



389 Registered Afghan Families Repatriated to Afghanistan: UNHCR

ISLAMABAD - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has voluntary repatriated 389 registered Afghan families comprising 1,528 individuals to Afghanistan from Pakistan after the winter break, resumed in March 1.

According to the UNHCR report issued here on Tuesday, the voluntary repatriation operation had been suspended for the winter period from December 1, 2018 until February 28, this year.

Out of the 1,528 refugees, 1,485 were entitled for cash assistance as remaining 43 had received assistance in the past.

Returnees received a cash grant of around US\$200 per individual upon arrival at one of the three UNHCR encashment centers in Afghanistan.

The UNHCR facilitated repatriation from the voluntary repatriation centers at Azakhel, Nowshera in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Baleli, Quetta in Balochistan.

The UNHCR had been operating two voluntary repatriation centers (VRCs) in Quetta, and Nowshera, for refugees wishing to repatriate to Afghanistan.

Families who wanted to repatriate were de-registered, presented their identity card and Proof of Registration (PoR) at the VRCs that was cut in the corner as proof.

Pakistan continues to host 1.4 million registered Afghan refugees who are holding (PoR) cards. Around 4.4 million Afghan refugees had returned to Afghanistan under the UNHCR-facilitated voluntary repatriation program since 2002. (Monitoring Desk)

Afghanistan, GIBF Sign MoU of Business Cooperation



KABUL - Afghanistan's Consul General Naseem Sharifi and Commercial Attaché Abdul Nafi Sarwari have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of cooperation with Global India Business Forum in Mumbai, an official said on Monday.

Global India Business Forum (GIBF) is a well-known business forum in India that brings together business professionals to

utilize the business opportunities in various segments.

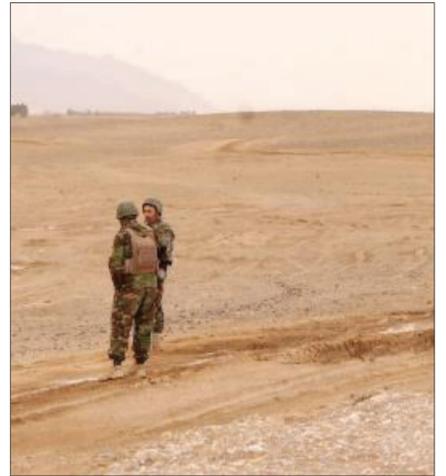
The purpose of this MoU to improve cooperation of Afghanistan's Commercial Attaché office in marketing of Afghan exports, displaying the investment opportunities in Afghanistan, Sarwari told Pajhwok Afghan News.

In addition, The forum organizes B2B events between Afghan & Indian traders, organize trade show,

publish reports on investment opportunities in Afghanistan, facilitate Afghan traders' participation in GIBF trade shows and sharing the business opportunities with Afghan traders, he said.

According to this MoU, Afghan traders are able to do marketing for their products using GIBF business magazine for free. The GIBF magazine is distributed to 25 thousand register companies per quarter. (Pajhwok)

16 Militants Killed in Farah Operation: Officials



KABUL - Officials said that dozens of Taliban militants attacked security check posts in Farah but their attack was pushed back.

At least sixteen Taliban militants were killed in an operation carried out by Afghan forces in Farah province, local officials said on Tuesday.

According to the officials, the operation was conducted in Posht Road district in Farah.

At least 21 other Taliban militants were wounded in the operation, said Hashmatullah Ahmad, an Army in Farah.

He said that dozens of Taliban attacked security check posts in the district but their attack was pushed back.

Ahmad said that two mines were defused in the area.

One soldier killed and two other soldiers were wounded in the operation, he said.

Taliban has rejected the claims. (Tolo news)

Over 40 Convicted on Drug Smuggling Charges



KABUL - Primary and appellant courts have sentenced 42 individuals to jail on drug smuggling charges.

The Counter-Narcotic Justice Centre (CNGC), said the accused were handed down different jail terms last week in 34 drug smuggling cases.

A statement from CNGC said detective organs had detained the suspects with 30

kilograms of heroin, 28 kg of morphine, more than 156 kg of opium, over 8,030 kg of hashish, 76 kg of Amphetamine, 8,240 litres of liquid chemicals and 96 kg of solid chemicals. The statement said one of the detainees had skillfully hidden heroin in bags and wanted to smuggle it to India. But he was arrested at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul. (Pajhwok)

Triple Blasts in Afghanistan's Jalalabad Kill at Least Three



KABUL - Three explosions rocked the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad on Monday killing at least three people and injuring 20, a provincial official said. Attaullah Khogyani, a spokesman for the provincial governor, said the blasts were caused by explosives placed in the crowded market square and several injured people were rushed to hospital. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Jalalabad is the capital of Nangarhar

province, which is on the border with Pakistan. It has become the main stronghold in Afghanistan of Islamic State, which has grown into one of Afghanistan's most dangerous militant groups since it appeared around the beginning of 2015. Fighting between the Taliban and Islamic State fighters, and between the Taliban and Afghan forces has intensified in recent weeks amid peace talks to end the war in Afghanistan. (Reuters)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



