

Road Crash Inferno Leaves at Least 73 Dead

KABUL - At least 73 people were killed Sunday when two passenger buses and an oil tanker burst into flames in a head-on collision in eastern Afghanistan, health officials said, in one of the worst road accidents in the war-battered nation. Many of the dead, including women and children, were burned beyond recognition and dozens of others were left badly injured in the accident in Ghazni province, near the Afghan capital, one of the areas worst affected by the Taliban insur-



gency. The vehicles were completely gutted and clouds of acrid smoke shrouded the scene of the crash on the Kabul-Kandahar highway, a major roadway linking Afghanistan's two largest cities. "The death toll has soared to 73," ministry spokesman Ismail Kawoosi told AFP, warning that the toll was expected to rise still further. "Most of them are completely burned." Kawoosi gave a sharply higher toll than other officials. Ghazni's... (More on P4)... (15)

55-Year-Old Woman Gunned Down in Herat

HERAT CITY - Unidentified gunmen shot dead a woman in the capital of western Herat province on Sunday, an official said. Police spokesman Abdul Rauf Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News masked gunmen on motorcycles killed the 55-year-old woman when she was leaving a vehicle in the fourth municipal district of Herat City. The cause of the incident was not yet known, however, police have opened an investigation to arrest the killers. Abdul Rahman Jami, spokesman for the zonal hospital, identified the

slain woman as Sakina whose body had been brought to the hospital. Resident Aziz Ahmad expressed concern over the growing number of targeted attacks. He said unknown gunmen shot dead an Iranian national in Park-e-Taraq locality on Friday. The Herat local people association warned if security forces could not stop terrorists, people themselves would take action against them. According to a statement from the association, more than 10 persons have been killed in the past two weeks. (Pajhwok)

Afghan Millat Party Welcomes Govt-HIA Talks

KABUL -The Afghan Millat political party, led by Abdul Qayum Arif, on Sunday welcomed peace talks between the government and the Gulbadin-Hekmatyar-led Hezb-Islami Afghanistan. The government-HIA talks have been ongoing over the past few weeks in Kabul and it is said Hikmatyar would come soon to Kabul for signing a peace agreement with the government. A statement from the Millat party said it had helped and supported efforts at bringing peace and stability to Afghanistan. The party welcomed the HIA



for joining the peace process. It said the HIA's earlier role in politics and war was well-known, but it had been recently kept away from politics and its reconciliation would leave positive impact on peace in Afghanistan, the statement added. President Ghani was committed to giving process a priority and no party would be deprived of their political right, it added. The Millat party offered efforts at encouraging other insurgent groups to reconcile and compete in a democratic way. (Pajhwok)

5 Development Projects Completed in Nimroz Province

NIMROZ - National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD/NSP) on Sunday said that 5 development projects at the cost of Afn 2,552,000 completed in the districts of Dilaram, Kang and Char Burjak of Nimroz province. According to NSP Provincial Manager in Nimroz province, these projects comprise the construction of Community Center, culverts, Retaining wall and Hand Pumps. Approximately, 319 families in different communities had an opportunity to gain access to basic hu-



man needs upon completion of these projects. Since its inception in Nimroz province, the NSP has been able to execute 862 infrastructure projects disbursing Afn 393488152 in different sectors including transport, water and sanitation, irrigation, power, livelihoods, education, etc. while the work of hundreds of others is currently in progress. (PR)

Detained Bomber Speaks about Brainwashing Techniques

KABUL - A would-be suicide bomber who was detained the Afghan security forces has spoken regarding the training camps in Miramshah, the administrative headquarters of North Waziristan. Identified as Nematullah, the would be bomber was trained in the training camps in Miramshah and was assigned to attack the district administrative headquarters of Tagab in Kapisa. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said the suspect was identified and was arrested by the intelligence operatives before

he manage to carry out the attack. Nematullah has confessed that he was recruited by a Taliban commander Mawlawi A-taullah and was sent to Miramshah for training. According to Nematullah, the trainers were adding medicines to their tea every morning in a bid to help wash their brains and prepare them for the attack. He said the trainees were forgetting everything by having the medicine and were concentrating on terrorist activities which... (More on P4)... (16)

Two NATO Soldiers Killed in Kandahar

KANDAHAR - Two NATO soldiers, of Romanian nationality, have been killed in southern Kandahar province and a third wounded when two attackers wearing Afghan security forces uniforms opened fire on them, Romanian Defense Ministry confirmed in a statement. The statement said that those killed were members of the Romanian special forces and the troops were shot while training police in Kandahar city on Saturday. The attackers were killed after carrying out their attack, a NATO statement said, and an investigation is underway. One Afghan... (More on P4)... (17)

Another 15 Afghans Killed in Syria Conflict

KABUL - Fifteen Afghans were among 35 fighters killed in fresh clashes between Syrian President Bashar al-Assad forces and militants in Halab city of Syria, the Voice of America (VoA) reports. Some Afghans have been fighting alongside Assad military against groups seeking his ouster. Iran has been recruiting men from Afghan refugee families and sending them to Syria to bolster Assad. Tehran has reportedly sent military advisors to Syria and is recruit-



ing militias from within Iran and Afghanistan to fight alongside the Syrian army. According to VoA, JaishulFatha and Jabha-i-Anasar fighters launched coordinated attacks on pro-Assad forces in Khan Tuman locality, in which 15 Afghans, 20 Iranians, including 13 military advisors and some members of the Lebanon-based... (More on P4)... (18)



