

Contagious Eye Infection Spreads Across the Country

KABUL - Health officials on Friday confirmed there was an eye infection outbreak around the country and urged those infected to visit a doctor. Officials said that at least 400 people are being treated daily at hospitals - especially in Kabul. They said the infection is serious but treatable and called on patients to seek medical attention as soon as possible. "This infection is contagious. In most cases people rub the infected eye with a handkerchief and then rub the other eye with it - thereby in-



fecting both eyes. Here at the hospital we recommend that patients use drops and other medicine," said Mohammad Yousof Taraki head of the Eye Hospital in Kabul. "This virus lasts for about 14 days and if the patient does not take it seriously their eyesight can eventually be affected," Taraki added. According to officials at the Kabul Eye hospital, this outbreak started four months ago but has gotten worse recently and has spread across the country. Officials said children and infants are...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Afghan Refugees Start to Outnumber Syrians in Serbia

T KABUL - Thousands of migrants - most of them Afghans - queued for several hours in the Serbian town of Presevo to obtain registration papers that would allow them to continue their journey towards Western Europe. The migrants had crossed into Serbia from Macedonia and some of them had to spend a night in the open waiting to get their papers. After getting valid papers migrants are then able to travel by bus or train to the Serbian town of Sid. From Sid, they continue their journey to Croatia by train, according to the latest agreement between Serbia and Croatian authorities. "Compared to a few days ago, today is a little less people, but the crowds are still visible. It seems to me that there are more people from Afghanistan than before, but for a week there have been more people from Afghanistan and less Syrians. Also less families than before," Slobodan Savovic, from the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration said. Meanwhile, Slovenian soldiers began the construction of a barbed wire fence close to the border with Croatia a day after the government said it would start to put up fences to help control large numbers of migrants. At the border near Gibina, the Slovenian military stretched out rolls of wire between newly-planted posts for the fence. Slovenia said on Tuesday it would put up "temporary technical hurdles" along its border with Croatia in the coming days to control migrants. *(Tolonews)*

Foreign Nationals Run to Raise Money for Two Afghan Anemia Patients

KABUL - A number of foreign nationals, working for different institutions in Kabul, on Friday took part in a marathon within a compound to raise money for two Afghan sisters suffering from Anemia. Participants hope to raise \$100,000 for the sisters who need treatment abroad. "We appreciate the support of runners, spectators and other people who give us energy and courage to keep on moving for the two girls," an organizer of the event David Toreador said. "We are moving in a really good direction, that is all I have to say," another organizer of the event said. It is hoped that more runners will join tomorrow Sunday as the event is being held over two days. The money is being raised for Diba and Negina, whose father is a driver and is financially not able to cover their medical costs. Islamuddin the father of the two girls works for a foreign firm and earns only 15,000 Afs a month. He says his girls need blood transfusions every 21 days. He is also the only breadwinner of his eight-member family. "I am deeply concerned about the future of my other children. I spend a lot of money throughout the year and sometimes my relatives have to help me," Islamuddin said. Diba who is 18 years old left school this year due to financial issues facing her family. "I was in 10th class, but this year I could not go to school due to massive problems. I dreamed of being a doctor, if I get my health back I am determined to continue my education," Diba said. "We have a lot of problems,..."*(More on P4)...(20)*

IDL Gand UNDP Launch New Local Governance Project

KABUL - KABUL - Governance (IDLG) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Afghanistan on Saturday launched a new five-year project that will strengthen government institutions at provincial and district levels to deliver improved public services. The Local Governance Project - Afghanistan (LoGo) will enhance accountability, transparency and effectiveness in service delivery at the local level by supporting the implementation of subnational governance policies and



improving capacity in provincial- and district-level institutions for outreach, planning, monitoring and budgeting. It will also strengthen communities to hold government accountable for service delivery by supporting networking organizations and interest groups, and through awareness raising programmes in local communities. "UNDP Afghanistan is a critical partner in supporting the Government to improve..."*(More on P4)...(19)*

Plotter-Organizers of Protest in Nangarhar will be Arrested: MoI

KABUL - Officials in Ministry of Interior Affairs have urged that those who have plotted and organized the demonstration against the Government and have the college students to raise the terrorist's flags will be arrested soon or later. A number of college students in Nangarhar have hoisted the flags for Islamist groups, Taliban and Hezb-i-Islami without any fears will be arrested. It has been one week that Afghan Government has yet to react over those students raising flags in east part of the country Nangarhar province. Deputy Spokesman of MoI Najibullah Danish said, "those who have plotted will be arrested and we have assigned..."*(More on P4)...(21)*

