

# Improved Wheat Seeds, Fertilisers Distributed to Ghor Growers

EROZ KOH - More than 6000 farmers in western Ghor province received improved wheat seeds and fertilisers, an agriculture and livestock department officials said on Monday.

Agriculture Director Abdul Latif Tawab told Pajhwok News Agency the process of distributing improved seeds and fertilisers to growers had been launched in Ferozkoh and four other districts.

"Based on instructions, every farmer has received 100 kilograms of fertilisers and 50 kilograms of improved wheat seeds. This process has been carried out



in Charsadda, Dawlatyar, Tewa and Pasaband districts as well as Ferozkoh," he said.

The improved seeds, Tawab hoped, would help introduce modern agriculture methods and increasing harvests. Five trucks, donated by China, were given to farmers.

He added trucks had also been donated to the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock by China. The vehicles would be used by farmers so that they could improve crop cultivation.

Meanwhile, at the distribution for ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

## 2 Daesh Rebels Killed in Nangarhar Drone Strike



KABUL - Two Daesh rebels have been killed in a US drone strike in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Monday.

Governor Spokesman Ataulah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News the two militants were targeted in a drone missile attack Sunday night in a village of Mamandari locality.

Elsewhere, three Taliban have been killed and a suspect militant detained during Special Forces operation in Tarko locality of Chaparhar district,

according to Khogyani.

He said civilians and security forces suffered no casualties during the offensive.

Separately, more than 600 kilograms of expired and low-quality food items have been recovered from Jalalabad city, the provincial public health department said.

Public Health Director Dr. Najibullah Kamawal said, these items had been recovered from several stores and shops in the city and will be destroyed in the near future. *(Pajhwok)*

## Police Bust Kidnapping Ring in Kandahar

KANDAHAR - A group of kidnappers was bust in a special police operation in southern Kandahar province, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement on Monday.

The operation was conducted by police in PD6 of Kandahar city and four members of the group were arrested, according to the statement.

"The group abducted a resident of Kandahar city a few days ago and asked for five million Pakistani rupees in ransom. During the operation the abducted man was rescued," the statement said.

However, the statement did not provide further. *(Tolonews)*

## Group of Haqqani Members Arrested in Paktia Operation

KABUL - A group of 20 Haqqani Network members, including their commander, were arrested in a special operation in eastern Paktia province, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said in a statement on Monday.

The commander of the group, named Sayed Abdul Rahman, who was also known as Khaibar, was arrested in a special operation which was conducted by NDS in Zurmat district of the province, according to the statement.



The statement said that the commander had been involved in most of the insurgency activity in the province and added that he also terrorized government employees and tribal elders.

However, the statement did not provide further details about the operation. *(Tolonews)*

## Blast Hurts Senior Intelligence Official in Takhar

TALOQAN - Senior official of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) was wounded in a magnetic bomb explosion in northern Takhar province on Monday, an official said.

Governor Spokesman Sunnatullah Taimur told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened at around 9:00am on Abdul Khalil's vehicle.

Civil Hospital Director Jamil Farotan said the injured NDS official had been delivered to the hospital and was in critical condition.

Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast and claimed Abdul Khalil had been killed. *(Pajhwok)*

## Lashkargah: Casualties as Afghan Forces, Taliban Clash

LASHKARGAH - Afghan forces and Taliban militants clashed overnight in the capital of southern Helmand province, with each side claiming to have inflicted casualties on the other.

Lt. Col. Mohammad Rasoul Zazai, spokesman for the 215th Maiwand Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash took place in Bolan area of Lashkargah on Sunday night.

Several militants were



killed and wounded during the clash and the Afghan forces escaped unhurt, the official said.

However, a police official, who wished not to be identified, said three Afghan ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

## Early Morning Blast Leaves 2 Injured in Kabul

KABUL - Two people were wounded in a magnetic bomb explosion in the Bagrami district of Kabul on Monday, an official said.

Basir Mujahid, a Kabul police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the blast took place at around 6:00am on the main road to the district.

He did not provide details, but eyewitness Mohammad Siddique said two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were



wounded in the explosion. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. *(Pajhwok)*

## Commander Among 3 Rebels Killed in Laghman

MEHTARLAM - A Taliban commander was killed along with his two accomplices during a clash with security forces in eastern Laghman province on Monday, an official said.

Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the early morning clash

took place in Achakzai area of Alishang district during an ongoing security operation codenamed "Almas".

He identified the slain rebel commander as Majeed Zaraqawe who had established a check-post in the area. Security forces suffered no casualties in the clash. *(Pajhwok)*

## Would-be Bomber Shot Dead: Sar-I-Pul Governor

SAR-I-PUL CITY (Pajhwok): Security forces shot dead a would-be suicide bomber who planned an attack on the governor of northern Sar-i-Pul province on Monday.

Governor Mohammad Zahir Wahdat told Pajhwok Afghan News he was travelling in his car,

accompanied by the provincial intelligence chief. The attacker, shouting Allah-o-Akbar (God is great), ran toward his car, the governor said. But before reaching the car, the would-be attacker was gunned down by the security personnel. *(Pajhwok)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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



You are ready and able to commit to expanding your life in new directions today. Your vision for the future has meaning and there's nothing holding you back. Thankfully, the strength of your convictions makes your message inspiring to others and your persuasive skills help you explain your mission clearly. Your mind is made up and you're not interested in compromising now.

