

# 1 Million Collected in for Avalanche-Hit Families

KHOST CITY /KANDAHAR CITY - Businessmen in southeastern Khost province collected one million afghanis donation for victims of natural disasters across the country, while similar campaign was underway in southern Kandahar province, officials said on Monday.

People of Khost share the tragic moment of Panjsher families and other provinces hit by natural calamity, Governor Abdul Jabbar Naemi said during a prayer ceremony held for those died in avalanche and flash floods.

He said the residents of his province would contribute more to help their brothers and sisters in the calamity-hit areas of the country. Recent avalanches and floods left more than 300 persons dead and 134 wounded with thousands of them homeless.

Separately, condolences were held in Kandahar and people took to the street to collect donations for flood affected people. Ghausuddin Frotan, head of Hindar Cultural Centre, said they have launched a



donation collection campaign since last three days. He said that cash and other stuff that would be collected in the campaign would soon be dispatched to calamity-hit areas. (Pajhwok)

# Snow Keeps Thousands Stuck in Bamyan

BAMYAN CITY - Thousands of people have been trapped in their homes over the past one month by heavy snowfall in Waras district of central Bamyan province, officials said on Monday.

Local officials warned patients in Pachandor and Aspigho areas, 60 kilometers from the district center, could die in their homes if roads were not cleared from snow to shift them to hospital.

The deep snow has blocked all roads leading to the two particularly hard-hit areas, mak-



ing it troublesome for residents to travel. Provincial council member Mohammad Hassan Asadi, also a resident of the district, told Pajhwok Afghan News four health clinics were operational in the two areas, but there were no professional doctor to treat serious patients, who have to be taken to hospital in the district centre. "People face problems when they carry their patients to local clinics," he said, adding that if roads were not re-opened to traffic, it was certain serious patients would lose their lives. (More on P4)...(20)

# Landmine Planter Arrested

SHARAN - A landmine planter has been arrested in Mata Khan District of southeastern Paktika Province. Nisar Ahmad Abdul Rahimzai, acting police chief of Paktika province told Khaama Press on Monday that the Landmine planter was arrested red handed in Mata Khan District.

He said that the Landmine Planter was involved in planting landmines for the past three years who had received training in neighbor-

ing Pakistan. Rahimzai added that the arrested Landmine Planter names Taj Mohammad who is also the resident of Mata Khan District.

In the meantime, while talking to Khaama Press Taj Mohammad accepted that he has been with Taliban for the past three years. He said "I was assigned to track the target people and then received the assignment to plant landmines."

Taj Mohammad added ... (More on P4)...(16)

# 3 More Dead, 15 Hurt in Fresh Avalanches

PARAKH - Three more persons have been died as a result of avalanches in Abshar district of central Panjsher and northern Baghlan provinces, officials said Monday.

Panjsher acting Governor Abdul Rahman Kabiri told Pajhwok Afghan News two persons were died in avalanche in Astana area of the district on Sunday.

He said that 14 other persons including women and children wounded in blizzards Qul Pari and Hail Shafi areas of the



district. The wounded would yet to shift to hospital for treatment as helicopter could not land, he added. "The injured persons can lose their lives if not taken to hospital on time," Kabiri said. The latest casualties took place at a time when a total ... (More on P4)...(17)

# 8 Civilians Killed in Roadside Mine Blasts

JALALABAD - At least eight civilians were killed and three others injured in two separate roadside mine blasts in eastern Nangarhar province on Monday, local officials said.

The first blast took place in Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarhar, early Monday morning when students were walking on a road when a roadside mine detonated, killing two students and injuring another, spokes-



man for the Provincial Police Chief, Hazrat Hussain Mashriqwal, said. He said that the police have started investigations in regards to the blast. So far no one has been arrested in connection ... (More on P4)...(21)

# RAF Nurse Given Medal for Lifesaving Emergency Work in Afghanistan

KABUL - A Royal Air Force nurse has been honoured for her pioneering work in both treatment and training during recent combat operations in Afghanistan. From 2007 to 2013, Squadron Leader Charlie Thompson-Edgar led the Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT), which treated injured troops while they were being transported by helicopter to Camp Bastion in Helmand province.

She received the Associate of the Royal Red

Cross award - Royal Red Cross 2nd Class - at a ceremony at Lancaster House on 25 February.