- If you're concerned about the love that certain close people have for you, you shouldn't try to compensate by being clingy or overly affectionate. This period is about keeping your distance and putting your relationships into perspective to see what they're really worth to you, Aries. Someone may ask you for an even stronger commitment over the next few months.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



This isn't the time to make any more of a commitment to your relationship, Taurus. You aren't satisfied with your attitude toward things lately. Don't forget that your partner's characteristics may have something to do with it! You have two months to take care of things. Take advantage of this reevaluation period. It doesn't happen that often.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Today you might want to think about getting things straight with the people close to you. It's possible you haven't dealt with any problems you had in your relationships last month, Gemini. It's time to look at things again. You may have hidden certain things from yourself. You need to be much more honest about what you want in your personal life.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You may be asking certain questions about your feelings, Cancer. Do you know about the trap that many people get caught up in - feeling so close to their partners that they often forget themselves? Sometimes it's easy to confuse your feelings with this kind of self-denial. Today you need to think about how this affects your life.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Nothing can hold back your flame for long, Leo. You have a hard time resting your body and recharging your batteries. At the moment, you're probably still going through a deep transformation that won't allow you to slow down. Take the time to meditate and get in touch with your feelings. What is it you really want out of life?

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You can be known for needing a lot of love, but you will never admit that to yourself, much less anyone else. Sometimes it seems as if you like feeling emotionally frustrated. Today is the perfect day to meditate about whether or not this is true of you. Do you talk to other people about your emotional needs?

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You probably aren't worried about being conventional in your relationships, Libra. In fact, conventionality is often what causes you problems. If you're wondering what morality is and what it's based on, this is a good day to think about these questions.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You may not be very precise. Your motto seems to be "everything is relative." However, paying attention to details doesn't necessarily mean that you lose sight of the fundamentals. Your friends could tell you that. If you're an artist, you might make an effort today to be clearer in your expression and a little more down to Earth.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



This isn't a good time to make any big relationship decisions. If you're thinking about starting a relationship, moving in together, or getting married, you may feel a bit troubled by your decision, Sagittarius. Take advantage of the day to reevaluate things objectively. There may be some issues to resolve before you go any further.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



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Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

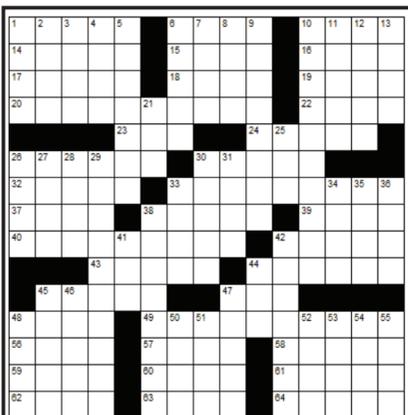


You may be looking for some new values in your personal life, Aquarius. You're no longer interested in superficial or frivolous relationships. You need to meet different kinds of people and select friends who are really worth keeping. Don't worry if you feel like taking a step back to get some perspective, because this is the time to do it. Relationships are too important to neglect.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You may want to take a little trip into your past to visit some old friends, Pisces. You could find yourself day-dreaming through your good and bad memories. This is an excellent period to break with some of the more negative ties to your past. If your partner is a little worried about you going back in time at the moment, reassure him or her.



Across

- Clobbered, 6. Blackthorn, 10. Engineering school, 14. Terror, 15. Smut, 16. River of Spain
- First Hebrew letter, 18. Cards with 1 symbol, 19. Drudgery, 20. Discard, 22. Implored
- Flee, 24. First, 26. A mastiff, 30. Uproar, 32. Large body of water, 33. Expectation, 37. Not us, 38. Gambas, 39. A noble gas, 40. They seek pleasure, 42. Performed, 43. Fidgety, 44. Fears, 45. Raw fish wrapped in seaweed, 47. Small portable bed, 48. A few, 49. Characterized by habitual skepticism, 56. Salute, 57. Frozen, 58. Expensive fur, 59. Iridescent gem, 60. Tall woody plant, 61. Assumed name, 62. Dam, 63. Laughs (slang), 64. Homes for birds

Down

- WW1 plane, 2. Anagram of "Mail", 3. 1 1 1 1, 4. Rewards for waiting, 5. Troop formation
- Muscle contraction, 7. Hubs, 8. Chocolate cookie, 9. Entraps, 10. Sobriety, 11. African virus
- Wept, 13. Grasp, 21. Henpeck, 25. Not cold, 26. The two together, 27. Pang, 28. Require
- Damsel, 30. Soccer or rugby (slang), 31. Website addresses, 33. Cod or halibut, 34. Bristle
- Pigeon, 36. Terminates, 38. Neighborhood, 41. Greatest possible, 42. Craftsperson, 44. Point, 45. Frothy, 46. Inuit boat, 47. Certain European shrubs, 48. Not barefoot, 50. Beige
- Eccentric person, 52. Sheltered spot, 53. Nile bird, 54. Thin strip, 55. Untidiness,

Yesterday's Solution



- advance, allege, award borrow, canoe, chalk college conduct, copecream, delay, depth freedom notice, patent patriot, plaque, playground, postpone, purse, rogue, rose, search, severe, steel,

