

Car Bomb Explosion Leaves 2 Dead, Many Others Wounded in Laghman Province



LAGHMAN - A car bomb explosion left at least 2 dead and many others wounded in eastern Laghman province of Afghanistan. The Ministry of Interior confirmed that the militants deto-

minated a car bomb close to police headquarters of Alisheng district earlier today, killing 2 policemen and wounding 6 others. However, the local officials said the explosion killed 2 policemen and wounded at least 26 others

including 20 civilians. The Taliban group claimed responsibility for the attack claiming that the explosion killed or wounded dozens of security personnel. Laghman is among the relative-

ly calm provinces in the East but the Taliban militants are active in some of its districts and often attempt to carry out attacks against the government and security institutions. (Khaama Press News Agency)

Pakistan to Stay on FATF Grey List for 4 Months



PESHAWAR - Pakistan will remain on the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) until February 2020, says a media report. The Paris-based watchdog has asked Islamabad to take extra measures for complete elimination of terror financing and money laundering. An FATF meeting in France on Tuesday reviewed the steps that Pakistan has taken to control money laundering and terror financing. However, Dawn reported, the meeting concluded Pakistan would have to adopt further measures to avoid ending up on the blacklist. The task force, which is expected to make a formal announcement in this regard on Friday, has linked the blacklisting of Pakistan

with unsatisfactory steps to curb money laundering and terror financing. FATF has reportedly decided to give Pakistan another respite of four months to help it enforce recommendations. Led by Minister for Economic Affairs Hammad Azhar, a Pakistani team informed the meeting that Islamabad had made positive progress on 20 of the 27 points. According to the newspaper, China, Turkey and Malaysia commended the steps Pakistan has taken to control money laundering and terror financing. Representatives from 205 countries and jurisdictions, including the IMF, UN, World Bank and other organisations, are taking part in the Paris meeting. On Tuesday, India suggested blacklisting ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

7 of A Family Killed in Maidan Wardak Airstrike

KABUL - At least seven members of a family have been killed in an airstrike in central Maidan Wardak province, a public representative and residents claimed on Wednesday. Sharifullah Hotak, a member of the provincial council, told Pajhwok Afghan News the security forces carried out a raid and airstrikes in the Sadmardah locality of Nirkh district late on Tuesday night. He said seven members of a family were killed and two others wounded in the nighttime raid and airstrike. He wrote on his Facebook page: "The government should investigate the incident seriously as it is not the ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Parwan: 8 Election Workers Still in Taliban Captivity

CHARIKAR - Eight election workers who were kidnapped on September 28 are still in Taliban captivity in the Shinwari district of central Parwan province. The Independent Election Commission (IEC) workers were abducted by Taliban in the Namak Aab area of the district on election day evening. Well-placed sources confided to Pajhwok Afghan News the kidnapped election workers were residents of different areas of Shinwari district. Qazi Aku Gul Ahmadi, the district's administrative chief, said on Sept. 28 that votes cast at the Namak Aab polling station had been transferred to the Parwan capital. Different sources have come up

with conflicting views regarding the captivity of the kidnapped IEC workers. Police chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Mahfuz Walizada said: "The captors were supposed to free the IEC workers on payment of fine. But the amount of fine is yet to be ascertained. "According to information we have, they (Taliban) want to fine the workers (for participating in the election process) before they are released." Abdul Qahar Wahab, the IEC head for Parwan, expressed concern at the uncertain fate of the workers. He said elders were mediating on the issue but Taliban had linked their release to orders from their leadership. The ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

KABUL - The institute's earnings show a threefold increase every year since 2016. Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah on Tuesday called for an investigation to be launched to assess a \$255,000 salary received by Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi, the acting Minister of Finance-and top adviser to President Ashraf Ghani--by the US-based Institute for State Effectiveness. Earlier this week TOLONews obtained documents revealing that Qayoumi received a \$255,000 salary from a private organization in the US in 2017, called the "Institute for State Effectiveness," which was founded by President Ashraf Ghani in 2013. A year earlier, in 2016, Mr. Qayoumi received a \$105,000 salary

Abdullah Abdullah Calls for Investigation of Ghani's Advisor



from the same institute while he was serving as Ghani's top advisor. Abdullah claimed that Qayoumi's case is not unusual, and that other cases like this need to be investigated.