Sqn Ldr Thompson-Edgar, 40 from Peterborough, is credited with "drastically" changing the MERT team "for the better" during her time in charge. She was credited with showing "tremendous skill and courage" when she managed the first British triple amputee in 2007. "For those guys on the ground that need our ... (More on P4)...(22)

# 1 Rebel Dead, 3 Hurt

MAIMANA / PUL-I-KHUMRI - One militant was killed and three others wounded during two separate security incidents in northwestern Faryab and northern Baghlan provinces, officials said Monday.

Maj. Reza Reza, spokesman of Faryab 209th Shahin Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News that a bomb-maker Mullah Habibullah was seriously wounded when his own explosives when he was making a bomb went-off in a mosque in Almar district last evening. He ... (More on P4)...(23)

# Pakistani Nationals among 113 Detained

KABUL - Police on Monday claimed arresting at least 113 individuals including two Pakistani nationals on different charges in capital Kabul. Brig. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, Kabul police chief, told journalists the persons have been detained in 66 criminal incidents that took place over the past two weeks in and around the capital city. Two individuals, he said have been detained on charges of murder, eight on theft, and two Pakistani nationals on fraud charges, he added.

He went on to say that another 140 had been nabbed on charges of harassment especially women on streets but they were released.

In addition, he said that police had recovered huge arms and ammunition including 57 Kalashnikovs, 57 pistols and 11 other brands of guns from different parts of Kabul. During the course of security check, police seized 51 kilo-gram of hashish, one kg opium and alcohol. (Pajhwok)

# 7 Killed, 4 Injured in Nangarhar Flooding

JALALABAD - Seven people died and hundreds of homes were washed away when flash floods triggered by heavy rains swept through eastern Nangarhar province, the governor's house said on Monday.

Heavy rains lashed all districts of the province since last week, triggering flash floods that left seven people dead, four injured, 1783 homes de-

stroyed and more than 250,000 acres of agriculture land inundated, the governor's office said in a statement.

The statement, citing reports submitted by district chiefs, said Afghan army personnel had been able to reach some areas in-time rescuing marooned families.

Local official said the affected families would be ... (More on P4)...(18)

# Imam Detained on Rape Charge

TALOQAN - Police detained a mosque prayer leader after he was accused of sexually abusing one of his girl students in the Kalafgan district of northern Takhar province, the district chief said on Monday.

Noor Ahmad told Pajhwok Afghan News the 15-year-old girl had fallen pregnant after she was allegedly raped by ... (More on P4)...(19)

## Outlook Horoscope

**Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)**  
You're inspired by your own creativity today, and quite pleased that your projects appear to be moving along on schedule. Even if you bump up against Saturn's immovable wall, you know that the tide has shifted and things are flowing your way now. Although the present moment is always the best time to learn a lesson about life, it's currently more important to seize the day and have some fun.

**Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)**  
There's no fast track to success; nevertheless, you can develop a practice that synchronizes your head and your heart since they are often tugging in different directions. Even if you know exactly what you're feeling now, circumstances might still require you to act in a specific manner. Don't beat yourself up if the most logical solution isn't the ideal one.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
You may hold onto unexpressed ideas that are difficult to bring out into the open. However, you still feel a primal need to take a necessary risk in order to be heard today. Unfortunately, the current circumstances are even more complicated than you prefer to manage at this time. Although you usually enjoy having multiple choices, saying what's on your mind can be the catalyst that brings more simplicity to your life now.

**Cancer (June 21-July 20)**  
Trusting others isn't always the easiest thing to do, but you're willing to open your heart to gain intimacy now. However, you don't want to sacrifice your stability just to feel connected to someone special. Fortunately, you may have a chance to gain financial and emotional security without giving up the priceless intangibles. Make a commitment to honor both your need for safety and your desire for love.

**Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)**  
You are probably sowing your oats now that the provocative Moon is back in your sign for a visit. In fact, you're feeling it all - the good, the bad and the ugly - at a louder volume than usual. It may be challenging to keep your emotions quiet, yet a fortunate outcome is indicated if you honestly share your heart's desires today. Just make sure that communication travels in both directions.

**Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)**  
You are receiving an unexpected burst of energy now, but it's not without some complications. You're eager to take a trip - in the real world or within the realms of your own mind. In either case, you have a multitude of details to attend to and are anxious to get started. But before doing anything else, you must be in the right frame of mind. You can't step into the next adventure until you finish what's already on your plate.

**Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)**  
Your current concerns may stem from your uncertainty about using your recent accomplishments to solidify your position at work. Naturally, you don't want your past efforts to be for naught, yet circumstances are changing swiftly and you must change with them or be left behind. Concentrate on the best parts of your past achievements and consider how to repackage your skills for the future.

**Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)**  
It seems as if everyone is depending on you today, making you eager to deliver on all of your promises. However, your good intentions may fall to the wayside if you believe that someone is taking your contribution for granted. You're not interested in playing hard to get now; you truly want to do your part and more.

**Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)**  
Your much-anticipated travel plans are finally beginning to take shape now. You're at the threshold of a great adventure without knowing any of the details and previous resistance continues to fall away. You receive an extra burst of positivity because there are six planets moving through active fire signs. Fortunately, a lunar trine to realistic Saturn in your sign encourages you to concentrate on one single goal and work to make your dreams come true.

**Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)**  
You are surfing on a creative high, but it's nearly impossible to find a sustainable pace. Luckily, you have the capability and stamina to handle even the most complicated projects now. Although someone else might be pulling the strings today, you still have enough latitude to move as you desire. Just remember that your determination is your greatest ally.

**Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)**  
Sorting out relationship dynamics may take more energy than you have to offer today. Although you set high expectations, you don't seem to get the results you want. Paradoxically, the more you know, the less certain you are about what you want. Step out of the rational world of knowing and into the illogical realm of feelings.

**Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)**  
Trying to distinguish your subjective needs from what makes the most sense can be tricky business. On one hand, you realize there are specific things you want to do today, and you won't be satisfied until you do them. On the other hand, you may lose patience with playing games and could lose a significant opportunity for fulfillment if you're unable to compromise.

**Across**

1. Makes lace, 5. Lose consciousness, 10. Leer at, 14. Alright, 15. French for "Love", 16. Urgent request, 17. Saturate, 18. Circumstances, 20. Expose, 22. Give forth, 23. Assist, 24. Notes, 25. Paving stone, 32. Not late, 33. Lukewarm, 34. European peak, 37. Anagram of "Ties", 38. Agile Old World viverrine, 39. Pearly-shelled mussel, 40. South southeast, 41. Anagram of "Merit", 42. Go in, 43. A debt payment, 45. Patter, 49. An Old Testament king, 50. Managed, 53. Plumed, 57. Disinclined, 59. Cabbagelike vegetable, 60. Modify, 61. Wear away, 62. Test, 63. Colors, 64. Glowing remnant, 65. Eat

**Down**

1. Curdled soybean milk, 2. Analogous, 3. After-bath powder, 4. A unit of spoken language, 5. Veneer, 6. Out of control, 7. Charged particle, 8. Naked, 9. Snip, 10. Express a thought, 11. Dusk, 12. Slowly, in music, 13. Relieves, 19. Domesticated, 21. Greasy, 25. To tax or access, 26. Horse feed, 27. French cheese, 28. Stalks, 29. Basic belief, 30. A drama set to music, 31. Louse-to-be, 34. Initial wager, 35. Mortgage, 36. Harbor, 38. Martini ingredient, 39. Uncovered, 41. Cashboxes, 42. If not, 44. Pantry, 45. Startled, 46. Strike an open palm, 47. An independent film company, 48. Makes changes to, 51. Type of sword, 52. Residence hall, 53. Formally surrender, 54. Cab, 55. Dash, 56. A Greek territorial unit, 58. Weep

**Yesterday's Solution**

among, bless, cleanse, conclude, earth, faith, future, gentle, grace, honor, intellect, limit, listen, mush, natural, order, passage, peace, people, person, possess, purity, purpose, road, smart, snap, spirit, think, today, truth, verse, voice, voyage, world

VERSEPASSAGEZ  
VOYAGEELIMITY  
THINKWORLDAAF  
IXNCLEANSEDRU  
SNAPEOPLEOGKT  
PZTHDTRUTHNLU  
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RERCLPOSSESSE  
IFAPALURFAITH  
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