

Afghans Arriving in Germany May Find the Welcome is Wearing Thin

BERLIN - A growing sense that Afghanistan is slipping into greater chaos and will not stabilize anytime soon is driving rising numbers of Afghans to flee for Europe, hopeful that they will enjoy the same welcome given to Syrians and Iraqis seeking safety from war and terror. Aided by smugglers, and worried that borders would soon close along the migrant trail through the Balkans, about 64,000 Afghans were registered entering Greece in October, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refu-



gees, second only to Syrians and more than double the 27,500 who were registered the month before. On a recent morning on the Greek island of Lesbos, a black rubber dinghy slid gently onto shore in the first light, and Hadi Atti, 17, a baby-faced high school student from a village outside Kabul, the Afghan capital, shouted, "We are here, we are here!" Mr. Atti said the crossing from Turkey was smooth but very cold. "But we made it, and now we can continue on," he said. In a thermal blanket, an Afghan refugee cried as... (More on P4)...(15)

Mullah Rasoul Accused Mullah Mansour of Infidelity in Islamic-Emirate



KABUL - Mullah Muhammad Rasoul, the new leader of Taliban's dissident group accused Mullah Akhtar Mansour, Taliban leader of infidelity in Islamic Emirate, saying Mansour has signed secret treaties with infidels. In a video tape which Ariannews finds, Rasoul says that Mullah Mansour has involved most of Muja-

hideens in conflicts and betrayed the Islamic Emirate. "We never accept slavery and we obliged to separate from Mansour because he sold, Islamic-Emirate, Jihad, Islam and has signed agreements with infidels," Muhammad Rasoul Akhund, Taliban's dissident leader said in a video tape. Taliban veteran Mullah... (More on P4)...(18)

Distribution of Saffron Corms to Farmers in Samangan Province

KABUL - The agriculture department in Samangan province has distributed 200kg saffron corms to eight farmers to grow in their fields and test the productivity. Noor Mohammad, Head of the agriculture department, said the Red Crescent Society had initiated the project of distribution of saffron corms two years ago, adding that the Afghan government was now continuing the task. Afghanistan was recently ranked the world's best saffron by the International Taste and Quality Institute in Belgium, Brussels for the third year in a row. The spice is certainly a lucrative business to the farmers and given its ability to be grown in a dry environment, it may be a viable alternative for the poppy cultivation in the country. The plant is drought resistant and only needs irrigation twice or three times a year, compared to poppy plants irrigated six times a year. Another advantage is that growing saffron is legal in Islam, unlike poppy that is prohibited. It is normally cultivated in summer and collected in the last month of fall. It is used in making medicines, adding flavor to food, appetizers, and hot drinks and making perfume. It grows best in areas with light winter weather and dry, hot summers. (Wadsam)

Norway Warns Afghan Migrants Arriving from Russia of one-Way Ticket to Kabul

OSLOW - The Norwegian government has sent a stern warning to Afghan asylum seekers coming across the border from Russia: You could get a one-way ticket to Kabul, reported Cable News Network (CNN) reported on Monday. "It is important that the Norwegian authorities are sending a clear signal to people who do not need protection or already are legally residing in Russia," said



the country's minister of Justice and Public Security in a statement. The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) that is responsible for processing applications from foreign nationals who wish to visit or live in Norway says that... (More on P4)...(16)

Taliban Shadow Governor, Military Commander for Zabul Killed

QALAT - The shadow governor and military commander of Taliban for southern Zabul province have been killed in a suicide attack carried out by a fighter of Daesh group. The attack reportedly took place in Khak-i-Afghan District of Zabul province where both groups have been engaged in heavy fighting since last Saturday. Zia Durani, spokesman for the police headquarters of Zabul's neighboring Kandahar province confirmed the death of Mullah Mati - the governor and Peer Agha - the military commander. Taliban have not yet commented on the report. Although, the groups have been engaged in heavy gun battles against each other from several months but this is first time a suicide bomber is used in the internal clashes. Meanwhile, reports suggest that the death toll of fighting between the Taliban group of Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour and Mullah Rasoul -backed by Daesh has reached to 80 with dozens of others wounded. Although, split among Taliban happened months before which resulted in clashes between the two rival sides but these clashes escalated after the recent announcement of Mullah Rasoul as the leader of dissident Taliban who did not want Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour as their Supreme Leader. (ATN)

