

# Finland Readies Tents, Containers to House Asylum Seekers, Refuses Afghans

HELSINKI - Finland is preparing to house asylum seekers in tents and shipping containers as the inflow of refugees has accelerated after slowing down last month, the interior ministry said on Tuesday. The Nordic country took in just over 7,000 refugees in October - about 3,800 fewer than in September - but just last week more than 2,000 asylum seekers arrived. It expects 30,000-35,000 migrants to arrive this year, mostly from Iraq, compared with just 3,600 in 2014. "Even with new centers being opened, the reception ca-



capacity will not be sufficient, and authorities are preparing for the use of tent and container accommodation," the ministry said in a statement.

Afghans were the biggest single group in those who arrived last week, according to ministry figures.

Neighboring Sweden, which expects 190,000 asylum seekers this year, last week warned it could no longer guarantee finding accommodation for newly arrived refugees, and applied for EU emergency aid to cope with asylum seekers. ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

# Afghan Women Using Greenhouses to Grow Cucumbers



JALALABAD - Through UKaid support, Afghan widows like Zarghona are now able to support their families by using greenhouses to grow cucumbers.

Zarghona from Nangahar province lost her husband in the civil war and struggled to feed her nine children. As the only income earner in the family, she couldn't earn enough to support her children or send them to school. That changed when the CARD-F programme gave her a greenhouse, tools and the skills to grow cucumbers efficiently.

Zarghona now grows cucumbers, earns five-times more than before and is able to support her family and send her children to school. In only four months, she has earned 65,000 AFS from selling

fresh vegetables. She hopes to make AFS 250,000 by the end of the year.

I used to work only for AFS 3,500 per month, it was hard to feed my family and provide my children with education. But now, I am earning much more with less effort.

The UK funded CARD-F programme helps farmers use new technology to increase the quantity and quality of their crops in order to make agriculture profitable. CARD-F provides equipment, technical advice and training (e.g. about sowing, planting, irrigation, weeding and fertiliser application).

CARD-F has already granted 54 greenhouses to poor women in target provinces, and aims to further support poor women in all of its other agricultural projects. (Agencies)

## As River of Refugees Flows to Europe, Young Afghans Debate Whether to Stay

KABUL - When Afghanistan elected a new president just over a year ago, Romal Shafaq's hopes were high. Despite a string of Taliban attacks in the Afghan capital, he and his business partner bet on boom times for their men's wear store, whose 14 brightly colored mannequins marked it as a "cool" new place. "We are going to make our country - someone has to build it," the young entrepreneur said proudly at the time.

But today, those dreams have been replaced with a river of Afghan refugees to Europe that is second in number only to Syrians.

Afghanistan's ongoing struggle to move beyond decades of war have left the country's young talent in a bind. Many, like Mr. Shafaq, hoped last year's election would yield better jobs, better security, and a new leader who would check rampant corruption. But now they are reassessing, discouraged by political gridlock, a poor economy, and rising violence - including the Taliban's brief seizure of the city of Kunduz last month. Many are wondering what benefit has come from the hundreds of billions of dollars the US and EU pumped into their nation in the 14 years since the US ousted the Taliban - and why they see so few prospects for themselves. Some young Afghans continue to hold out hope. But many more have packed their bags, contributing to a brain drain just as Afghanistan tries to find its feet amid sharply reduced ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Taliban Confirms Clash with IS

KABUL - Taliban militants finally confirmed clash with the newly emerged rival group the Islamic State (IS) or Daesh in the southern Zabul province and suffering casualties, a statement of the armed outfit sent to media on Wednesday said. "Since Mansoor Dadullah joined Daesh group in Zabul province and begun disturbing the routine life of people there, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (name of ousted Taliban regime) launched



operations against Dadullah couple of days ago and has brought the situation under control," the statement said. The statement also noted that the number of casualties in the fighting was less than reported by media outlets. Accord ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## Govt. Has 8,000 Tons Liquid Gas in Stockpile

