

Closure of 5 More Schools Sparks Concerns in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - Local education officials say five more schools have recently been closed in southern Kandahar province due to a shortage of students and teachers. In total, 139 schools have been closed in the province because of insecurity and other problems. One school is closed in Zherai, two in Panjwai and two in Shah Wali Kot district. "Unfortunately, we confirm the department has closed some schools but we are struggling to reopen them," Education Department spokesman Nazar Mohammad Samimi told Pajhwok Afghan News. The five schools in Zherai, Panjwai



and Shah Wali Kot were shut owing to a limited number of students, he said, adding a shortage of teachers was another problem. Most teachers were not interested in serving in remote areas for security reasons, he added. Samimi regretted some families in Kandahar still did not send their children to school. Instead the children are sent to work on farms or graze domestic animals. However, the education department has opened local classes to enable such children to continue their education. Besides Kandahar City, local classes have been launched in several districts ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Nine Insurgents Killed in Kunar Airstrikes

ASADABAD - At least nine insurgents were killed in a foreign troop's airstrikes in eastern Kunar province, local official said on Monday. The airstrike took place in Dangam and Ghaziabad districts of the province in which a number of weapons of the insurgents were also destroyed, a spokesman for the Provincial Governor, Abdul Ghani Musamim said. There are no civilian casualties in the airstrike, he said. However, he did not provide more details about the airstrikes. Recently, the foreign troops have increased their airstrike in the country specially in eastern parts of Afghanistan to target the Daesh insurgents. *(Tolonews)*

19 Held Captive by Daesh Freed in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - At least 19 civilians who were held captive by Daesh militants in Pachir Aw Agam district in Nangarhar were freed in a military operation carried out by Afghan forces, the Ministry of Interior said in a statement on Monday. The military operation was launched to clear the district of insurgents and it is still ongoing, the statement added. According to the statement, nearly 11 Daesh insurgents were killed in an airstrike in Achin district in the province on Sunday. A number of weapons related to the militants were destroyed in the airstrike, the statement said. The statement did not provide more details about the operation and the airstrike. *(Tolonews)*

Sharbat Gula to be Bailed out Today: Zakhilwal

KABUL - Sharbat Gula, an Afghan woman who has been arrested by Pakistani authorities over alleged forgery of identity card, is set to be bailed out on Tuesday, Afghanistan Ambassador to Pakistan said on Monday. Sharbat Gula was arrested a few days back by Pakistani police. Accusing her of fraud, the Pakistani police said she kept identity cards of both Afghanistan and Pakistan. Her two sons have also been detained over making fake ID cards.

She has been charged with fraudulently acquiring Pakistani identity papers in an attempt to dodge deportation to her homeland. She is set to appear before a judge on November 1. The Afghan woman with arresting blue eyes was photographed at the age of 12 by Steve McCurry at the Nasir Bagh refugee camp situated on the edge of Peshawar in 1984. She gained worldwide recognition when her photo featured on the cover of the June 1985 issue of American National Geographic Magazine. Hazrat Omar Zakhilwal wrote on his Facebook wall that his subordinates met Sharbat Gula on Monday. "The talented team I have tasked with releasing of Sharbat Gula has met with Gula. ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



Senior Maiwand Corps Official Killed or Wounded

LASHKARGAH - A senior army official has either been killed or wounded during a clash with Taliban militants in southern Helmand province, some security sources said on Monday. The 215th Maiwand Military Corps 3rd Brigade's 5th Battalion chief of staff, Anwarul Haq, in Helmand was 'killed' on Sunday night in Bolan area during a clash between Taliban and security forces, an official of the corps confided to Pajhwok Afghan News. But the corps' spokesman, Lt. Col. Mohammad Rasool Zazai, said Anwarul Haq had been wounded in the clash. "A landmine exploded during the clash injuring Anwarul Haq who is under currently treatment." On the other hand, an official at the Emergency-run hospital in Lashkargah, the provincial capital, said no one by the name of Anwarul Haq had been delivered to the hospital. Meanwhile, Helmand Governor's spokesman Umar Zwak confirmed the yesterday ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