Russia Arrests Suspected Tajik Associate of Taliban

MOSCOW - Russia has arrested a suspected associate of Taliban who hails from Tajikistan. According to a spokesman of the country's Interior Ministry spokesman, the suspected terrorist was previously placed on Interpol's wanted list. Asaladdin Nurov, a 28-year-old Tajik citizen was detained and 10 foreign-language books seized following a search of the flat he had been renting in the Urals city of Yekaterinburg. Nurov is suspected to have been part of illegal armed

formations on the Afghan-Pakistani border, and had been internationally wanted "for a considerable length of time," Valery Gorelykh told RIA news. The suspect is reported to have undergone training at a "militant" camp near the Pakistani city of Peshawar in 2009, and had previously studied at an Islamic educational facility in Iran for three years, TASS news agency reported. According to the information released by the ministry, Nurov is could be handed over to Tajik officials. (KP)

Era of High Unemployment for Iraq, Afghanistan Veterans Ends

KABUL - An era of high unemployment for those who served during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars appears to be over according to federal statistics showing jobless rates for those veterans are now on par with civilians. The unemployment rate for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans was lower in October - at 4.6% - than the national average of 5%. That percentage was the lowest for the group since October 2007, when it was at 4.4% two months before the recession began. There were 1.5 million veterans of the two



wars in 2007. Today, there are 3.8 million. "They've certainly come out of the kind of hangover of the post-recession period, and they now seem to be improving on par with the rest of the workers in the country," said James Borbely, an economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics who studies veteran data. "It's improvement in employment; It's not the case where they're dropping out of the labor force." Monthly jobless rates for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans climbed as... (More on P4)...(17)

3 Members of Haqqani Network Arrested in Khost

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) has arrested three members of Haqqani terrorist network in Khost province on Tuesday. A statement released by the national intelligence agency stated that Rahim Khan, Naim Khan and Najibullah were planning attacks and transporting weapons and ammunition to terrorist groups in Khost province. According to the statement, the group was involved in a number of attacks on civilians and military in Musakhil District. NDS raided two weapon caches belonging to Spin Ghar, a commander of Haqqani network, based on the information provided by the group. A suicide vest, RPG 7, 40 different types of weapons including 20 Kalashnikovs and four pistols, ammunition, four transmission sets and military equipment were recovered from these depots. A footage released by NDS shows three young boys identified as the arrested Haqqani men confessing to their crimes. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're itching to make an escape today because you believe you could lose your chance if you don't act immediately. Unfortunately, you might climb too far out on a limb if you don't stop to think about where you're going and when you plan on returning. This isn't the best time to test your invincibility, even if you're sure you can't go wrong.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Someone's feelings might sound over-inflated today and you're not sure how to react without creating more drama. Paradoxically, the issues seem to be more externally based and less about your personal dynamics. It may even feel as if fate is playing a significant role in the events that are unfolding around you. However, there's no need to worry about loss of control.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A complicated issue with a family member continues to require your attention, but this personal matter becomes easier to manage now, even with your busy work schedule. Although your nerves are still on edge, the stress is finally beginning to settle down. The biggest problem is your heightened emotional reactivity. Try something as simple as counting to ten before responding to anyone else's demands.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're uncharacteristically driven to step outside of your normal safety zone today. In fact, staying at home is not a viable option now. Even if you feel blissfully content in your relationships, there is plenty to gain by exploring new ways of expressing your love. You don't need to take a big risk to reach out a little further than you did in the past.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your world would run like clockwork if only you could catch up and synchronize your internal rhythm to the current pace. It's not like you can alter the external events; you must change your inner dynamics. Like Cinderella, you are able to transform a disappointing set of circumstances into a magical experience by putting a positive spin on it.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

A most auspicious day may be in store for you as the radiant Sun forms a supportive sextile with lucky Jupiter in your sign. Instead of just gazing into your future, move toward the horizon of your choice. Don't let this cosmic opportunity slip through your fingers without positive action on your part. Even making a tiny adjustment to your direction today improves your chances of reaching your destination tomorrow.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Looking at your life through a spiritual filter today enables you to reframe a problem from a healthier perspective. Ironically, nothing much has changed on the outside, but your new and improved attitude can make all the difference in the world. You're tempted to share your optimistic outlook with others, but you might only dissipate your energy if you waste time justifying your beliefs.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Follow your gut instincts today, especially if you're struck with a brilliant idea about doing a repetitive job in an entirely new way. Luckily, you're not restrained by your old patterns now, inspiring you to analyze your work methods in a vastly different light. Although your innovative plan might not produce tangible results, you won't ever know what could happen unless you give it a try.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Nothing will hold you back now if you can continue to find the positive in every situation. However, you may be so confident that you forget to take the time to consider the consequences of your actions. Fortunately, your key planet Jupiter is your guardian angel today, blessing all decisions that impact your career trajectory. Nevertheless, explore each of your options prior to committing to one path.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