NDS Detains Taliban Shadow District Governor in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) Afghanistan's intelligence agency has detained a shadow district governor of Taliban group in eastern Nangarhar province. A statement released by the agency on Saturday states that Ajmal S/O Shamsir Taliban appointed governor for Koz Kunar District was arrested during a special raid. The statement adds that Ajmal is an original resident of Shagay village of Koz Kunar District but he was currently residing in Board area of Peshawar city. NDS press release further states that three more militants, one of them member of Daesh, were arrested during separate raids from the jurisdiction of Nangarhar province. Qari Aimal S/O Abdul Malaki, Qudratullah S/O Mullah Jan residents...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Two Security Posts Fall to Taliban in Pashtun Kot District

MAIMANA - Two security posts have fell to Taliban militants in Pashtun Kot District of northern Faryab province, an official said on Saturday. Governor of Pashtun Kot District said five security posts were surrounded by Taliban since one week. He said Taliban seized two of the five posts last night and 10 policemen who were on duty there have been missing with their belongings. The district governor warned if reinforcement does not reach in Pashtun Kot District three more



posts would fall to Taliban and endanger the lives of about 40 policemen. Farah which was comparatively a safe province in the northern part of the country witnessed severe insecurity this year. Several deadly clashes took place between militants and security forces in this province. Last month, Taliban attacked the province's Ghormach District and controlled it for several days. They also captured the district's police chief with 12 other policemen and later martyred them. *(KP)*

17 Militants Killed in Air Strikes in NW

ISLAMABAD - At least 17 militants were killed and several others injured when Pakistani army launched air strikes in the country's northwest tribal area of Shawal, local media reported Saturday. Geo TV quoted security sources as saying that the troops backed by jet fighters pounded several hideouts of suspected militants in Shawal, a town located in the restive North Waziristan tribal area along Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Identities of the killed militants have not been revealed yet. Saturday's airstrike is the continuation of the ongoing operation Zarb-e-Azb in North Waziristan area which has so far killed over 3,000 militants. According to an earlier statement by the director general of Inter-Services Public Relation, the army's media wing operation in Shawal town is the last push against militants as the nearly 17-month long offensive has entered its final phase after most of the areas in North Waziristan have been cleared from the militants. *(Xinhua)*

Afghanistan's Improved Financial Infrastructure Benefits Banks and Clients

KABUL - The Public Credit Registry system allows banks to view the credit history of credit applicants, obtain credit scores, and make informed credit decisions based on the information available online. Bank employees received trainings o PCR at Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB), Afghanistan's central bank, which operates and manages the electronic online system. With the implementation of the PCR, bank customers are able to obtain free annual credit reports, enabling them to...*(More on P4)...(23)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Impulsive behavior may not bring you what you want today, especially if you irritate someone with your emotional intensity. You might choose to withdraw from the social scene in self-defense, but you won't resolve anything by overcompensating later in the day. Pay attention to your audience since they will tell you when to lighten up.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It's beneficial to stand back for a bit in order to gain a healthy perspective on where the cosmic currents are taking you today. Thankfully, you can continue on your merry way if you are happy with your progress. However, you could always modify your direction if you grow dissatisfied with your personal trajectory. Instead of demonstrating your infamous dogged persistence.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may long for the return of the good old days -- a simpler time that seems to have slipped through your fingers. But there's no need to lose hope because your life is still in major transition mode now. The fun times aren't over just because a current situation demands your attention. Work through your intense feelings today, even if they aren't as pleasant as you prefer.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

A close friend or relative could be a source of annoying resistance today. Unfortunately, it may be nearly impossible to put your finger on the origin of the conflict now. Be careful; your investigation might put others on the defense, which only adds to the subtle negativity in the air. Instead of pretending you can figure everything out on your own.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You would like to speak your mind today, but you may choose to withhold your thoughts for just a little while longer. You're not afraid to stir up powerful reactions in your coworkers, although you might not see any point in dredging up past mistakes just to provoke anyone. Nevertheless, finding a way to productively channel your own negative emotions lessens the pressure during this critical point.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Reexamining your assumptions about love could shed new light on an important relationship. Or, if you're involved with a social group today, it may be necessary to balance your agenda with everyone else's goals. But there's no need to be afraid of raising any subject now, no matter how controversial. Discussing what you learn in this process with your friends could actually bring you closer together.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Someone may place demands on you today, complicating your schedule because you can't say no. It's challenging to think about letting anyone down, especially since you want your friends to come through for you whenever you need them in return. But it doesn't matter what your motivation is for saying yes; take this cosmic opportunity and conquer your own insecurities.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You have an unexpected chance today to see things that are usually buried far out of sight. Instead of resisting the truth, you can integrate what you discover when shadowy Pluto receives an illuminating glance from the Sun. Your personal power increases as long as you let your newfound knowledge transform your current perspective.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