9 Dead, 19 Wounded in Herat Traffic Accidents

HERAT CITY - Nine people have been killed and 19 others wounded in separate traffic accidents in western Herat province, an official said on Monday. Jilani Farhad, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News a passenger bus - on its way to Adarskan district - skidded off the road and overturned. Women and children were among casualties. He said the victims from a family were nomads. The injured were evacuated to the zonal hospital are said ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

5 Parwan Prisoners Go on Hunger Strike

CHARIKAR - Five prisoners have been denying food at the central jail in central Parwan province in protest against no progress in their cases, an official said on Monday. Atta Mohammad Paikar, the prison in-charge, said: "We have many times informed the court about cases of the five prisoners who now have gone on hunger strike to make their voices heard, but no decision is taken about their future." But Parwan attorneys re-



jected the claims of the striking prisoners. Attorney General Abdul Rahim Rasouli rejected allegations of bribery, saying cases of all prisoners were being investigated without any delay. Mohammad Tahir, one of the five prisoners, said cases of tens of prisoners ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

5 Killed, 5 Injured As Suicide Bombing Rocks Jalalabad City

JALALABAD - A suicide attack rattled eastern Jalalabad city, the capital of Nangarhar province, 120 km east of Kabul on Monday, killing five persons and injuring five others, spokesman for provincial government Attallah Khogiani said. "The deadly attack took place in Khalis township, a residential area where a meeting of elders was underway at 01:30 p.m. local time, leaving five people in-

cluding four civilians and the attacker dead and injuring five more civilians," Khogiani told reporters here. Without providing more details, the official added that investigation has been initiated into the incident. Meantime, an official on the condition of anonymity said that the attack had claimed 12 lives and injured few others. No group or individuals have claimed of responsibility for the deadly attack. *(Xinhua)*

Efforts on to Reduce Traffic Snarls in Jalalabad

JALALABAD - Unnecessary taxi stands, handcarts on roads, increasing number of vehicles and limited traffic department staff members are reasons behind unruly traffic in the capital of eastern Nangarhar province. Sayed Hamidullah Sadat, the provincial traffic department head, told Pajhwok Afghan News in an exclusive interview that the increasing number of automobiles in Jalalabad city caused road jams



"I placed barriers at squares to better manage traffic, but handcarts on roads is now another problem," he said. To a question, Sadat said unnecessary car stands, handcarts on roads, large number of cars and a shortage of traffic department staff contributed to traffic ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You can conjure up a fantastic future by using creative visualization today. In fact, your thoughts possess the power to positively influence current events as long as you stay acutely aware of the difference between fantasy and reality. Grounding your hopes in truth anchors them to the present moment. Planting practical seeds in the fertile soil of your imagination is an act of magic.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Someone may deceive you today, but on closer analysis you realize it was your own desire for a happy outcome that led you astray. You hear what you want to believe, causing you to misunderstand a straightforward message. Thankfully, accepting the truth quickly minimizes the potential damage. Make whatever modifications are required before your assumptions pull you too far off track.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Balancing your playful approach to life with more serious concerns at work can be quite stressful today. Perhaps your desire to deepen a professional partnership creates an awkward situation if the other person is less committed than you. Or, maybe your fear of getting in over your head in an intimate relationship adds to your anxiety. In either case, acknowledge the undeniable facts by engaging in an honest dialogue.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Although you may take yourself pretty seriously, your role at work is multidimensional today. Naturally, demonstrating your responsible nature is beneficial for your reputation, but the interpersonal dynamics are in flux. Meeting your obligations is your first call of duty yet being a good employee or boss doesn't preclude having a little fun, too.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Your work schedule is overbooked with so many things to do that you don't have much time to pursue more creative endeavors. You might need to temporarily resign yourself to curtailing your activities, even if it means keeping to yourself today. Thankfully, your fantasies offer you a pleasant escape route even if they're not the same as reality.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You might encounter a situation that makes you doubt your own logic today. Since you favor an analytical approach when it comes to forming your conclusions, it may surprise you that you are placing so much emphasis on your intuition now. Unfortunately, validating a gut feeling can be tricky, causing you to question your own assumptions. Listen to your inner voice for guidance but weigh and balance the bottom line against the known facts for the best results.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Although you may believe your life trajectory is right on target, you're also aware that you're not as certain about your core values as you once thought. You might try to justify old beliefs that no longer serve you, but you could miss an unexpected opportunity today if you're stuck in the past. Don't look back; start writing the next chapter of your life by honoring your dreams and progressing toward them page by page.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