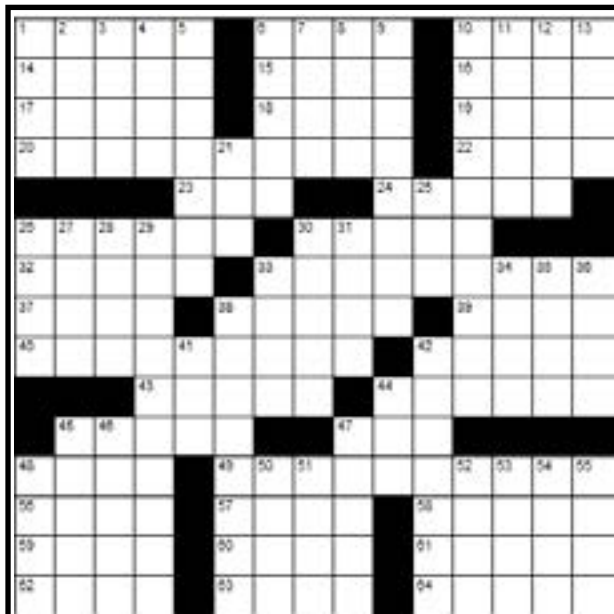
You're not sure what to make of the stressful interpersonal dynamics at work. It may seem as if you're out of sync with your associates, but you don't know whether or not to confront the differences or let them pass in silence. A flexible attitude can help to a point, but eventually you might need to say what's on your mind. Hold out as long as possible and then speak your piece when it is appropriate.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Oddly enough, you must tread carefully because the stress level is so low now. This extra concern is especially necessary if you fall into an entitlement zone where you think everything should just land at your feet because you deserve it. Nevertheless, the golden rule is not going to arrive on its own accord; you must stretch your wings to reach for the prize.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your future looks so bright today you may be temporarily blinded by your optimism, secretly relieved that the resistance you recently faced is history. You might feel as if you spent too much time trying to overcome a single obstacle, but nothing will be gained now by walking down Memory Lane. It's more important to focus on collaborating with the right person to accomplish your objectives.



Across

- 1. Work hard, 6. Not in danger, 10. Envelop, 14. Winged, 15. Found in a cafeteria, 16. Sharpen, 17. Frenzied, 18. Skin disease, 19. Is indebted to, 20. Bed coverings, 22. Gave temporarily, 23. Reverence, 24. Unreactive, 26. Assault, 30. Mentors, 32. Abyss, 33. Stuck-up, 37. Flows, 38. Grain disease, 39. Fail to win, 40. Certifying, 42. Utilize again, 43. Quotes, 44. Bumped around, 45. Ecru, 47. Flee, 48. Fizzy drink, 49. Kirk's starship, 56. Court order, 57. Filly's mother, 58. Assistants, 59. Kitty (poker), 60. Always, 61. Gather, 62. Untidiness, 63. Colors, 64. Gladden.

Down

- 1. Young sheep, 2. Wings, 3. Musical group, 4. Ear-related, 5. Repossess, 6. Condition, 7. Coy, 8. A temple (archaic), 9. Vision, 10. Middleman, 11. Oarsman, 12. Concerning (archaic), 13. Annoyance, 21. A wise bird, 25. Born as, 26. Unit of land, 27. Cold-shoulder, 28. Found on most beaches, 29. Affiliates, 30. Indications, 31. All excited, 33. French cheese, 34. Gloomy, 35. Being, 36. Accomplishment, 38. Prized, 41., 18-wheeler, 42. Violent disorder, 44. Glass container, 45. Carried, 46. Makes changes to, 47. Lascivious looks, 48. Travelled through water, 50. Fleet, 51. Tall woody plant, 52. Small brook, 53. Bright thought, 54. Chair, 55. Feudal worker.

Yesterday's Solution



ammunition, anchor, attic, beard, bell, blink, breach, burst, cheek, lass, cream, debut, fable, financial, first, flicker, hostage, limit, major, notorious, pinch, please, pleat, poach, press, rascal, risk, rumor, sink, stark, stuff, torus, trail, trick, true, yield, yodel.

