap

KABUL - One person was killed and ten others wounded in a traffic accident on the Kabul-Kandahar highway in central Maidan Wardak province on Tuesday, an official said. Toryalai Himmat, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened at around 6:00am in the Dasht Toap locality. A coaster traveling from Kabul to Ghazni province ... (More on P4)... (16)

Regional Emergency Operation Center Opened in Nangarhar Hospital

KABUL - The Ministry of Public Health opened Regional Emergency Operation Center in Nangarhar Regional Hospital to respond to emergency situations in the eastern region of the country. The center has been constructed in a period of one month with AFG1 million financial assistance of a welfare organization. ... (More on P4)... (17)

5 Men Detained on Drug-Trafficking Charges: CJTF

KABUL - Police and detective organs have detained five people in connection with trafficking more than a tonne of drugs and 880 litres of alcoholic beverages, the Criminal Justice Task Force (CJTF) said on Tuesday.



A statement from CJTF said the men were detained in Kabul, Nangarhar and Paktia provinces with eight kilograms of heroin, 1,126 kilograms of hashish, 881 litres of alcoholic beverages and a vehicle. Cases against the detainees

have been sent to the CJTF for investigations, the statement added, without giving further details. (Pajhwok)

Rebel Firing Kills 1 Civilian, Injures 14 in Kunar

ASADABAD - One civilian was killed and 14 others injured after Taliban fired bullets and rockets for several hours into villages in the Marawara district of eastern Kunar province, an official said on Tuesday. Deputy Kunar police chief Col. Sayed Maqsood Pacha told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban had been firing into villages since Monday morning. He said one civilian was killed and 10 others including women and children were wounded in Taliban-fired mortar shells and gunfire on Monday. Another four other civilians including a mother and her three children were injured when a mortar shell hit their house in Marawara ... (More on P4)... (15)

Construction of 2nd Kabul-Logar Road Begins

PUL-I-ALAM - Construction work on a second road between capital Kabul and central Logar province was inaugurated on Tuesday. Public Works Minister Mahmood Baligh, Logar governor Mohammad Halim Fidayi, provincial council members, other local officials and people attended the inauguration ceremony for the 65-kilometre road. Baligh said the road's construction process would be completed in three phases, with the first phase costing 598 million afghanis.



The first phase, 21 kilometers, begins from Dasht-i-Saqawi area of Mushi district of Kabul province to Mohammad Agha district of Logar. The minister said funds for the 10-metres wide road would be paid from the national budget. The second phase of the Kabul-Logar highway would begin from Mohammad Agha district to Pul-i-Alam, the capital of Logar and the third from Tang Logar area of Kabul to Dasht-i-Saqawi area of Mushi district, according to the minister. ... (More on P4)... (18)

A Dozen Taliban Eliminated in North Waziristan Offensive

PESHAWAR - A dozen militants have been killed in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region near the Afghanistan border, security officials said on Tuesday.



One intelligence official familiar with the operation told Pajhwok Afghan News Taliban commander Hezbollah was among the fatalities. Warplanes pounded three rebel hideouts in Shawal area.

Ground troops, closing in on the insurgent strongholds, had gained control of Kund Ghar and Jung Top areas, the source said, claiming the final push against militants was proceeding well. Five soldiers including an

army captain and 50 fighters have been killed in the last phase of the operation. The area would be cleared in coming weeks, the official hoped. (Pajhwok)

Man Dead, Children Wounded in Baghlan Rocket Strike

PUL-I-KHUMRI - A young man was killed and two children were wounded in a rocket attack in Pul-i-Khumri, the capital of northern Baghlan province, on Tuesday. A BMI rocket landed in a house at around 8:30am, killing a 24 years old man and injuring two of his children, Baghlan police spokesman, Zabiullah Shuja told Pajhwok Afghan News. Fired from Dand-i-Ghori locality, currently the



scene of a military offensive, the rocket landed between the governor's house and the police headquarters, the official said. He accused the Taliban of blindly firing rockets at government offices. Civilians were the victims of such strikes, Shuja claimed. Mohammad Zakir, a ... (More on P4)... (19)