An Afghan policeman searches a passenger during a military operation in Ghazni province. Some 40 Taliban militants were killed and 20 others injured during the cleanup operation in Ghazni province since early Friday, Mohammad Hanif Rezaiey, a spokesman of Afghan army in Ghazni said. (Xinhua/Sayed Mominzadah)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Your spontaneity can work against you when you rush off to the next activity before you finish the current one. Fortunately, you understand the advantage of moving methodically today and you're able to see a task through to the end. Nevertheless, your restlessness is still a problem if the pace falls behind your expectations.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You're in touch with the strength of your own convictions today and are positive you can handle anything that might test your resolve. But feeling confident isn't enough to guarantee your success; you must be willing to reconsider your basic assumptions even if it means going back to the drawing board. Restarting a project now allows you to build a more solid foundation.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You might believe that it's more efficient to limit interpersonal communication to the safe realms of rational thinking while steering clear of illogical emotions. However, it's difficult to hide your feelings now that the moody Moon is back in your sign. But taking an objective approach won't enable you to cleverly charm your way around the hot spots in your path. Slow down and review a full range of alternative strategies before choosing a course of action.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You are silly one moment yet serious the next as you remember some of the profound emotional transitions you've experienced over the last few years. You're finally ready to move on, but still may be overly sensitive to your past if there are leftover feelings weighing heavily on your heart. Revisiting childhood memories unlocks the key to resolving an old issue.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Interpersonal interactions could run into a few unexpected snags today. A recent disappointment might seem like a big deal, but Mercury retrograde in your 10th House of Public Life tells a slightly different story. You are being given time to review the details that led to the present predicament and to examine how the blockages are symbolic of your own feelings now.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You possess an unrelenting desire to make deeply-rooted changes in your life now. However, your current interest has little to do with your regular daily routine. Instead, you are passionate about redirecting your entire trajectory, including transforming your It seems as if the public spotlight has found you now, but you might prefer to hide from view, anyhow. You're more likely to withdraw socially in order to manage your new responsibilities.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You take your philosophy of life quite seriously now and may need to make choices that put you in an emotionally vulnerable position. Although there are many beautiful people in your life, you might wish that they would join you on your spiritual quest. However, there's nothing wrong with having lots of acquaintances as long as you don't let your fears stand in the way of transforming a casual relationship.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You don't know whether to tell someone how you feel or let your concerns pass without saying anything at all. It's useful to examine what your past patterns have to do with your current eagerness to help others -- even if they haven't asked for it. Compassion is a lovely gift, but codependency is not a viable path to happiness. Your job isn't to fix anyone else.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Stand up and spread your wings; it's time to claim your power. However, if you find yourself entangled in an unexpected struggle for control now, step back and take responsibility only for what is yours. You don't have to win an argument today because the price can be too great. Turn a challenge into an opportunity to learn something about yourself as you handle the resistance with courage and grace.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

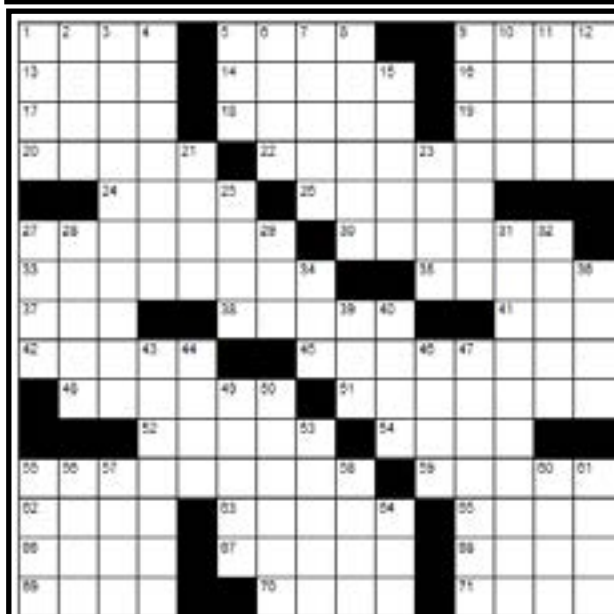
The weekend brings relaxation for many people, but not so much for you ambitious Goats. You are buzzing like a worker bee with the Moon's presence in your 6th House of Service. There are just too many separate things that demand your attention around the hive today. It might even feel like a day of judgment and, of course, you want it called in your favor. Apply yourself diligently but avoid self-criticism.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

It might appear as if your relationship life is improving, but you're still fearful of losing control and crashing into a wall. Try not to doubt your ability to succeed if you must clean up a mess that originated from a simple miscommunication. An unnecessary conflict with a loved one can gobble up valuable time if you take it as a sign of defeat.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

This weekend is optimal for cooling off your emotions and reevaluating what you want from your closest relationships. You may be more analytical than usual now and less emotionally attached to the outcome. It's not that you are ready to throw in the towel; it's just that you're able to see the futility of trying to change someone else's feelings. The only thing you can control is the honesty of your own response which, hopefully,



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Yesterday's Solution



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