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



Your view of the world seems so certain now that you don't hesitate in your pursuit of your goals. However, the Sun's shift into expansive Sagittarius motivates you to widen your vision and move beyond pragmatic objectives. But don't rest on your past actions when there's still so much more to do. Creating a simple plan without a lot of bells and whistles can vastly improve your professional and personal relationships.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your appetite for food, fun or fame may be extreme today as you head down the path of excess. However, the Sun's shift into uplifting Sagittarius brightens your 7th House of Relationships, bringing adventurous people into your life that open doors to new avenues of growth. Although you might be overwhelmed as high-spirited friends kick up a bit of excitement now, it could fall on you to set your own limits.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Signals are mixed today as the cosmos tells you to narrow your focus while simultaneously expanding your horizons to take in the entire picture. The Moon's shift into fastidious Virgo reminds you to doublecheck details and cautiously curb your expectations while concentrating on completing one task at a time. Meanwhile, the Sun shoots into optimistic Sagittarius.

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



Exercising the right amount of self-restraint needs to be top priority today. The growing influence of planets in fiery Sagittarius traveling through your 5th House of Self-Expression lifts your spirits and provokes acts of spontaneity. However, an indulgent Sun-Jupiter connection tempts you to overstate your case or overstep your limits.

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



You want nothing more than to bring your life back into balance as the Moon returns to your earthy sign. However, you can't help but set your sites far into the distance when the Sun shifts into inspirational Sagittarius, drawing out your inner visionary. On one hand, you're only interested in the practical applications of your analytical thinking. But on the other hand, you're not overly concerned with the machinations of the real world now.

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



You are bound to be distracted by one thing after another today, even if you do your best to focus on your assigned tasks. The Sun's shift into energetic Sagittarius and your 3rd House of Communication encourages you to speak the truth as you see it, even if it ruffles someone's feathers. It might be easier to remain silent and do your job, but you're probably willing to pay the price in order to claim your power.

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



You're eager to make a bold move to improve your finances today. Unfortunately, an exuberant Sun-Jupiter alignment can trick you into seeing opportunity where there is none. Exercise caution when starting anything new because you may attract exaggerating partners who don't live up to their promises.

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



You are fully aware of how much work there is to do yet you may encounter internal resistance before you even start. The efficient Virgo Moon's presence in your 10th House of Career improves your chances for professional success by encouraging sound methods over rash actions. However, your popularity skyrockets when the radiant Sun enters your extroverted sign, giving you extra energy and a sunny disposition.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Although you are as interested as ever in getting ahead in your career, personal growth becomes as important as external achievements now. The Sun's move into adventurous Sagittarius and your 12th House of Spiritual Mystery invites you to go on a metaphysical quest. A new wave of curiosity opens windows of awareness and increases your sense of connection with the cosmos.

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



Your attention is shifting away from concrete career objectives and toward more community involvement. A newfound sense of idealism is entering your life just in time for the holiday season. If you recently placed all your eggs in the basket of work-related success, you can now count your chickens and see where there is need for improvement. It's time to move on; your future is calling in ways that you cannot refuse.

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



Aim high professionally and push the envelope by promoting yourself more aggressively now. The Sun's entry into your 10th House of Career brings opportunities for advancement and recognition. Don't let modesty constrain your ambition. If you're not reaching further than you think you should, you're probably not trying hard enough. Anything is possible when your faith is bigger than your fears.

**Across**

1. Pear variety, 5. Heron, 10. Hits, 14. Affirm, 15. Poverty-stricken, 16. Chocolate cookie, 17. Unusual, 18. Multiplicative inverse, 20. South African antelope, 22. Adolescent, 23. A baby bear, 24. S S S S, 25. Respectful, 32. Utilizing, 33. Kicks out, 34. Louisville Slugger, 37. Kiln-dried grain, 38. A shoulder firearm, 39. Baroque composer, 40. Passenger vehicle, 41. Flavor, 42. Fate, 43. Being filled with wonder, 45. Precipitous, 49. Antlered animal, 50. Poster color, 53. Variant of an element, 57. Avatar, 59. Angle of a leafstalk, 60. Pinnacle, 61. Portion, 62. Focusing glass, 63. Small boat, 64. A dish of tomatoes and greens, 65. Leg joint.

**Down**

1. Stinging remark, 2. Egg-shaped, 3. Arid, 4. Shaped like a quarter moon, 5. Dress, 6. Eccentric person, 7. Record (abbrev.), 8. Modify, 9. Sort, 10. Blessings, 11. Killer whales, 12. Wampum, 13. Bottoms of shoes, 19. Bobbins, 21. Town (American slang), 25. Lacking intellectual acuity, 26. Brother of Jacob, 27. Fractional monetary unit in Bahrain, 28. Clamor, 29. Bunches of hair or grass, 30. A small island, 31. Consumed food, 34. Dog sound, 35. Tip, 36. Part of a comparison, 38. Uncooked, 39. Sass, 41. Recorded, 42. Prefix meaning 1000, 44. Reposed, 45. Place, 46. Pace, 47. Glowing remnant, 48. Adhesive, 51. Tears, 52. Dogfish, 53. Ancient Peruvian, 54. Beasts of burden, 55. A coniferous tree, 56. If not.

**Yesterday's Solution**

administer, behest, brake, commission, damage, dummy fruit, function, garble, glass, haggie, horse, jockey, latex, mercy, mirror, model, obvious, opera, overt, pictures, query, rubber, scurvy, seer, slinky, starch, tames, ticket, tote, trick, young.

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