Three Children Killed, Three Wounded in Farah Explosion

KABUL - Three children have lost lives and as many wounded in a bomb explosion in the capital of western Farah province. A police spokesperson said the children were collecting hay in Kurji area of Farah city when the planted Improvised Explosive Device (IED) went off on them on Monday afternoon. Iqbal Bahid added that three kids died on the spot while three others sustained injuries. According to the police spokesperson the bomb was planted by Taliban militants but the group has not yet commented on the report. Farah is among the relatively volatile provinces in western Afghanistan where anti-government armed militants are actively operating in a number of its districts and often carry out insurgency activities. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Although current challenges may go unresolved today, it might seem as if you are on a temporary holiday. It's not that the pressing predicaments have disappeared into thin air; it's just your spirits soar with the Sagittarius Moon, allowing you to fly above the troubles that complicate your life. You're free to dream about visiting your own future, even if it's only a figment of your imagination.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You are inspired by your dreams this week but this doesn't mean that every wish will automatically manifest according to your favorite fantasy. Nevertheless, practical thinking isn't the answer now because your imagination can help you envision what you want. Acknowledging your extreme idealism might not help you reach your goals.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Relationship tensions might be exacerbated by your unrealistic ideas today. Ambitious plans won't necessarily create problems all by themselves; the real difficulty stems from the apparent impossibility of living out your adventures in the real world. Nevertheless, it isn't constructive to needlessly worry about what will happen next. Simply make sure everyone realizes you know the difference between the facts and your fantasies.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Someone turns the passion up enough that you might change your mind today, preventing you from sinking into a deep emotional stew. However, your current discomfort is alleviated when you rise above the drama by refocusing on a project you put aside a few days ago. Remember, you're not escaping from responsibility; the unresolved issues will still be there upon your return.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Gentle breezes blow through the hidden backwaters of your mind. This new awareness stimulates memories of something you really wanted in the past but life required you to put it on the back-burner. The refreshing movement is actually a sign that you're not as trapped as you believed. Although the changes you desire won't happen overnight.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You might feel like you're stuck in an invisible eddy of cosmic energy today, even if others are supporting you. However, the help you currently receive doesn't necessarily improve the circumstances that ultimately need to change. Your closest friends may honestly believe their behavior is nurturing, but they could be exerting too much emotional control. Thankfully, this imbalance won't last long.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You're less self-contained today and you may experience a strong urge to communicate your thoughts and feelings to others. Your current restlessness might get the best of you now, prompting you to take action. Heading out into the real world is a good start; anything that stirs up the energy will also elevate your mental game. Seek out like-minded souls who also want to make positive changes and exchange ideas.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your life is taking on the appearance of a great adventure and although this can be scary territory, it is also exciting to dance with the unknown. Your higher self knows that you are on a path meant for you alone. Meanwhile, the fiery Sagittarius Moon offers you a fresh perspective on all the powerful emotions you've been experiencing lately. Be careful what you wish for today.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Any encouragement received today is good for your mental outlook. Unfortunately, you may not be getting all the rest you need since free-floating anxiety still lingers in the atmosphere. Fortunately, the Moon's current visit to your sign symbolizes emotional rejuvenation, especially if you've recently experienced some turmoil. Accept the fact that there isn't a quick fix to your dilemma.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



A chapter in the book of your life is drawing to a close. However, there are still many elements to be prioritized before launching your next project. Most importantly, give yourself enough time to focus on your closest relationships. Regardless of any current interpersonal struggles you might be embroiled in now, take a few minutes to smell the flowers when you get the chance. Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

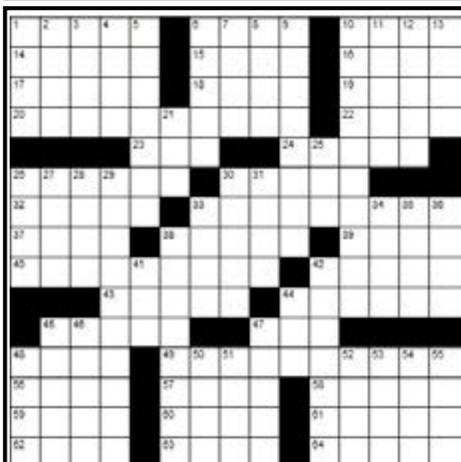


You can't avoid the myriad of things you need to do today, but at least you can see some light at the end of the tunnel. The notion of finally coming out on the other side is thrilling because it seems you've been subterranean long enough. You're more than ready for the fresh air and blue sky, but everyone else's schedules may prevent you from reaching your destination until later in the week.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

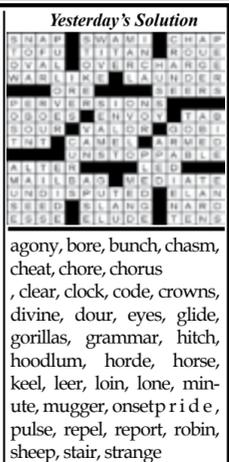


You are acutely aware of the role you are to play today, but you might not be able to deliver on all of your promises. Thankfully, your intentions are honorable and you inspire others with your cheerful willingness to champion nearly any good cause. However, you might inadvertently leave your own needs out of the mix. Taking care of yourself isn't being selfish; attending to your health and wellbeing now enables you to continue helping others.



Across
1. Approves, 6. Sensed, 10. Anagram of "Ties", 14. Hotel employee, 15. Wings, 16. Stepped, 17. Wash out with a solvent, 18. Train track, 19. Learning method, 20. A payment of money, 22. Basic unit of money in China, 23. Unhappy, 24. Truths, 26. Associate, 30. Nothing-but-net sound, 32. Heavenly hunter, 33. Calmness without winds, 37. Breathe hard, 38. Earthquake, 39. Small island, 40. Not here, 42. Building addition, 43. Periods of seven days, 44. Fast, 45. Wear away, 47. Hit on the head, 48. Aspersion, 49. A verbatim performance, 56. Role, 57. French for "State", 58. Audio communications, 59. A D-Day beach, 60. Certain, 61. Make improvements, 62. Depend, 63. Chickadees, 64. Discharges.

Down
1. Not under, 2. Cabbagelike vegetable, 3. Astringent, 4. Abominable Snowman, 5. Type of hat, 6. Unit of capacitance, 7. Distinctive flair, 8. Nonclerical, 9. Television movie, 10. An alkaloid plant toxin, 11. Anagram of "Tutor", 12. Smidgens, 13. Biblical garden, 21. Bar bill, 25. American Sign Language, 26. Expect and wish, 27. By mouth, 28. Containers, 29. Remarkable, 30. Mixes, 31. Sage, 33. Search, 34. Feudal worker, 35. Sleigh, 36. Alluring, 38. Most diaphanous, 41. Married, 42. Garb, 44. Drunkard, 45. Gladden, 46. Not urban, 47. Nibbles, 48. Prod, 50. Decorative case, 51. A heavy open wagon, 52. Docile, 53. Bright thought, 54. Pig sound, 55. Gestures of assent.



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