

# 6 Herat Transport, Port Officials Dismissed

HERAT CITY - Six officials of the transport and ports departments of western Herat province have been sacked, the transport minister announced on Thursday.

Muhammadullah Batash told a press conference in Herat City the officials dismissed included the transport department director, his deputy and officials at the Islam Qala and Torghondi ports and officials at the entrance gates to Mir Daud and Pul Khaima Dozan.

The officials were relieved of duty based on a report prepared by an official delegation which had been sent



to Herat for investigation, the minister said. Batash said security officials had been ordered to detain illegal armed groups accused of unlawfully taking money from people and had set up parking lots at the Islam-Qala and other ports in Herat. "Our investigations are still underway about other employees of this department," he added.

Herat Governor Mohammad Asif Rahimi urged the minister to hire professional and hardworking youth through free competition on the vacated posts. "The posts vacated by the dismissed officials should ... (More on P4)...(16)

# Road Renamed in Zaranj to Honour Journalists



ZARANJ - A key road has been renamed as "Khabar Negaran Road" (Journalists Road) in the capital of southwestern Nimroz province.

The road in Zaranj City was renamed after being suggested so by local journalists and media advocacy groups at a ceremony held in this regard here.

Local officials, provincial council members and journalists attended the ceremony.

Nimroz Governor Mohammad Sami said the road leading to the police headquarters was renamed based on the suggestion by the provincial Information and Culture Department and some media representatives.

He said the renaming was a dedication to the hard work of journalists and a memorial of the martyred media men.

Provincial Information and Culture director Sayed Hamed Sadat said renaming the road as "Khabar Negaran Road" would have a positive effect on journalists and media throughout the country.

"When a road is named after journalists, they feel their importance and respect in the society", he added.

Municipality department head Mohammad Ali said the road located in 4th municipal district had 800 meters length and 18 meters width.

"Journalists and media men play an important role in a society by providing timely news and information about incidents throughout the country, that's why we are bound to appreciate their honest and hard work", he added.

One of the Western zone journalists, Qadeer Shahin, ... (More on P4)...(18)

# 6 Suspects Arrested from ANA Pickup in Paktika

SHARAN - Six persons travelling in a military vehicle have been detained in Zarghon Shar district of southeastern Paktika province, an official said on Thursday.

Provincial deputy police chief Lt. Col. Abdul Rauf Masoud told Pajhwok Afghan News the six people were arrested with an Afghan National Army's ranger pickup vehicle during an operation in the district.

He said the detainees had connections with the Taliban. The registration



number of the vehicle had been sent to the department concerned to determine to province and military unit it belonged to.

Masoud said security forces and civilians suffered no casualties during the operation.

The district police chief, Mohammad Aslam, said the military vehicle had been taken away by Taliban ... (More on P4)...(17)

# 14 Daesh, Taliban Militants Dead in Achin Drone Strikes

JALALABAD - At least 11 Islamic State (Daesh) rebels and three Taliban have been killed in US drone strikes in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Thursday.

Police spokesman Lt. Col. Hazrat Hussain Mashriqwal told Pajhwok Afghan News the drone strikes took place in the Maman-dara locality of Achin district late on Wednesday night.

Eleven Daesh militants were killed and a machine-gun destroyed in the strikes that did not harm civilians, he said, with-



out giving further details of the raids. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, said three Taliban militants were killed and some weapons sized during a clash by security forces in Achin district early Thursday morning.

Militants have not yet commented on the drone strikes. (Pajhwok)

# Over 50 Insurgents Killed in Herat Offensive

KABUL - At least 52 militants were killed and 10 others were wounded in a military operation carried out by Afghan security forces in Herat province, local officials said on Friday.

The military operation was launched in Shindand district, said Raz Mohammad Oryakhail, executive officer at 207 Zafar Corps. He said a number vehicles related to the Taliban were destroyed in an airstrike carried out by Afghan forces during the operation.

According to him, two Taliban commanders, Mullah Nayib and Mawlawi Moheb, are among those killed in the offensive. (Tolonews)

# Islamic University Being Established in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Construction of boundary wall around an Islamic International University began on Thursday in eastern Nangarhar province. The university's establishment would cost \$250 million in total and would take 15 years to complete, the higher education minister said.

