

Khost Teachers Go on Strike over Land Plots

KHOST CITY - Teachers have closed 219 schools in southeastern Khost province in protest against what they say the government's failure to distribute them land plots. The schools have been shut in Khost City, the capital of southeastern Khost province, and four districts. Numbering around 3,449, the teachers accuse the government of being unable to facilitate them. Raees Hassan, one of the striking teachers, told Pajhwok Afghan News that teachers from Babak, Sabari, Yaqubi, Tirazai, Zazi Maidan and Khost City had gone on strike. He said former president Hamid Karzai through a presidential decree in 2008 had ordered the Ministry of Education to distribute one plot to each deserving teacher. "In the past one decade since then,



the government has been unable to materialize the scheme of providing land plots to teachers. We tried our best to reach our voice to government officials, but nobody heard our problem," he said. Lal Gul, a teacher from Zazi Maidan, said the boycott would continue until their demand was met. "Our schools will remain shut and students would be on vacation until the government hears our voice," he added. Mohammad Akbar Tani, a local education official, said they had tried to get plots for teachers but central authorities turned down their request. He said they had done the job on their part and it was the central government to take further steps. Governor's spokesman Mubarez Zadran ... (More on P4)...(14)

One Civilian Killed in Cross-Durand Line Shelling by Pakistan

KABUL - At least one civilian was killed and two others were wounded as rockets landed in areas along the Durand Line in Nangarhar province on Friday evening, local officials confirmed on Saturday. The rocket shelling by Pakistani military continued for many hours, said Noor Jahan, the Chief of Staff of the first Regiment of Border Police. "Pakistan is training terrorists. Terrorists are living there [in Pakistan]. This is obvious for the entire world. We are not doing this and we are not training terrorists. We defend the country with our ... (More on P4)...(15)

Wolesi Jirga Denounces Pakistan for Border Violation

KABUL - The Wolesi Jirga on Saturday strongly condemned Pakistan border forces' attack on Afghanistan's soil and appreciated the retaliation of Afghan forces. Lower House speaker Abdul Rauf Ibrahim told today's general session that the Afghan forces, especially Kandahar police chief Gen. Abdul Raziq had effectively responded to the Pakistani aggression. He called Gen. Raziq as a brave police officer said Raziq had always defended the country's borders with bravery. Lawmaker Obaidullah Barakzai, while voicing support for the Afghan security forces, said the Wolesi Jirga should appreciate Gen. Raziq for his courage. Local officials said yesterday's clash in... (More on P4)...(16)

Azad Appointed as Deputy Presidential Spokesman

KABUL - Najibullah Azad has been appointed as deputy spokesman for President Ashraf Ghani, the Presidential Palace said a statement on Saturday. Azad was recommended for the post by the High Advisory Office for Public Relations and Strategic Communications of the Presidential Palace, the statement said. It said President Ghani approved the suggestion and appointed Najibullah Azad as his deputy spokesman. Azad, son of Mohammad Karim, was born in February 14, 1984 in southeastern Paktia province. He has master's degrees in administration and management and English literature. Azad has previously worked as political advisor with NATO in Afghanistan and with some other national and international organizations. He can speak Pashto, Dari, English and Urdu languages. Azad received best writer award from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) ... (More on P4)...(22)

Pakistan's Envoy to U.S Meets McMaster, Discusses Afghan Issues



KABUL - Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry met with the U.S National Security Adviser Lt Gen H.R. McMaster on Thursday and discussed peace in Afghanistan and recent border clashes. Chaudhry stressed during the meeting that the benefits of war on terror could only surface after peace returned to Afghanistan, adding that peace in Afghanistan is one of Pakistan's priorities. According to a statement issued by the Pakistani government, Chaudhry met with McMaster on Thursday afternoon at the White House and bilateral relations were discussed in the wake of McMaster's recent visit to Pakistan. "Peace in Afghanistan and broader regional stability also came under discussion," read the statement. Chaudhry reportedly told McMaster: "Peace in Afghanistan was a high priority for Pakistan ... (More on P4)...(19)

Diesel, Flour & Sugar Prices Slightly Jump

KABUL - The prices of diesel, flour and sugar slightly increased and that of gold dipped during the outgoing week in capital Kabul, market sources said on Saturday. Abdul Hadi, a worker at Wazirabad Fuel Station, told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of one litre of diesel increased from 41 afghanis to 42 afghanis while the same amount of petrol stood stable at 44 afghanis. He linked the hike in diesel prices to a decline in imports. Ahmad Javed, a gas seller



in the Sixth Taimani Road area, said the price of a kilogram of gas was 47afs. In food, the prices of only flour and sugar increased. Food Traders' Union head, Fazal Rahman, said that

49 kilograms of Pakistani sugar's rate increased from 2,210afs to 2,220afs and 50 kilograms of Kazakh flour from 1,150afs to 1,180afs. Haji Rahmatullah, a tea dealer ... (More on P4)...(18)

Kabul Hackathon: 35 Youth Exhibit Skills

KABUL - For the first time ever, an American organisation arranged a two-day technology competition in Afghanistan to help local youth hone their skills. The AngelHack Global Hackathon Series in Kabul featured 35 Afghan youth, including university students, one of the organisers said. Behnaz Babazada, head of the AngelHack in Afghanistan, told Pajhwok Afghan News the objective was to help Afghan youths come up with technological innovations to resolve problems in society ... (More on P4)...(17)

Road Construction worth 167 Million Afghanis Kick off in Nangarhar

KABUL - The construction of a work worth 167 million Afghanis was inaugurated by the local officials in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. Provincial governor's spokesman Ataullah Khogyani said the length of the road is around 14 kilometers and will be built in Shergar area of Kama district. He said the road construction in Kama district will be built as part of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development. Khogyani further added that the construction of the project will be completed in around... (More on P4)...(21)

Ghazni Businessmen who Aid Taliban Warned

GHAZNI CITY - The governor has said some businessmen and tribal elders in southern Ghazni province give ushr (a 10 per cent tax on harvests) to the Taliban who use the aid to buy weapons. Abdul Karim Matin alleged, while addressing a gathering here late on Fri-

day night, that there were some people who were with the government at day time but with the rebels at night. He said those who paid ushr and zakat to the Taliban should understand their aid was used to buy landmines and weapons for killing innocent people.

