

Taliban Close 29 Government-Sponsored Madrasas in Logar



LOGAR - Residents in the eastern province of Logar on Thursday claimed that the Taliban have shut down at least 29 Madrasas in the province. The Taliban have also warned faculty to stop teaching at these

centers, which are run by the Afghan Ministry of Education. "It's very unfortunate that we are not allowing someone to go the mosque or Madrasa, or to read the Holy Quran or to teach. It's now three months that all Ma-

drasas have been closed in areas under the government control," said Sayed Farhad Akbari, a tribal elder in Logar. "The move can have several reasons: either they don't want the government to have control of

religious centers, or the Taliban's recruitment has been reduced there," said Sayed Qaribullah Sadat, a member of Logar's provincial council, suggesting that the closures might be punitive. A ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

15 Militants Killed in Ghazni Operation



KABUL - At least 15 Taliban insurgents were killed in an operation by Afghan Special Forces in Ghazni province, the Defense Ministry (MoD) said in a statement. The operation was conducted in Qal-e-Barakat, Zara Qala and Warsak villages of Khwaja Omari district in Ghazni. According to the statement, at least 15 militants including two foreign nationals and three Taliban commanders were killed and

four others were wounded in the raids. The statement identified the Taliban commanders as Reshad, Hamza, and Sabir Kochi, who were involved in destructive activities in the district. The Taliban militant group yet to make a comment in this regard. Ghazni is among the volatile provinces in the central part of Afghanistan where the insurgents are actively operating in a number of its districts. (ATN)

2 Observers Killed, Many Beaten on Polling Day

KABUL - Two election observers were killed, 20 injured and 26 arrested and released while tens of others were beaten and threatened during the September 28 presidential election, Pajhwok Afghan News has learned. The presidential election was held on September 28 after months of delay. Thirteen candidates contested for the country's top political position. According to information from the Independent Election Commission (IEC), over 113,500 observers, more than 21,680 national observers, 1,153 national and international journalists and 87 special guests monitored and covered the presidential elections. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

All Smoke-Emitting Vehicles Being Stopped: NEPA

KABUL - The National Environment Protection Authority (NEPA) has said it has classified vehicles contributing to air pollution in Kabul and shared the list of smoke-emitting vehicles with the Traffic Department. NEPA officials say they would stop all vehicles that cause pollution from playing roads in Kabul city. Hamayon Kazim, NEPA head, talking to Pajhwok Afghan News, said, "All vehicles that pollute the air in Kabul will be stopped under an organized program which is also common in other countries for prevention of air pollution." "We take number plates and licenses of vehicles that produce smoke and then share them with the Traffic Department, these ve-

hicles would not be allowed to be driven until they are repaired," he said. Kazim said their survey showed smoke-emitting and faulty vehicles contributed 65 to 80 percent to air pollution in Kabul. "These types of vehicles emit carbon and other gases that damage human health, plants and animals", he said. Frozan Seddiqi, a NEPA worker who participated in the presser, said that the aim of launching the program was part of measures to deal with climate change. Abbas, a resident of Kabul city, welcomed NEPA's program for environment protection and said besides the government, citizens of the country were also responsible to ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Authorities Fail to Enforce Court Order Over a Former IEC Member

KABUL - Strong criticisms rise after authorities failed to implement a court decision over a former member of the Independent Election Commission. Afghanistan's justice center sentenced all members of electoral commissions to five years in jail after they were found guilty of rigging the votes of Kunar parliamentary elections in 2018. However, Wasima Badghisi, a senior member of the Independent Election Commission (IEC) neither showed up at the court decision-making meeting nor the verdict of the court was implemented over her. The Attorney General Office (AGO) has officially requested the Interior Ministry to enforce the rule of law over Ms. Badghisi but



police have not taken any action so far. Though a travel ban was issued for Ms. Badghisi but reports suggest that she is currently leaving outside the country. "If she is out of the country the

interpool police must take action and if she is inside the country the rule of law must be enforced," said Wahid Farzaee, an Afghan lawyer. Officials in the Afghan Interior Ministry denied to make a comment in this regard. (ATN)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Oct 19, 2019 - The energy is unusually slow, causing you to drag and your productivity to suffer. There isn't much you can do about it. Prioritize your tasks so you accomplish what absolutely needs to be done. Everything else will have to wait until your "get up and go" returns tomorrow. In the meantime, energize yourself as much as possible with good nutrition and a brisk walk.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Oct 19, 2019 - Trips will likely be mired in mechanical difficulties and delays of all types. You'll get to your destination eventually, but you're going to have to be patient. If you're heading to the airport, be sure to bring a book - a long one - to make the wait more bearable. If you're just heading across town, bring along your favorite music to keep your spirits up.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Oct 19, 2019 - Don't take anything at face value today. There's an air of misinformation and misunderstanding, so avoid gossip. This could be easier said than done, as all the social events of the next several days put you in constant contact with known chatterboxes. Be pleasant, smile, and nod, but don't ask any leading questions. Once you get them started, these people keep talking!

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Oct 19, 2019 - Visits with friends and family are highlighted today. Regardless of whether they come to you or you go to them, you're bound to have a delightful evening. This is exactly what you need after the frustration of a long day, complete with delays and mechanical difficulties. Put it all behind you. Pass the pizza, refill the glasses, and enjoy some deserved downtime.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Oct 19, 2019 - Your energy could be low today, making this an ideal day to stay in and read or get any paperwork finished. It isn't glamorous, but at least it doesn't require much energy. Any writing you need to do will be clear and fluid. You have a gift, and today it's magnified. You should make good use of this auspicious day.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Oct 19, 2019 - You may feel frustration and loneliness today. All you want is to spend a quiet evening with your romantic partner, but you can't find him or her anywhere. Planes are late and rush-hour traffic is especially bad. Cell phones don't help. Your friend may as well be on the Moon. Take heart and know that you're missed just as much. When you do reconnect, the reunion will be electric!

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Oct 19, 2019 - You may feel like the walls are closing in on you. Don't let it happen. Do whatever you need to do to rejuvenate your spirits and motivation. You may have gotten bogged down in some rather dull responsibilities or obligations. You're too bright to squander your mind that way. Take a break from routine and go for a night on the town. You'll enjoy dancing the night away!

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Oct 19, 2019 - Today could be a strange day as you find it increasingly difficult to concentrate. This is unlike you. You're usually efficient and levelheaded. Blame it on the planets. Their configuration is the cause of the lethargy and ennui. Accept the fact that you won't be moving at your usual pace. You can make up for lost time tomorrow.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Oct 19, 2019 - You and your loved one might find it difficult to connect today. You're busy with personal issues and obligations. While you have every intention of getting together for dinner, you don't seem to be able to connect. It's frustrating, but keep trying. When you finally do get together, the companionship will more than make up for the wait!

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

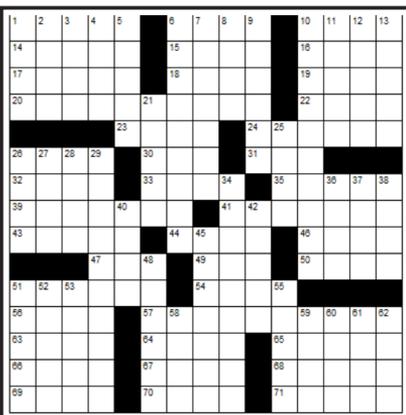
Oct 19, 2019 - You have a generous spirit, but today you may be worried that you've been too generous. If you bought someone a large gift, you might be concerned that you've gone overboard. It's too late to return it. Don't worry about it too much. Your mate will love your thoughtfulness - and your credit card bill won't come for another month!

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Oct 19, 2019 - You've always been practical when it comes to financial matters, but sometimes consumerism can cause you some stress. