

Jawzjan Officials Step in after Five Die in Cold Weather

KABUL - The Jawzjan provincial governor's office has stepped in to help displaced families in the Darzab district of northern Jawzjan province after five people died and three expectant mothers lost their babies.

Abdul Rahman Mahmoodi, deputy governor of Jawzjan, said many of these people fled to Jawzjan from Sar-e-Pul due to ongoing conflict in their districts and Taliban and Daesh oppression.

Mahmoodi said that the provincial governor's office has provided food, some money



and other facilities to the displaced people.

"We have started providing help and fortunately we distributed food to these families and our action still continues. We are trying to help all displaced families who are facing problems," he said.

In the meantime, district governor of Darzab, Rahmatullah Hashar, said that five people died in the bitterly cold weather in the past few days. In addition three expectant mothers lost their babies. "We need medicine. People are facing ... (More on P4)... (13)

2 Taliban Killed, 7 Daesh Wounded in Nangarhar Raids



JALALABAD - Security forces killed two Taliban militants and wounded seven Islamic State or Daesh fighters during separate operations in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Sunday.

Police spokesman Lt. Col. Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News the seven Daesh gunmen were wounded during an ongoing joint operation in the Pachiragam district. Security forces seized some weapons and ammunition and destroyed a machinegun belonging to Daesh during the operation, he said.

Meanwhile, Special Forces killed two Taliban militants in Ghanikhel district and arrested three others including Taliban's shadowy district chief for Nazian district, according to Mashriqiwal. (Pajhwok)

Returnees Desperate for Shelter, Jobs in Kandahar

KANDAHAR - As many as 6,000 Afghan refugee families have returned from Pakistan to southern Kandahar province this year, an official said on Sunday.

Mohammad Azem Nawabi, Kandahar refugees and repatriation department head, said more refugees returned from Pakistan to Kandahar this year compared to the previous year. But the returning families say they have been struggling with lack of shelter, unemployment. They said no authorities except UNHCR have provided them

assistance. Haji Nasurllah has recently returned from Pakistan's Quetta City with his 7-member family and currently lives in the 9th municipal district of the city.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News: "After 25-year of migration we decided to return back to our homeland, but the government did not provide us any help. Only the UNHCR provided us some cash assistance."

He said they had been hoping the government would grant them land plots to construct houses, but hav-



ing a home remained a dream.

Mohammad Arif, another newly returned refugee, said he could not find work and place for living. Arif said he had been ex-

8-Member Criminal Gang Arrested in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - Local security officials on Sunday said an eight-member gang of criminals has been arrested in southern Ghazni province.

Provincial police chief, Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel, told Pajhwok Afghan News that three of the detainees were involved in filming naked scenes of businessmen and people in order to blackmail them.

The men had installed spy cameras in rooms where businessmen were sent to play with boys, he said. The criminals would look for people interested in having illicit relations with boys. The men had received thousands of US dollars from their victims, he said.

Amarkhel added a large number of pornographic video clips, computers, spy cameras, SIM cards, business cards, condoms and different types of sexual medicines had been seized from the detainees. Sodomy scenes of some government officials had also been recorded by the men, but identities of the officials were unclear and investigations were underway, he said. ... (More on P4)... (15)

Border Police Seize Bomb-Making Ammonium Nitrate

KABUL - Afghan National Border Police (ANBP) on Saturday night seized 9,310 kgs of ammonium nitrate, a key component used to make improvised Explosive Devices (IED) that was coming in from Pakistan.

The Ministry of Interior said in a statement on Sunday that ammonium nitrate "was placed in a Pakistani truck transporting (it) to Afghanistan".

The MoI said police stopped and search the truck at Torkham border crossing where they found the ammonium nitrate. The driver was arrested in connection with the case, the MoI said. (Tolonews)

Drone Kills 7 Daesh Militants in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Seven Islamic State (IS) or Daesh rebels were killed and three others wounded in a US drone strikes in eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday, an official said.

Attullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the drone targeted Daesh militants in Gorgori locality of the Haska Mena district at 11am today. Some weapons and ammunition belonging to the re-



bels were also destroyed in the blitz, he said, adding civilians suffered no casualties in the strikes. Earlier in the day, police

20 Militants Killed, 10 Injured in Uruzgan

TIRINKOT - Twenty Taliban militants have been killed and ten others wounded during an ongoing operation in the capital of central Uruzgan province, an official said on Sunday.

Police chief Brig. Gen. Wali Jan Sarhadi said the rebels suffered casualties in Charmagar locality of Tirinkot during the "Operation Atal 16". Talking to reporters in the frontline area, Sarhadi said Afghan security forces had advanced against militants in the ongoing joint operation in Charmagar area. He called the area important and said most of the time insurgents targeted the provincial capital from that area. (Pajhwok)