Farida Momand said for now only the boundary wall would be constructed that would cost 37 million afghanis from the ministry's development budget.



She said Islamic and other countries would be asked for assistance in the university's construction.

The minister said the university would have different faculties, libraries, laboratories and other related facilities and the capacity to accommodate 10,000 students at once. The university ... (More on P4)...(19)

# 7 of a Family Killed in Kandahar Roadside Blast

KANDAHAR - Seven members of a family were killed on Wednesday when a roadside bomb ripped through their vehicle in the Shah Wali Kot district of southern Kandahar province, an official said.

The blast took place in Tambakol area at around 5:30pm, the Kandahar governor's spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News.

The family was travelling home. The dead included three children, two women and as many men, all from the same family, the official said, accusing the Taliban of planting the explosive.

Abdul Ghani, the Shah Wali Kot district chief, confirmed the incident and the casualties and said ... (More on P4)...(20)

# 4 Children Killed as Bomb Goes off Inside Herat Home

HERAT CITY - Four children were killed on Thursday when a bomb exploded inside a house on the outskirts of the capital of western Herat province, an official said.

The governor's spokesman, Jilani Farhad, told Pajhwok Afghan News the blast took place inside the house of a local influential figure in Islam Qala township west of Herat City this afternoon.

Four children were killed and four others were in the blast, he said, adding all the victims were members of the same family and were aged between two and eight years.

The bomb had been recently planted in the house. The motive behind the attack and the identity of the perpetrators was not immediately known, but police had launched their investigation, Farhad said.

Herat Zonal Hospital spokesman Mohammad Rafiq Sherzai confirmed receiving four injured children from the incident area.

The condition of one the children, an eight years old girl, was critical, he said. (Pajhwok)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



Adrenaline surges throughout your body today as you receive an extra boost of vitality. The Moon's presence in your sign encourages you to take a risk in a relationship by sharing your feelings, even if you're unsure where the conversation will lead. Divergent goals may produce heated conversation but the situation can resolve itself quickly when the Sun forms a creative connection with result-oriented Mars.

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



It's tempting to push your point home today, but your persistence can turn an interaction personal, which is something you don't necessarily want to do. Your audience won't be bullied into making a decision; back off once you make your case and allow time for your message to sink in. Resistance will fade quickly if you stay cool.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Unfiltered honesty can get you into hot water today. To speak the truth is almost always a good idea, but tempering it with diplomacy means the difference between provoking a laugh and starting a fight. You might try to light a fire under a sluggish friend or you could attempt to get a rise out of your partner just for the fun of it. Tread cautiously now; you may be ready to jump but it's hard to tell where you will land.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Although communication problems may create numerous headaches today, you are blessed with the tools to handle any misunderstandings that arise. Whether you are gathering with friends or spending the day at home, rest assured that most situations will unfold according to your plan -- even if you must step in and nudge things along.

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



You might be feeling so good-natured and effervescent today that a quiet evening at home is too laid-back for your liking. An exciting connection between the sparkling Sun and ardent Mars reintroduces you to your inner child. Invite a few buddies over for a last-minute party or go out dancing on the town.

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



You have a lot of new facts at your disposal today, but your current tendency is to fall back on old familiar patterns. You could even start an argument just to prove that you're right, but it's healthier to simply acknowledge there are multiple points of view and move on. Too many commitments can get you into trouble if circumstances beyond your control delay your progress. Charles Darwin wrote, "It is not the strongest of the species that survives.

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



You may wonder if your ideas are worthy of pursuit today as your brain buzzes with innovation and inspiration. However, someone could act as a catalyst to accelerate the pace of change, bringing both excitement and instability into your life. Thankfully, you are fully motivated with more-than-enough energy to rise to the occasion when the radiant Sun shines on macho Mars.

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



Impatient thinking combines with sloppy logic today, adding extra tension to complex interpersonal relationship dynamics. Before a passionate discussion turns into an outright battle, make sure that everyone is talking about the same issue. Although the cosmos gives you plenty of juice to defend your point of view.

