

# IEC Under Fire for 'Failing' to Deliver on Promises



## Number of School-Age Migrant, Refugee Children up by 26pc

KABUL - The number of migrant and refugee school-age children around the world today has grown by 26 percent since 2000 and could fill half a million classrooms, according to Global Education Monitoring Report, Migration, displacement and education. The report was released in the presence of the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay on Tuesday in Berlin. It highlighted countries' achievements and shortcomings in ensuring the right of migrant and refugee children to benefit from quality education, a right that served the interests of both learners and the communities they live in. The right of these children to quality education, even if increasingly recognized on paper, is challenged daily in classrooms and schoolyards and denied outright by a few governments. In the two years since the landmark New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants in 2016, refugees have missed 1.5 billion days of school. Nevertheless, there has been progress in the inclusion of refugees in national education systems, as seen in eight of the top ten refugee hosting countries. Champions include low income countries such as Chad, Ethiopia and Uganda. Canada and Ireland are among the global leaders in implementing inclusive education policies for immigrants. As the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay argues, "Everyone loses when the education of migrants and refugees is ignored. Education is the key to inclusion and cohesion. Increased classroom diversity, while challenging for teachers, can also enhance respect for diversity and an opportunity to learn from others. It is the best way to make communities stronger and more resilient." Refugees: Half of the world's forcibly displaced people are under the age of 18. Yet, ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

KABUL - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) in the last few weeks has repeatedly failed to deliver on its promises regarding the announcement of the 2019 presidential elections, MPs claimed. A number of MPs and senators on Monday criticized the IEC for not keeping its promises saying that the commission has been unable to put its words into action. IEC officials recently promised, on a few occasions, to announce the presidential elections schedule, but so far, the commission has been unable to deliver on this. According to the election law, the IEC has to announce the election calendar no less than 120 days prior to the event - in this case 120 days before April 20. "The election commission is not independent and government or embassies will take the decision," Gul Mohammad Rasuli, a senator



said. "The reason can be external interference or the commission's inefficiency," Abdalullah Mohammadi, an MP said. The institutions overseeing the election process meanwhile said political issues ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

## 9 Taliban Killed in Ghazni Clashes

KABUL - Nine Taliban have been killed and eight others injured during clearing operations in southern Ghazni province, a statement from 203rd Tandar Military Corps said on Tuesday. Five Taliban were killed and as many injured during a clash in the Asfandi area on the outskirts of Ghazni City, the provincial capital. Two Kalashnikovs and two rocket launchers recovered by security forces, the statement said. In Arzo locality of Ghazni City, four Taliban were killed and three others injured. Separately, security forces recovered weapons and ammunition during the clearing operation in the Sheraghi locality of Khoshi



district in central Logar province. A machine gun, three rockets, explosives and bullets of different weapons recovered by security forces during the raid. The Taliban have not commented about the incidents. *(Pajhwok)*

## Over 30 Rebels Killed in Nation-Wide Operations: MoD

KABUL - Thirty-eight militants have been killed and 34 others injured during clearing operations in different parts of the country in the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said in a statement on Tuesday. Eleven joint raids and clearing operations, 98 commando tasks and six airstrikes took place against the enemy nation-wide in the past 24 hours, the statement said. The raids happened in Nangarhar, Laghman, Logar, Paktia, Paktika, Ghazni, Kandahar, Farah, Takhar, Balk and Helmand provinces.

Some weapons and ammunition had been recovered from the rebels during the raids. *(Pajhwok)*



## MPs Call for Tighter Security in Jaghori and Malistan

KABUL - After weeks of conflict that gripped Jaghori and Malistan districts of Ghazni province, a number of MPs from the province on Monday thanked security forces for retaking fallen areas from the Taliban but accused government of having been negligent in maintaining security in the region. The MPs said due to government's negligence regarding Jaghori and Malistan districts in Ghazni and Khas Uruzgan district in Uruzgan province, the Taliban were easily able to infiltrate the districts and

cause security problems. The MPs also said civilians have paid a high price these past few weeks in the districts and that in some cases, all the male members of families were killed. "Thousands of families have been displaced and some of the families, dear speaker, have been (the victims of) genocide; it means no male (family) member remains alive," MP Arif Rahmani said in parliament. Other MPs meanwhile urged government to establish permanent security ...*(More on P4)...(12)*



## Outlook Horoscope

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



Your scattered energy comes together today in a powerful laser beam of concentrated attention and effort. You will work until you drop, and no one and nothing had better get in your way! Keep up the good pace. You're going to feel more loved than usual, and this changes absolutely everything for you.