KABUL - The head of fuel directorate on Tuesday said that the government has stored 8,000 tons liquid gas and would supply it to bazaar to reduce the gas pricey. Presenting his report to Ahmad Zia Massoud, President's Special Envoy on Reforms and Good Governance, the official said that the government would supply gas to the bazaar and won't allow anyone to sell gas more than 60 Afghanis/kg. Head of pharmacy directorate also presented his report at the meeting and said if the govern-



ment invests in pharmacy and medicines have direct impact to the daily life of people. Massoud also instructed the fuel directorate to monitor the prices of gas especially in the winter and help reduce the problems of citizens. (BNA)

## Afghan War Hero's Father Has Obstruction Trial Adjourned

OTTAWA - The father of one of Canada's most highly decorated soldiers had his trial adjourned Tuesday after the Crown tried to introduce new evidence and a witness in a move that was characterized as an ambush. Bryan Fitzgerald, of Morrisburg, Ont., is accused of trying to obstruct a heavily armed police officer who arrived at the family home to arrest his son Collin, a former Canadian Forces corporal, on a charge of breaching bail conditions in August 2014. Prosecutors in Cornwall, Ont. gave his lawyer less than 24 hours notice that they were going to call a witness and one of the police officers who testified read from notes that had not been disclosed to the defence.

The trial before an Ontario provincial court judge was paused briefly while the notes were photocopied and later adjourned without a new date being set. "The Crown is not to suppose to operate in a trial by ambush," Neha Chugh, Fitzgerald's lawyer, said after the postponement. "The Crown has an obligation to make timely and complete disclosure." The charge was just the latest in a long-running legal drama - one that the family claims was aimed at driving the ex-soldier out of Morrisburg, a small community south of Ottawa. "The whole thing, as far as I'm concerned was a setup," Fitzgerald said Tuesday in an interview. "They wanted to make sure I could no longer be Collin's surety at his bail hearing in Cornwall, which is exactly what happened." Collin Fitzgerald had been released into the care of his parents after previous run-ins with the law. In the spring ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## Mazar Residents Hold Candle Light Vigil for Zabul Seven



MAZAR-E-SHARIF - A number of civil society activists and students from Balkh province on Wednesday evening held a candle light vigil for the Zabul Seven in Mazar-e-Sharif in protest over the beheading of the hostages. The protestors said that

the beheadings once again showed the need for government to protect the citizens of Afghanistan.

Those present warned that if the perpetrators are not identified and brought to justice protest action will continue to increase. (Tolo News)

## Outlook Horoscope

### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You can't help but raise issues that everyone else would rather avoid today. You're not looking to stir up trouble, but talking about a sensitive subject might prompt others to discredit you by criticizing your opinions. Although you don't want to waste energy defending your philosophy, it may be necessary in order to defuse the negativity before it takes hold.

### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Ignoring a friend or lover's incisive feedback is not a wise tactic while the Scorpio New Moon rattles your 7th House of Significant Others. You might not want to listen to what's being said, but taking a message to heart can be a significant catalyst for personal growth. There's no need to nod your head in agreement; however.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Making simple modifications to your daily routine may be the smartest thing you can do today, as long as you choose ones that don't turn your life upside down. Fortunately, a subtle adjustment can set a series of profound consequences into motion when the Scorpio New Moon shakes up your 6th House of Self-Improvement. The potential for change is likely, so pick your direction wisely.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You might believe your world has come to a standstill, but in truth it has not. To the contrary, you're right on the verge of something big. Perhaps you recently thought about starting a creative project or making a move on the romantic front. In either case, the evocative Scorpio New Moon returns to fire up your 5th House of Self-Expression.

### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your feelings could be at odds with your actions today. You might choose to withhold your desires and just smile your way through the day, but you won't likely get away with it. Acknowledge your subjectivity while the passionate Scorpio New Moon spotlights your 4th House of Security. Thankfully, you can change the rules of the game; instead of choosing emotions or logic now.

### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

There may not be a better time to take initiative on an important project. Put your plans into action while the Scorpio New Moon energizes your 3rd House of Immediate Environment. Use this creative lunar power to get your ideas out into the open, whether verbally or written. Nevertheless, it might be nearly impossible to follow through on everything you start today. Ride the planetary waves of change by relying on your sense of humor to keep everyone laughing.

### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're holding onto a very well-kept secret today, and this unexpressed juicy tidbit may have negative consequences. It's tempting to express all the pleasant parts of your story while hiding the less palatable facts. Thankfully, the potent Scorpio New Moon lands in your 2nd House of Self-Esteem, giving you the power to overcome your fears and then bring them out into the open.

### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You can do nearly anything now if you put your mind to it and commit to relentlessly executing your plan. It's as if you are carrying a secret vial of superpowers, but it's actually the New Moon's presence in your fixed sign. You must use this magic potion carefully or you might create more problems than you solve. Your efforts to save the world are admirable.

### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You might miss a rare opportunity to connect with someone close to you if you get lost in your desire for professional success, instead. You appear to be emotionally present and act as if you're living in the moment. But no one really knows what's going on behind your eyes today since the enigmatic Scorpio New Moon occurs in your 12th House of Secrets. Deep soul-searching could reveal that you're not yet ready to share your vulnerability with anyone else now.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You can engage people with calculated precision today, as if you are playing a competitive game of chess. However, your ideas may be more fixed now than others realize and you might not want to change your plans while the unrelenting Scorpio New Moon activates your 11th House of Goals. Trust your instincts and you'll know exactly what move to make next to keep the win within your grasp.

### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Long-term career goals take priority now that the Scorpio New Moon emphasizes your 10th House of Status. Your uncanny ability to control your emotions creates a magnetism that could have your biggest critics eating from your hand. But this gift is not to be used for the sole purpose of manipulation; instead, utilize your powers of persuasion thoughtfully so others will line up to be on your team.

### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Successful planning for the future requires you to have an accurate map that reveals the exact lay of the land. But sometimes getting your bearings is challenging, especially when the mysterious Scorpio New Moon is stimulating your 9th House of Big Ideas. Thankfully, you should land safely at your destination just in time, as long as you continue to visualize your arrival.



### Across

1. Rate, 5. Radiolocation, 10. Cast a ballot, 14. Hearing organs, 15. Delete, 16. Not under, 17. Mathematics, 19. Dregs, 20. Ear of corn, 21. Consumed, 22. Charred, 23. Capture, 25. List components, 27. Antlered animal, 28. Snuffed, 31. Liabilities, 34. Question, 35. French for "Summer", 36. Historical periods, 37. Cunning, 38. Extent, 39. N N N N, 40. Divinity, 41. Trifling, 42. Prisoner, 44. Many millennia, 45. Arm of the sea, 46. A despicable coward, 50. Corrupt, 52. Utilizers, 54. Armed conflict, 55. Egg-shaped, 56. Defile, 58. Adriatic resort, 59. Fangs, 60. Anagram of "Seek", 61. Plod along, 62. An analytic literary composition

### Down

1. Tranquility, 2. Moses' brother, 3. Baby beds, 4. Eastern Standard Time, 5. Statement, 6. Mountain crest, 7. A romantic meeting, 8. In an inane manner, 9. Record (abbrev.), 10. Loudness, 11. Slept through the alarm, 12. Adolescent, 13. At one time (archaic), 18. Makes well, 22. Flock, 24. Catches, 26. Rubber wheel, 28. Hotel offering, 29. French for "State", 30. Declare untrue, 31. Accomplishment, 32. Sea eagle, 33. Torture of the feet, 34. Tranquillities, 37. Heredity unit, 38. Dispatched, 40. Pickle flavoring, 41. Sheriff's group, 43. Not digital, 44. Ribald, 46. Triangular formation, 47. Conscious, 48. Deserved, 49. Put on clothes, 50. Volumes (abbrev.), 51. Wicked, 53. Litigates, 56. Consumed food, 57. Confederate soldier.

### Yesterday's Solution



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