

Father, Son Cycle World Delivering Message of Peace

KABUL - "Afghanistan has been suffering in the flames of war and conflicts for 38 years and the smog of gunpowder has shrouded the sky while bullets instead of rain fall down. We must use all our resources to promote peace," Nadir Shah Nangarhari, the cyclist, told Xinhua.

tanbul in Turkey, to reach the United Nations' headquarters in New York in May this year. "I tried along with my son to use the power of sports to promote peace. We travelled through 16 countries passing a message of peace to everyone we met. We told the people of the world that Afghans do not want war and we fear on a daily basis the bombings and blasts. We tell them that the war has been forced

on us," Nangarhari said. Welcomed by several officials, on Wednesday, the two Afghan sportsmen handed over their bicycles to the National Museum of Afghanistan to display to help visitors know about their adventurous trip. "We have shown the people of the world another side of Afghanistan, that can't see on their daily news. We told them that we love sport and we have a rich culture and

that we are against war and against any kind of corruption and that we are against illegal drugs," Nangarhari said. Upon visiting the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in mid-May, the pair presented Ban Ki-moon with a famous traditional silk-embroidered coat called a "Chapan" which was typically worn by former Afghan President Hamid Karzai. "I was so surprised after

visiting Ban Ki-moon in New York. We offered him a Chapan, and we told him that Afghans are tired of war and violence and that Afghans are fed up with the killings and blasts," Khan, 18, told Xinhua. Khan said he was hopeful one day stability will return to his country. "I was encouraged after UN chief told me that Afghanistan is not alone and it will not be without help ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Senior ANA Commander among 4 Injured in Blast

LASHKARGAH - Afghan National Army (ANA) Commander Brig. Gen. Niamatullah and his three bodyguards have been wounded in a roadside bombing in Lashkargah, the capital of southern Helmand province, an official said on Monday. Maiwand Military Corps spokesman Lt. Col. Mohammad Rasoul Zazai told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion in Bashran locality hit an ANA vehicle late on Sunday. Niamatullah, command-



er of the Maiwand Corps' 3rd Unit, was evacuated to hospital but information about his health condition was not immediately available. According to another security official, one ANA

soldier was killed and three others, including Niamatullah, were wounded in the explosion. The commander, who sustained multiple wounds, could lose on leg. (Pajhwok)

Disturbing Video of Kidnapped Afghan Kid Goes Viral

KABUL - A disturbing video which purportedly shows a kidnapped child has gone viral and is widely being shared in media since last week. The video which apparently emerged for the first time a month ago, has started to catch attraction in media, specifically in social media during the recent days. A bare child is shown in the video as he cries and makes to plea to her mother to rescue her. According to reports, the child was kidnapped from the 3rd police district of



Farah city and his captors have reportedly asked for a ransom of \$100,000. Identified as Naweed, the child was taken by the kidnapers nearly 40 days

ago as he was standing in front of his house, his father Abdul Jalil said. Kidnap for ransom cases still continue in parts of ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Imam Sahib Residents worried about their Security

KUNDUZ - The residents of Imam Sahib district in northern Kunduz province say insurgents are operating just two kilometers from the district headquarters. They urge the central and local authorities to pay serious attention to security and launch operations against the militants. Sher Agha, a resident, told Pajhwok News Agency the Taliban were present and active only two kilometers from the district centre, a situation that had worried local residents.



"The Taliban have set up a check-point two kilometers away from the district center and they freely check people and vehicles." He said the number of militants was increasing day by day and asked the

government to launch operations to clear the area the militants from; otherwise they would threaten the district. Rauf, another resident, expressed concern about a possible conflict and a ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Deadly Car Bombing Foiled in Lashkargah City

LASHKARGAH - A deadly car bombing plot by the anti-government armed militant groups was foiled by the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) in southern Helmand province. According to the local government officials, a Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) was confiscated from the vicinity of Lashkargah city, the provincial capital of Helmand. The officials further added that the militants had planted around 150 kg of explosives in the vehicle. According to the officials, the VBIED was discov-

ered and seized in the 2nd police district of the city. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban militants group has so far commented regarding the report so far. Helmand is among the relatively volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan where the anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating in its various districts and often carry out insurgency activities. A huge weapons cache belonging to the Taliban group was discovered and destroyed in this province last month as the group was looking to ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Daesh Claim of Downing US Helicopter in Afghanistan Untrue: NATO