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



- It seems that the new planetary lineup has just opened up some doors that had previously been shut. You revel in the confidence that people have in you. It isn't that your abilities have changed, just your attitude! People trust you because you exhibit more self-confidence. It's a wonderful feeling, isn't it? Hold on to it at all costs.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



There is a possibility that you feel cheated or taken advantage of in some way. Do you feel as if you're paying more than your fair share? The day ahead gives you an opportunity to achieve recognition for your efforts and perhaps redress some grievances. It's odd that despite your tendency to espouse fairness, you feel uncomfortable when the authorities rule in your favor.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You're gifted at bringing people together, there's no doubt about that, Cancer. Today will be especially good for participating in or initiating group activities. It's a favorable day for any project related to fellowship and assistance. You might do the groundwork to form a team, discussion group, or charitable endeavor.

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



- You have a promising day ahead, Leo. Finally, you will advance by leaps and bounds in whatever needs to be done. Whatever has been causing the delays will likely be revealed today. You return to the skill and professionalism you so value after several weeks of halting progress.

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



- There's some likelihood that something you need or want has been eluding your grasp. The somewhat strained aspect of the heavens lately hasn't helped. But today everything is within reach, especially if it was material considerations holding you back. You have an auspicious day ahead, so make the most of it!

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



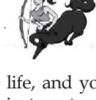
The day ahead will be a soothing one, Libra. Since it's auspicious for the material aspect of things, it's a good time to settle household issues like bills or repairs. But you might also take advantage of today's aspect to set in motion even more ambitious plans about your living situation. Is it time to think more seriously about that move you've been dreaming of?

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



- Within the next few days, you're likely to gain access to dimensions of perception you never suspected, Scorpio. Perhaps you will become aware of certain energy phenomena, peak experiences, or other highly sensitive states of consciousness. Don't be frightened. Instead, investigate what these worlds have to offer.

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



Is discipline high on your list of priorities lately, Sagittarius? You're undoubtedly trying to inject some order into your daily life, and your behavior could benefit from some adjustment as well. Whether it concerns food, hygiene, or simply the intensity of your daily rhythm, it's possible that you will notice a real improvement today.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



- You can expect your mood to improve today, Capricorn. The professional and private projects that you have at the moment should be progressing well. You feel reassured, and you're encouraged to make some new plans. If you continue to keep up the good rhythm, you will have success in redefining your goals and life direction.

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

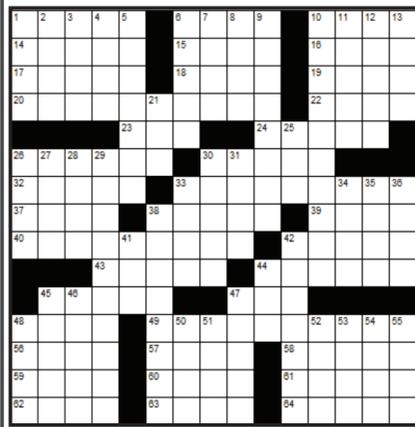


Some people say that you miss out on life 'because of your tendency to observe your life rather than experience life directly. If that's the case, then today will be a real departure for you. You will suddenly seem more in contact with your sentiments and be more present and connected to those around you. It feels good for a change, doesn't it?

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



Today, Pisces, you're in the mood for commitment! Take time to connect with the social world as you seek like-minded people who can share your intimate, individualistic realm. Ultimately, we all have to figure out how to make our way in society. Today you will feel more sociable than usual. Expect to have some good ideas about ways you can enlarge your social circle.



### Across

1. Small trout-like fish, 6. Marries, 7. Powdery dirt, 14. Hawaiian veranda, 15. Ear-related, 16. Within, 17. Beside, 18. Hurry, 19. Whirl, 20. Toothpowder, 22. Cans, 23. Not wet, 24. Slowly losing life, 26. Profoundly, 30. Barbarous, 32. Come from behind, 33. Glider, 37. Being, 38. Carried, 39. On the road, 40. Looked at, 42. Shop, 43. Fool, 44. Meadows, 45. Plateaux, 47. It is (poetic), 48. After-bath powder, 49. Urban smarts, 56. High fidelity, 57. Two times two, 58. Alleviated, 59. Modify, 60. Coffee dispensers, 61. Angered, 62. Feudal worker, 63. Balcony section, 64. Shorthand, ,

### Down

1. Attired, 2. Fit, 3. Nameless, 4. Deliver a tirade, 5. Stiffly, 6. Fret, 7. Decorative case, 8. Platter, 9. Timetable, 10. A purified liquid, 11. Remove the pins from, 12. What a bee might do, 13. A large amount, 21. Cook in hot oil, 25. Yes (slang), 26. To endure (archaic), 27. Not difficult, 28. If not, 29. Vote, 30. A proofreader's symbol, 31. Peel, 33. Alone, 34. Absent Without Leave, 35. An aromatic ointment, 36. Visual organs, 38. Happy, 41. American Dental Association, 42. Female siblings, 44. Cry of disgust, 45. Female domestics, 46. Spritlike, 47. Brusque, 48. You (archaic), 50. Lawn mower brand, 51. A step on a ladder, 52. Pause, 53. Small island, 54. Observed, 55. Cocoyam, ,

### Yesterday's Solution

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