An Afghan returnee child gets off from a truck at a United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees camp in Nangarhar province. The United Nations refugee agency has increased assistance for registered Afghan refugee families, who are opting to return to Afghanistan. (Xinhua/Rahman Safi)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You are not listening to those people who tell you to chill out today because you have already set your agenda and plan on sticking to it. Nevertheless, you still want to get to the bottom of a mystery that comes to light when someone's actions don't match their words. You might be falling down the rabbit hole because nothing is as it seems. You may be shocked at what you learn when you discover the truth.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Your uncharacteristic willingness to change your opinion in an instant could save the day. Normally, you Bulls prefer to not alter your course mid-stream. However, you don't even need valid information before you are already speaking your truth today. Ensure that your plan doesn't run into an insurmountable hurdle by evaluating everything you hear with an objective ear.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Everyone else seems to have plenty of time for some personal rest and relaxation, while you're too busy to take a short break. Unfortunately, there aren't enough hours in the day to complete all the projects that are still on your plate. Thankfully, the unyielding Scorpio Moon energizes your 6th House of Logistics, enabling you to manage the growing complexity. You're a champ at juggling several balls at once while making it all look easy.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You can think of countless ways to express what's in your heart, but when it comes down to initiating a discussion today, you wonder if it's actually worth the effort. There are many forces shouting for your attention now, and the loudest ones are also the most uncomfortable. If you think you're just going to yell at someone and magically resolve all your interpersonal differences.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Your loyalty to your relatives runs deep today, leading you to participate in activities with them instead of heading off to be with your friends. Nevertheless, rebellious Uranus shocks the radiant Sun in your 5th House of Spontaneity, tempting you with exciting social possibilities. You possess the strength to turn down a fun invitation.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Your restlessness is nearly unmanageable today, but staying aware of your feelings prevents serious problems down the road. There are many wonderful ideas moving so fast in your mind now that the inspirations come and go before you even have a chance to pick one and work with it. Nevertheless, trying to stop the mental flow will only drive your frustration higher. Instead, sit back and watch the show as if it were entertainment.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



For someone who is supposed to be indecisive, there is nothing wishy-washy about your current beliefs. You know exactly which values motivate you and are ready to defend them now, no matter the cost. However, fighting over differences is just a distraction today. Instead, think about those people who inspire you to greater heights. Be innovative and apply their creativity to your process.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Processing bottled-up anger is a crucial component of finding happiness today. Something that shouldn't be important might stick in your mind and won't quit bothering you. Keeping your annoyance quiet is tempting but not advisable when the controlling Scorpio Moon squares contentious Mars.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Although you might appear to be in a good mood today, there are feelings you're choosing not to share. Thankfully, your upbeat manner can deflect some of the negativity you could otherwise attract. Don't waste energy worrying about what's unsaid; it will come out naturally when the time is right. Your emotions will continue to evolve until you're ready to talk about them in a couple of days.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You can't settle your nerves today because you're expecting something bad to happen, even if you don't know what it is. Unfortunately, believing is seeing and you'll likely manifest an event to satisfy your expectations. Thankfully, you can alter the course of your day by imagining something wonderful occurring, instead. A sudden strike of lightning doesn't necessarily start a fire.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Holding onto an unresolved emotional issue could turn your day into an obstacle course. Fortunately, your entire metaphysical world can shift in a single instant as you see others in a new light. Although your friends may come to your rescue with their passion for life, it's up to you to open the door and let them in. You are standing at a fork in the road today.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



It's nearly impossible to see yourself as someone separate from your family or community; you are a Fish that is part of a school. However, differences of opinions about issues that matter are now cause for great concern. You're not entirely sure you want to be a member of your group, but you have nowhere else to go. You wonder if you should modify your beliefs or try to sway the opinions of everyone else.

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1. Adhesive strip, 5. Cassava, 9. Sitcom set in Korea, 13. Holly, 14. Turf, 16. Within, 17. Grumble, 18. King with a golden touch, 19. Anthracite, 20. Shrimp-like crustacean, 22. Fine-tune, 24. Impoverished, 26. Cowboy sport, 27. Honorable, 30. Type of pet rodent, 33. Lyrical, 35. Wish granter, 37. Mistake, 38. Decorative jugs, 41. Unhappy, 42. French for "Storehouse", 45. Drawing aimlessly, 48. Tastelessness, 51. Venture to say, 52. Fragrance, 54. Awestruck, 55. Insensitivity, 59. Amount of hair, 62. Hello, 63. An analytic literary composition, 65. Savvy about, 66. Biblical garden, 67. Strainer, 68. Flat-bottomed boat, 69. Calva, 70. Stair, 71. Evergreens.

Down

1. Clock sound, 2. Winglike, 3. The outer area, 4. Take advantage of, 5. Sweet potato, 6. Relating to urine, 7. A type of tree, 8. Not digital, 9. Germ, 10. Dwarf buffalo, 11. Immediately, 12. Puncture, 15. Comment to the audience, 21. Hubs, 23. Large mass of ice, 25. Dash, 27. Type of sword, 28. Wrongs, 29. Legislation, 31. Continual and persistent demands, 32. Tropical vine, 34. Directed, 36. Jittery, 39. 16 1/2 feet, 40. Fly high, 43. Agricultural laborer, 44. Hearing organs, 46. "Damn!", 47. Hansen's disease, 49. Districts, 50. Vomiting, 53. Something of value, 55. Cook, 56. Go on horseback, 57. Yeses, 58. Rescue, 60. Put away, 61. Scatters seeds, 64. Yes (slang).

Yesterday's Solution

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