

Winter Diseases Attack Children of Kunduz IDPs



KUNDUZ CITY - Displaced by the conflict, around 3,000 families from two districts of northern Kunduz province have been struggling with numerous problems, including lack of shelter to protect themselves

from merciless winter, an official said Thursday. Salam Hashemi, the provincial refugees and repatriation director, told Pajhwok Afghan News Afghan security forces conducted several operations during

the past few months in Imam Sahib and Chahrdara districts.

He said around 3,000 families were displaced in the two districts as a result of the operations and clashes between security forces and Taliban militants and the families moved to the provincial capital, Kunduz City, and some to other areas.

"Around 1,600 families were displaced from Imam Sahib district and over 1,400 families from Chahrdara district," the refugee director said, adding his department had started surveying displaced families and he had talked with aid organizations who had promised help.

Qudos, a person who displaced from Essakhel village of Chahrdara district, said Afghan forces bombarded Taliban militants several times in their area. "It was a fierce fight, we were forced to flee home and come to Kunduz City, but no one has so far helped us," he said.

Mohammad Azim, another IDP from Qatl-i-Aam village of Chahrdara, said that all people (some 900 families) in their village had fled homes.

He said the government's promises about aid to the displaced families remained on paper only and nothing was practically done.

A resident of Imam Sahib district, Mohammad Nasar, said hundreds of families from their "We migrated to ... (More on P4)...(17)

Afghanistan's U19s Head to Asian Cricket Cup Final

KABUL - Afghanistan Cricket Board says the national U19 cricket team will play Pakistan in the final match next week.

The National Under-19 Cricket Team moved to the U19 Youth Asia Cup's final after winning the match against Nepal on Friday.

The national squad defeated Nepal by seven wickets.

Team Afghanistan will play Pakistan in their final match next week on Sunday.

This happens for the first time in the country's cricket history.

Afghanistan has so far defeated Pakistan and UAE teams in the same group, but the national squad lost their match against Sri Lanka.

The national team won their first match against Pakistan during the tournament on November 08. The event was held in Malaysia. (Tolnews)

Afghanistan to Host Zimbabwe in Sharjah for Two T20Is, Five ODIs



KABUL - The T20 and ODI series will be held in February next year at Afghanistan's home ground in the United Arab Emirates.

Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) and Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) have reached an agreement to play two Twenty20 Internationals and a five-match One Day International (ODI) series in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) next year. ... (More on P4)...(19)

221 Kunar Families who Fled Pakistani Shelling Receive Aid



ASADABAD - Displaced by Pakistani shelling in eastern Kunar province, 221 families have been assisted with food and other relief supplies, the provincial governor says.

The Kunar governor's spokesman, Waheedullah Kalimzai, while distributing the aid, said over the past 24 hours Pakistani military had fired more than 496 artillery shells into Asmar, Shultana, Marwara and Sarkano districts.

He said the Pakistani aggression forced about 221 families to flee homes in Shultana district. Kalimzai said the families, seeking refuge, had arrived in Asadabad, the provincial capital.

Kalimzai said the displaced families were provided with food, tents, blankets ... (More on P4)...(22)

8 of a Family Lose Lives to Kunar Snowslide

ASADABAD - Eight members of a family have been killed by a snowslide in eastern Kunar province, an official said on Friday.

The avalanche hit the family's residence in the Bahadar village of Chapa Dara district the other day, the police spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Farid Dehqan said: "The snowslide killed eight members of the hapless family, including three children."

In the Gulsak village of the same district, the police spokesman said, one person was wounded in a similar incident. Ghulam Ali Subat, disaster management chief for Kunar, confirmed the incidents and said they were ready to assist the victim families. (Pajhwok)

Senior Hajj Official Joins Taliban Militants in Ghor

FEROZKOH - A senior hajj and Islamic affairs official has joined the Taliban in western Ghor province, an official said on Thursday.

Governor's spokesman, Abdul Hai Khatibi, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Mualvi Haidari, administrative head at the provincial Islamic and Hajj affairs department, joined the Taliban for unknown reasons four days ago.

He said the National Directorate of Security (NDS) forces were trying to arrest Haidari.

Khatibi said the official's joining of the Taliban would not affect security situation in the province. Meanwhile, Mohammad Shah Majidi, director of Ghor Islamic and Hajj affairs department, confirmed the issue, but provided no details.

Mualvi Abdul Khaliq Haidari ... (More on P4)...(18)

Suicide Cases Among Daikundi Women on the Rise



LASHKARGAH/MAHMOOD RAQI - Nine Taliban insurgents have been killed, including a notorious commander, in central Kapisa and southern Helmand provinces, officials said on Wednesday.

In Helmand, police spokesman Abdul Salam Afghan told Pajhwok Afghan News that US forces targeted a vehicle carrying militants in Camp Khalid area of Sangin district on Tuesday.

Six militants onboard the vehicle were killed and their weapons and ammunition destroyed in the airstrike. Mullah Jabar, a notorious commander, was among the dead, said Afghan.

However, Qari Yousaf Ahmadi, Taliban's spokesman, claimed tribal elders travelling in Sangin were targeted by the US forces ... (More on P4)...(21)

Chicken Being Distributed to 2,200 Parwan Women



CHARIKAR - Chickens and breeding equipment worth 35 million afghanis are being distributed to more than 2,200 women in central Parwan province, an official said on Thursday.

Abdul Karim Farzam, director of agriculture and livestock, said the chickens and feed were being given to deserving women in Jabalus Saraj and Bagram districts.