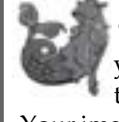
You're inclined to keep silent today if someone complains about the volatile financial climate or political issues beyond their control. However, your reticence to engage in a discussion about social matters is not a reflection of your lack of interest. Rather, you're so deeply concerned that you attempt to avoid the subject because it gets your blood boiling.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



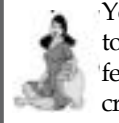
Juggling other people's expectations with your need for meaning can be an impossible feat today. It feels like a familiar old story when your friends assume something's wrong because you don't want to join in the fun. But you're not interested in arbitrarily shifting into party mode just to satisfy someone else's wishes. Nevertheless, if you believe a social engagement will provide an opportunity to establish a meaningful connection.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



The future is looking brighter day by day, yet you're still unable to jump into the next big thing until you've wrapped up old business. Your imagination is working overtime, but it could be more of a hindrance now than a source of inspiration. Contributing to a complex project behind the scenes may be your most strategic move because it sets the stage for your transition into something new.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You are still drifting in and out of your fantasies today, but at least you can now discern the difference between your unrealistic wishes and concrete realities. Your current gift is your ability to paint in the specific details of your future in your favorite colors, without confusing your dreams with the mundane issues on your plate. Nevertheless, you're the artist and only you can decide what to create.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar.20)



Your experiences are tinted by your desires today, substantially altering your perceptions. Unfortunately, you may be unable to see your world in a clear light. Instead, you can easily confuse your own thoughts and feelings with objective reality. Nevertheless, your daydreams are rich with signs and symbols about your future, so don't discount your psychic visions prematurely.

Across

1. Cumberbund, 5. Delicacy, 10. 2 2 2 2, 14. Microwave (slang), 15. Bearing great weight, 16. Sea eagle, 17. Murre, 18. Kirk's starship, 20. An adhesive bandage, 22. Carouse, 23. Autonomic nervous system, 24. Homes for birds, 25. Resultant, 32. Hello or goodbye, 33. Deposits of ore, 34. A high alpine meadow, 37. A Greek territorial unit, 38. Creepy, 39. Boyfriend, 40. Dawn goddess, 41. Drench, 42. A right, 43. Blitheness, 45. Bastes, 49. Female chicken, 50. Lewd, 53. Colonist, 57. Indecisive, 59. Assistant, 60. Spring, 61. Plateaux 62. Frosts, 63. Clove hitch or figure eight, 64. Manicurist's board, 65. Gave temporarily.

Down

1. Give the cold shoulder, 2. Emanation, 3. An outer surface, 4. Pain in the head, 5. Religious belief, 6. Cleave, 7. Consume, 8. Affirm, 9. Apprentice, 10. Brusque, 11. Formal orders, 12. Beginning, 13. Clairvoyants, 19. Half-quarts, 21. Dwarf buffalo, 25. An abandoned calf, 26. Margarine, 27. French for "Names", 28. Blockage of the intestine, 29. Body, 30. French farewell, 31. Born as, 34. Epoch, 35. Nonclerical, 36. Speechless, 38. Many millennia, 39. The European redstart, 41. Platters, 42. Weight loss plan, 44. Chintzy, 45. Deception, 46. Moses' brother, 47. Oddity, 48. Genuflected, 51. "Where the heart is", 52. Anagram of "Lyme", 53. Sun, 54. Bloodsucking insects, 55. Biblical garden.

Yesterday's Solution



aeon, alien, apples, bats, bears, bodies, bred can dy, capes, cemetery, children, cobwebs, dire, dive, eerie, fairy, ghost, happiness, masks, mire, morbid, night, rack, rite, scary, seep, side, special, spooky, stud, superheroes, tale, teal, tiara, toddlers, tombstone, treat.