The governor said instead of giving money to Taliban, it should be invested in building hospitals and schools for children. "The Taliban do nothing except conducting destructive activities." In a reference to pro-Taliban individuals, the governor said: ... (More on P4)...(20)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Someone may show up in your life today with an offer that sounds too good to refuse. Fortunately, it's likely the real deal and could open an unexpected doorway into your future. But a touch of caution is advised because inflationary Jupiter is in the picture, tempting you to turn a positive opportunity into a venture so big that it becomes unrealistic.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Although you might try to fit more into your day than is possible, you're eager to do as much as you can. Thankfully, your stamina is high; starting on your chores in the morning won't tire you out since action-hero Mars and confident Jupiter are working on your behalf today. Although sheer determination counts for a lot, you must remember that you're a human with human limitations.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You're full of good ideas today, but it's not healthy to believe everything you think. Positive energy flows into your life as long as you're having fun while the Moon dances with buoyant Jupiter in your 5th House of Spontaneity. Just remember that your current creativity is not limited to what you say or write. The lunar connection with physical Mars in your 1st House of Self is a reminder that you must put your best thoughts into action.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Pinning down the details on an upcoming adventure may be nearly impossible now. You might be feeling pressure to make a decision about an important project, but it's wiser to let the current events unfold further before committing to anything major. Thankfully, things should fall into place over the next few days whether or not you worry about them today.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You have people you want to see and places you want to go today. Luckily, you should be able to accomplish these goals by giving yourself the day off. However, an over-indulgent Moon-Jupiter conjunction in your 3rd House of Distractions could trick you into believing you can fit three days of social activity into one.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You have an opportunity to stand back from the noise of your everyday life and take stock of your current position. Although there's no need to put your thoughts into immediate action now, your logic is clear and your conclusions are sound. The Moon in your 2nd House of Money connects with visionary Jupiter and assertive Mars, motivating you to set ambitious career goals.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your friends see you in the most positive light now. It's as if you can do no wrong while the nurturing Moon hooks up with jovial Jupiter in your accommodating sign. Take advantage of your luck today, for the cosmos is gracing you with a chance to improve your life. But be aware of the shadows that exist even in the illuminating light of positive thinking.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your sign is the champion of secrets because your emotions are so intense that others shy away from your extreme honesty. Although you keep your passions to a low simmer when required, you might let them all hang out today. An expansive Moon-Jupiter conjunction floods your 12th House of Fantasy, but its smooth connection with spontaneous Mars gives you a natural path to express your feelings.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You can blame your social indulgences on your friends today, but the truth is you were ready to say yes even before you were invited. Fortunately, you're able to carve out enough spare time now to join others on a group activity that could require a certain level of commitment. Even if you're doing something as simple as going for a walk, you're either all in or not at all.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Sometimes your reputation as the serious one gets in the way of having fun. Happily, you're ready for some guilt-free downtime today and others may end up following you on a scenic route to Playland. But your organizational tendencies aren't lost; you're the one who can pull all the pieces together and coordinate the frivolities.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

The distant horizon seems closer than ever today and you can almost touch it. Your dreams, too, feel within reach, whether or not they are grounded enough to ever come true. This is a magical yet precarious moment because you're able to establish goals that inspire you and those around you. However, you might aim at a destination that is so unrealistic, you can't help but be disappointed down the road.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your subconscious is working overtime today and is the source of rich treasures. It's also a depository of flashing lights and trivial trinkets. Unfortunately, discerning the ideas that are powerful enough to change your life from those that have no redeeming value can be a challenging task now. Rather than trying to force a decision each time you experience a creative rush, just let the images stream at their own rate without your logical interference.

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- Old stories, 23. Bristle, 24. Turns away, 26. Aquatic plant, 30. Type of dog, 31. Lenient, 32. A cleansing agent, 33. Poems, 35. Greek letter, 39. Feel, 41. Supercilium, 43. Entangle, 44. Certain, 46. Tardy, 47. Consume, 49. Zero, 50. Visual organs, 51. Food merchant, 54. Policemen, 56. Hubs, 57. Depict, 63. Bright thought, 64. Desserts, 65. Speedy
- Nipple, 67. Egg-shaped, 68. Anoint (archaic), 69. Area, 70. Declare untrue, 71. Broaden,

Down

- Diva's solo, 2. After-bath powder, 3. Ear-related, 4. Teller of untruths, 5. Deposits of ore, . Abilities, 7. Hauling, 8. Type of sword, 9. Complex in design, 10. Rigid, 11. Painful grief, 12. Blatant, 13. Loads, 21. Storehouse, 25. Flower holder, 26. Vipers, 27. Give temporarily, 28. Big party, 29. Be grateful for, 34. Earnestly, 36. A neutral color, 37. Bit of dust, 38. Amazes, 40. Wings, 42. Yaps, 45. Impure, 48. A three-legged rack, 51. Tasteless showiness, 52. Cowboy sport, 53. Sea, 55. Chaff, 58. Not pre-recorded, 59. Hindu princess, 60. Copied, 61. Scrabble piece, 62. Biblical garden,

Yesterday's Solution

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