"This question will not only be put to him. This case needs to be investigated. If a violation has occurred, then he should say it," said Abdullah. Legal experts say that based on article ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Oct 17, 2019 - You may be expecting some visitors. Happy as you are about this, you may be feeling overwhelmed by what remains to be done. Pace yourself. These friends are coming to see you, not check under the beds for dust bunnies. It's more important to enjoy their company than stress about housekeeping minutia. Leave some time to relax so you're refreshed for their visit.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Oct 17, 2019 - Your energy level is at an all-time high, so you may work harder than usual. You could be inspired to work around the house, cleaning, repairing, and straightening up. Visitors may drop by unexpectedly this evening. Even though you weren't planning on having company for dinner, the house is in good shape and you play the host beautifully.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Oct 17, 2019 - A shift in responsibilities may be needed at home. You or your partner may need more help with household tasks or want to abdicate responsibility for all the daily errands. Everyday chores can stress even the happiest of families. Try to work together to devise a plan that allows you to get everything done and still enjoy some fun together.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Oct 17, 2019 - Expect to hear some great news today. Some distant relatives may call to say they're coming for a visit. Or you could find out about a trip that you and your family will take in the near future. Your spirits soar with the news, and you spread your excitement and positive spirit to others.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Oct 17, 2019 - You have a keen mind and you're thirsty for knowledge. A recent accomplishment may make you look for the next challenge. Consider looking to your hobbies for the next big thing in your life. The little side projects that you enjoy working on could lead to a new field. You're especially suited to research-oriented fields. You're bound to succeed.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Oct 17, 2019 - You may be feeling nostalgic for old friends and faraway family. Even if you haven't spoken to them in a while, pick up the phone and call them up. All signs indicate that anyone you talk to today will be very glad to hear from you. You'll be surprised by how much you have in common. The conversation picks up right where you left off last time.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Oct 17, 2019 - With the current aspects, you can expect positive job changes. You've worked hard these past few months and contributed important ideas. Don't be surprised if you get rewarded with recognition, raise, or promotion. Go out and celebrate with friends tonight. You deserve a night on the town. Nothing would give you more pleasure than treating your loved ones to dinner.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Oct 17, 2019 - Take care that you don't exhaust yourself. You could be doing too much for others right now. Your kind heart and generous nature often have you saying yes to requests when you should be refusing. Today you might want to rethink any obligations. Think of it this way - you're not saying no to someone else, you're saying yes to yourself!

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Oct 17, 2019 - Today you hit the ground running. You're happy, energetic, and optimistic. You feel love for all mankind. Don't be surprised if this brings new people into your life. You can't blame them for wanting to be around you. You're looking as good as you feel. You can feel the eyes following you as you walk down the street. Enjoy the attention!

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Oct 17, 2019 - You're a traditionalist at heart and happy to do the same thing year in and year out. Your partner could be tiring of the old routine. Today your friend may want to do things differently. There's no need to be traumatized by this change. You might discover some new traditions that you can add to the old. Be flexible. You won't regret keeping an open mind.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

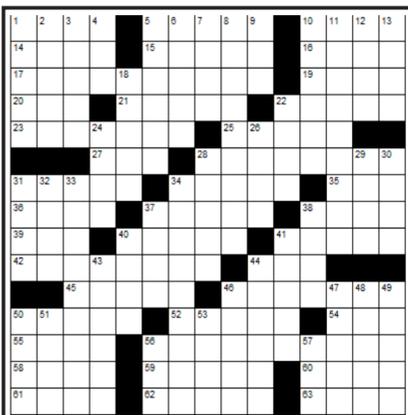


Oct 17, 2019 - The love you feel for everyone today draws new people into your orbit. You're in love with all, even people you couldn't stand yesterday. If you're in sales or a field that puts you in contact with many people, you can expect extraordinary success. People will do whatever it takes and pay any amount of money to connect with you. This applies to your personal life, too.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Oct 17, 2019 - You have a gentle way of expressing yourself to your loved one. It isn't your style to make grand gestures or buy extravagant gifts. You prefer to spend quality time together, talking and cuddling. Today you may be in an unusually romantic mood and confess the depth of your feelings. This will have just the effect you hope for!



Across

- Not yours, 5. Flooded, 10. The bulk, 14. Wildebeests, 15. Hindu social division, 16. Anagram of "Rave", 17. Freeing, 19. Roman emperor, 20. French for "Summer"
- Sea, 22. Broadcast, 23. Hopelessness, 25. Panache, 27. Historic period, 28. Exchanges, 31. Couches, 34. Ancient Athenian philosopher, 35. Type of whiskey, 36. Nights before, 37. Weepee, 38. Cajole, 39. Hearing organ, 40. Move very slightly, 41. Chatty, 42. Inert medications, 44. Dawn goddess, 45. Inexpensive, 46. Esoteric spiritual knowledge, 50. Assumed name, 52. Stops, 54. Before, poetically, 55. Hiring, 56. Front man, 58. Cozy, 59. Winged, 60. Initial wager, 61. To be, in old Rome, 62. Brusque, 63. Colors

Down

- Leered, 2. Come together, 3. Yokels, 4. South southeast, 5. Sweet wattle, 6. H2O, 7. Largest continent, 8. Ceramic ware, 9. Female chicken, 10. Lunatic, 11. Subvert, 12. Arid, 13. Stepped, 18. Lion sounds, 22. Countertenor, 24. Legumes, 26. Large town, 28. Drosses, 29. Nestling hawk, 30. Alluring, 31. Dribble, 32. Egg-shaped, 33. Prolific or fruitful, 34. A type of pervert
- Brass instrument, 38. To tax or access, 40. Honey insects, 41. Hangman's knot, 43. Alter
- Main course, 46. Surpluses, 47. Little, 48. Angry, 49. Yields, 50. Church alcove, 51. Focusing glass, 53. Food thickener, 56. Not thin, 57. Possessed

Yesterday's Solution



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freedom funny gobble
happy jurisdiction lonely
lovely money move nation
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return rhythm scarce shine
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