WASHINGTON - No US or NATO helicopters have been shot down in Afghanistan despite claims from Daesh, Resolute Support Public Affairs told Sputnik on Monday. Earlier on Monday, Daesh claimed through its Amaq Agency that militants had shot down a US helicopter that was targeting its positions in the central Afghan province of Ghur. "No US or NATO helicopters have been shot down," the NATO-led mission stated. (Sputnik)

Senior Revenue Department Official Killed in Ghor

FEROZKOH - A senior revenue department official and his bodyguard were killed by unknown gunmen in the capital of western Ghor province, local officials said on Monday. Deputy police chief Col. Abdul Hadi Chalhori told Pajhwok Afghan News the slain official, the revenue department manager, was also a former member of the provincial council. He killed along with his bodyguard by three unknown motorcyclists at around 4:00pm in Ferozkoh, Chalhori said. The three riders shot dead the two on the spot near the recruitment centre. No one had been so far ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Army Helicopter Makes Emergency Landing in Ghor Province

KABUL - A helicopter of the Afghan National Army (ANA) forces made emergency landing in central Ghor province of Afghanistan. According to the local government officials, the incident took place in Feroz Koh airport soon after the helicopter returned from a combat mission. The officials further added that the helicopter made emergency landing due to technical issues and there were no casualties reported in the incident.



Provincial police chief Gen. Mustafa Mohseni said the helicopter had participated in a combat mission in the north of Feroz Koh district. In the meantime, reports suggest that the helicopter caught fire after it made

emergency landing. Ghor is among the relatively volatile provinces in central Afghanistan where the Taliban insurgents and militants belonging to the other insurgent groups are ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

2 of a Family Killed, 4 Injured in Kandahar Car Crash

KANDAHAR CITY - Two people were killed and four others wounded on Monday when the car they were riding in veered off a road in southern Kandahar province, an official said. The accident took place on the Kabul-Kandahar highway in Marwandi Manda area of Daman district at around 3pm. Kandahar traffic department director, Col. Mohammadullah Khan, told