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



You may struggle to assimilate new information and integrate it into a single picture today. You're so eager to show off what you know that you could make outrageous statements now, which can't be verified when push comes to shove. Balancing your high hopes with the basic facts can be tricky if you say more than you should. Overstating your position leaves you out on a limb.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



It feels as if you've been playing the waiting game for a long time and now you're finally ready to make your move. Unfortunately, your judgment isn't very clear while Mercury forms an anxious aspect with inflationary Jupiter in your 10th House of Authority. However, you're advised by your friends to throw your usual caution to the wind.

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

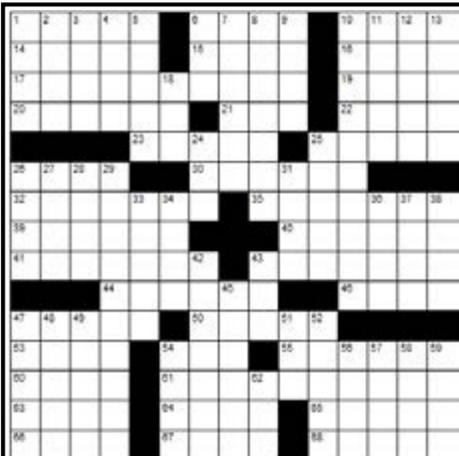


Your nerves are on edge today as you're pulled back and forth between high anxiety and low stress. An uncomfortable Mercury-Jupiter connection clouds your thinking and tempts you to exaggerate the facts, especially if you're trying to sound practical. But a responsible Moon-Saturn trine enables you to apply your skills steadily while building a strong foundation.

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



You are susceptible to emotional hyperbole, unrealistic promises or information overload today. Messenger Mercury's stressful alignment with gregarious Jupiter can make you very chatty or possibly even indiscreet. Be careful talking about friends or colleagues, since even an innocent remark may be perceived as gossip. Nevertheless, your enthusiasm bubbles over.



**Across**

1. Russian emperors, 6. T T T T, 10. Policemen, 14. Water balloon sound, 15. A Freudian stage, 16. Component of urine, 17. Australian kingfisher, 19. Peel, 20. Unbending, 21. Belief, 22. Lunch or dinner, 23. Bloodsucker, 25. Tarnish, 26. Nursemaid, 30. Ought, 32. Paint the town red, 35. Calamity, 39. Crazy, 40. A European peninsula, 41. Chevrotain, 43. Stonework, 44. Unruffled, 46. Catches, 47. Fondled, 50. Very prickly woody vine, 53. Dash, 54. Former boxing champ, 55. Foursome, 60. Assistant, 61. Devalue, 63. C C C C, 64. Broad valley, 65. Malicious burning, 66. Terminates, 67. Sought damages, 68. A flower of remembrance.

**Down**

1. Sounds of disapproval, 2. Smudge, 3. Maguey, 4. Garden tool, 5. Procrastinate, 6. Letter after sigma, 7. Make wealthy, 8. Hearing range, 9. Shut, 10. A cantankerous person, 11. Bay window, 12. Prison-related, 13. In an unfortunate way, 18. A farewell remark, 24. East southeast, 25. Thick slices of something, 26. Corrosive, 27. Head of hair, 28. Backside, 29. Huskiness, 31. Murre, 33. Lacking leadership, 34. Sow, 36. Sea eagle, 37. Soil, 38. Cheers, 42. Any dramatic scene, 43. Japanese apricot, 45. Threefold, 47. Tranquility, 48. Extraterrestrial, 49. Walked through water, 51. Consumed food, 52. Summary, 54. Contributes, 56. Novice, 57. Coarse file, 58. At the peak of, 59. Declare untrue, 62. Scarlet.

**Yesterday's Solution**

battle, bombs, camps, cast, cave, death, defend, destroyers, feel, fields, fighters, friends, glory, honor, hurt, massacre, merit, oppression, ovens, peril, planes, purpose, real, remember, rescue, seam, sees, shot, struggle, triumph, victory, volunteer.