A sentimental journey down Memory Lane today puts you back in touch with all the changes you experienced over the past several years. Your personal evolutionary process has transformed you from a lowly caterpillar into a magnificent butterfly. Regardless of how much you have already grown, this transition is still in process. Use your emotions to fuel the ongoing metamorphosis.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

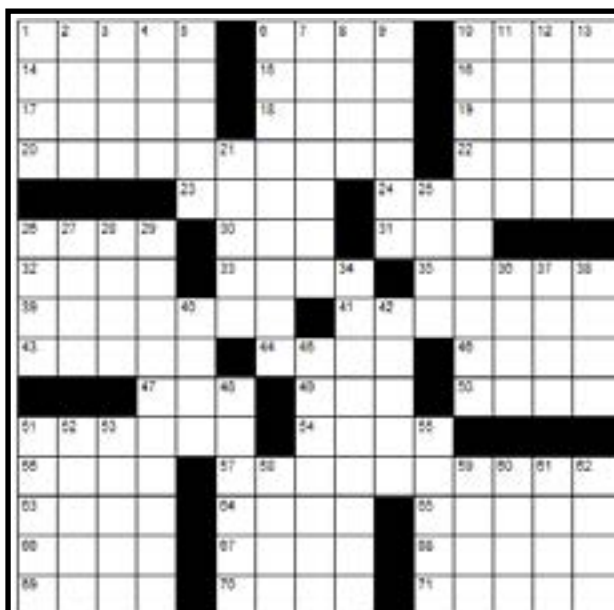
You can't escape the pressure of change today, even if you face it indirectly through a relationship with another person. You're not necessarily exempt from the planetary intensity of the day, but others appear to be even more overwhelmed by the prospects of relentless transformation. Don't become overly complacent just because life isn't a big struggle these days.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're not interested in defending your feelings against attack today because it's stressful enough just to understand them yourself. As a general rule, your irrational emotions aren't always comfortable intermingling with your rational thoughts. Nevertheless, you realize something big is at stake and you're willing to do whatever it takes to manifest your dreams.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

As the days grow shorter and shorter in the Northern Hemisphere, you might find yourself traversing your own dark night of the soul as you question the purpose of your life. Thankfully, this spiritual wandering won't last long, enabling you to return to more practical issues that need your attention. If you are doubting yourself or your goals today, exercise patience before making any rash decisions.



Across

- 1. Nosed (out), 6. Apex, 10. Wild hog, 14. New Zealand native, 15. Cow sounds, 16. Feudal worker, 17. Graphic symbols, 18. "Wise" birds, 19. Connects two points, 20. Re-beautify, 22. A feudal vassal, 23. Smell, 24. Almost, 26. Close 30. Clunker, 31. A late time of life, 32. Old stories, 33. Being, 35. Heart artery, 39. Disentangle, 41. Social department, 43. Prepared, 44. Blabs, 46. Half-moon tide, 47. Poetic dusk, 49. Greatest possible, 50. Austrian peaks, 51. Funeral vehicle, 54. Perishes, 56. Ends a prayer, 57. Transliterate, 63. Used to be, 64. Anagram of "Note", 65. Cowboy movie, 66. Twin sister of Ares, 67. Plenty, 68. S-shaped moldings, 69. Colors, 70. Anagram of "Seek", 71. Lure.

Down

- 1. Arab chieftain, 2. Small European freshwater fish, 3. Well-behaved, 4. Sea eagle, 5. Popular dance music, 6. In a romantic manner, 7. Fearful people, 8. Exuviate, 9. Ancient ascetic, 10. Deadly nightshade, 11. Willow, 12. Undo, 13. Slender, 21. More peculiar, 25. Distinctive flair, 26. Disparage, 27. Sharpen, 28. Constellation bear, 29. Affection, 34. Void, 36. Bobbin, 37. Snare, 38. Vipera, 40. Yeses, 42. Fire residues, 45. A moderately slow tempo, 48. Urticate, 51. Hemmed and, 52. Manicurist's board, 53. Eagle's nest, 55. Dash, 58. A chess piece, 59. Anger, 60. Bit of gossip, 61. Horn sound, 62. At one time (archaic).

Yesterday's Solution

agency, answer, attrition, came, carry, chess, chick, clad, climax, confide, device, duplication, en, core, factory, forge, glide, hand, hire, lens, local, merge, month, perfor, mance, pledge, preserves, react, relax, relay, sheep, smoke, speed, surround.