Pajhwok Afghan News the dead included the driver and all the victims belonged to the same family. He blamed the accident on high speed and negligence of the driver. The injured had been evacuated to the Mirwais Hospital for treatment, Khan added. A doctor at the Mairwais Hospital, who wished to go unnamed, said that ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Although you might long for peace and quiet, you probably can't relax with so much going on in your life. The Taurus Full Moon shines in your 2nd House of Personal Resources, offering a stabilizing antidote for the complexities that arise now. However, if the tension of your daily routine becomes overwhelming, take some time to remember the higher truths.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You can be so single-minded that others can't get past your bullheadedness. Nevertheless, the Taurus Full Moon lands in your 1st House of Personality, reminding you to remain practical in a world that seems to have lost touch with reality. Unfortunately, expecting too much from others can lead to grave disappointment. Words are meaningless without intent and follow-through.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Commitments recently made at work may be challenging to fulfill unless you carefully reassess your resources and allocate the time required to finish the job. Unfortunately, your heart may be somewhere else as the pastoral Taurus Full Moon lights up your 12th House of Spirituality. Your current metaphysical orientation leaves you more interested in otherworldly pursuits than meeting your mundane obligations.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Relationships may be so complicated now that you long to get back to your roots. Fortunately, the Taurus Full Moon brightens your 11th House of Networking, reminding you to reestablish your priorities and reconnect with your friends, instead of concentrating on only one person or project. You may even feel like a social butterfly as you explore your need for connections within your community.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Your current determination reflects your unwavering desire to bring recent changes at home to fruition. But the Taurus Full Moon illuminates your 10th House of Public Life, shifting your focus back to your career. Your mind is brimming with practical solutions to meet your obligations at work so you can return to your personal life.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You desperately need a break from the pressures of your regular routine now. The practical Taurus Full Moon spotlights your 9th House of Higher Education, suggesting you could improve your work prospects by taking a class or attending a job-related seminar. No matter how you choose to widen your horizons, expanding the scope of your activities can be constructive, as long as you're realistic about your schedule. Visualizing your future exactly as you desire is a great start.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Moderating your enthusiasm is part of an overall strategy to keep things simple now. The pragmatic Taurus Full Moon highlights your 8th House of Shared Resources, inspiring you to team up with responsible people who can help you achieve your vision of success. Relying on someone you can trust provides a reassuring sense of solidarity, but if your companion doesn't deliver on his promises.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You might be required to work extra hard to meet the expectations of others now. The dependable Taurus Full Moon energizes your 7th House of Partnerships, leaving very little room for ambiguity in personal and professional relationships. Nevertheless, don't be fooled by a manipulative person.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Maintaining your satisfaction on the job can be more work than it seems at first glance. Although the Taurus Full Moon accentuates your 6th House of Employment, its opposition to the Sun in your 12th House of Fantasy is quite confusing. In fact, there may be a great chasm between your dreams and the tasks at hand. Consider all your options before making a final decision about your new direction.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your desires are straightforward now, prompting you to ask for exactly what you want. Nevertheless, the Taurus Full Moon activates your 5th House of Romance, triggering powerful feelings and foolish actions. Although your emotions aren't necessarily convenient, try not to suppress them or pressure may build until it suddenly erupts.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You are being buffeted around by complex cosmic currents now, so your best course of action is to simplify your life as much as possible. In fact, the earthy Taurus Full Moon emphasizes your 4th House of Domestic Conditions, encouraging you to seek comfort in sweet pleasures. Your tendency to lean on your friends and family now may be effective in the short-term.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Oddly enough, you find great satisfaction now in creating your schedule and adhering to it as closely as possible. The sensible Taurus Full Moon settles in your 3rd House of Immediate Environment, requiring you to establish a healthy balance between pursuing your dreams and managing the logistics of everyday life. Although you might feel torn by these contrasting paths, the Moon's opposition to the enigmatic Scorpio Sun helps you realize that taking care.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-65.

Across: 1. On-line journal, 5. Rhinoceros, 10. Gangs, 14. Former Italian currency, 15. A red fluorescent dye, 16. Send forth, 17. A Freudian stage, 18. Totally, 20. Vixen, 22. Hypodermic, 23. L, 24. Donkeys, 25. Class chums, 32. Held on tightly, 33. Japanese cartoon art, 34. Beer, 37. Not yours, 38. Inscribed pillar, 39. Make unclear, 40. Damp, 41. Villain, 42. Communion table, 43. Self-restraining, 45. A long-legged S. American bird, 49. Dawn goddess, 50. Windfall, 53. Detective (slang), 57. Noble, 59. Greek cheese, 60. Actors in a show, 61. Give a speech, 62. Relating to urine, 63. Beers, 64. Waste conduit, 65. Lake (Scottish).
Down: 1. Ho-hum, 2. Connects two points, 3. By mouth, 4. Square-rigged sailing ships, 5. Summon to return, 6. Owl sound, 7. Belief, 8. Bites, 9. Unique, 10. Anagram of "Smite", 11. Portents, 12. Cause to leak, 13. Infections of the eye, 19. Delete, 21. Blockage, 25. Flat-bottomed boat, 26. Hint, 27. Offended, 28. Married partners, 29. Concerning (archaic), 30. Diacritical mark, 31. An uncle, 34. Countertenor, 35. Hawaiian feast, 36. Makes a mistake, 38. Bro or sis, 39. Happy, 41. Lose consciousness, 42. "Smallest" particle, 44. Spay, 45. Hemp, 46. Small goat antelope, 47. Licorice-like flavor, 48. Sail supports, 51. Animal menageries, 52. Unit of land, 53. Way in, 54. Protagonist, 55. Ear-related.

Yesterday's Solution: baker, brand, clock, coma, count, courageous, crave, cymbal, danger, dessert, divine, drums, ensure, impact, main, means, mews, octave, pickle, possible, power, reason, record, refuse, rein, rhythm, seems, shake, snare, split, stack, stock, ties, timing, topping.

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