He said the project costing 35 million afghanis was being funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock ... (More on P4)...(20)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You may be alarmed when you find yourself pulled into deep water today. Complex emotions swirl over your head as relationship dynamics intensify. The magnetic Scorpio New Moon charges your 8th House of Intimacy and Transformation, urging you to sink into your feelings rather than run away from them. Your fears arise when you realize you're not in control.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You might not understand the complicated needs of a friend or lover today, but you're drawn to the energy like a moth to a flame. The mysteries of the unknown are thoroughly enchanting and you're a more-than-willing participant in the magic. Although left to your own devices you may choose a simpler path.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini Your physical wellbeing is inextricably connected to your emotional and spiritual health. Although it's challenging to stick with a program, the benefits make it a worthwhile investment. The intense Scorpio New Moon lands in your 6th House of Logistics, motivating you to adopt a new routine and adhere to it. Don't be overly concerned if you choose a difficult path.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Allowing others in can be challenging now, especially if you feel emotionally self-sufficient. The evocative Scorpio New Moon falls in your 5th House of Creativity, encouraging you to express your passion through an artistic endeavor. Although you are quite serious about your goals today, you don't want to minimize the role.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You are at the threshold of change and you know you can't go back to the way things were. But others can't see the transformation yet because it's taking place within your brain rather than in the world. In fact, the Scorpio New Moon plants a seed of intention in your 4th House of Roots, ensuring that the magic initially occurs hidden beneath the ground.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo Everything and everyone might seem too intense today. Passionate conversations about issues basic to your very existence are prompted by the Scorpio New Moon as it energizes your 3rd House of Communication. Even trivial interactions can become critical when you believe you're in the middle of a life or death situation. Although your survival is not in question now, you may be required to let certain patterns die so new ones can grow in their place.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You are deeply committed to living in harmony with your values now. In fact, the Scorpio New Moon intensifies your 2nd House of Self-Esteem, motivating you to reevaluate the direction of your life and make corrections to your trajectory as needed. But your current career fixation does not involve making any changes today.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Creating a bucket list for each month of the year is a valuable exercise that teaches you about the efficacy of your decisions, both the good and the bad. Meanwhile, the passionate Scorpio New Moon validates your 1st House of Self, making it doubly important to check in with your heart to reassess your personal aspirations.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Your life is on the launch pad again but this time the rocket ship could actually reach escape velocity. The Scorpio New Moon reinforces your 12th House of Destiny, sending off a ripple of synchronicities while preparing you for an intervention by the "Flying Fickle Finger of Fate." But it's dangerous to jump to outrageous conclusions, especially once the Moon flies into optimistic Sagittarius.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Your social network - both online and offline - is an anchor that prevents you from drifting aimlessly into space now. The passionate Scorpio New Moon enhances your 11th House of Community, inspiring you to raise the stakes in your interactions with others. You might even grow possessive of a particular friend, only to find that he or she isn't interested in analyzing.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius You are strangely quiet today, but your presence seems larger than life to others. The unrelenting Scorpio New Moon concentrates the cosmic energy in your 10th House of Status, but the most profound transformations are occurring out of everyone else's sight. Nevertheless, everything will become obvious once you put your action plan into motion.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You might be feeling dissatisfied with your current lot in life today, and you're eager to seize every intriguing opportunity that passes your way. The powerful Scorpio New Moon triggers your 9th House of Big Ideas, connecting your emotions with far-reaching plans. You won't be happy until you have exceeded your wildest dreams. However, anything seems possible now, especially because you know that reality is molded.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-60.

Across: 1. Corridors, 6. Lots, 10. Where the sun rises, 14. Expect, 15. Murres, 16. Back of the neck, 17. Appalling, 19. Tall woody plant, 20. Acid neutralizer, 21. A state of SW India, 22. Low, flat land, 23. Set of principles, 25. Parental sisters, 26. Throat-clearing sound, 30. If not, 32. Ten Commandments, 35. Spiny anteater, 39. Remove the claws, 40. Listener, 41. Roomette, 43. Have, 44. Felt hat, 46. Distribute, 47. Award, 50. Confederate States, 53. Relating to urine, 54. Nourished, 55. Tough going, 60. Lampblack, 61. Incontrovertibly, 63. Cocoyam, 64. Flower stalk, 65. Sing softly, 66. Clairvoyant, 67. Feudal worker, 68. Building addition, Down: 1. Laugh, 2. Absent Without Leave, 3. Frolic, 4. Former Italian currency, 5. Attendance counter, 6. Chap, 7. Beginning, 8. An opera glass, 9. Epic, 10. Zeal, 11. Moses' brother, 12. Hardy wheat, 13. Abounds, 18. Hale, 24. Embrace, 25. Fire residues, 26. Contributes, 27. Part of a foot, 28. Behold, in old Rome, 29. Criminal, 31. Reflected sound, 33. Continuation of the coat collar, 34. Was indebted, 36. To endure (archaic), 37. Where a bird lives, 38. Backside, 42. Rats, 43. Latin for "Peace", 45. Past participle of "Ride", 47. Contemplates, 48. Wear away, 49. Thermionic tube, 51. Charged particle, 52. Genus of heath, 54. Circuit breaker, 56. "Phooey!", 57. Black, in poetry 58. vera, 59. Wildcat, 62. An uncle,

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Word search grid with letters: E E D I U G E L N R O H T H K M L M R S E R O C S I B L A M E M T S U R T G N Y E W H O I C A T C H H T T N W D S I F E E D O Q E A O E K O O R C R Y U B N E L I M S S T E R A S E T P A N S J R A T K L A L I E E E D A M T E N P N O O R U R M R A D O R E D N N G J S S G Y B G U R T G A W I N D O W P L A C E A L K N O W N N B E A C H T P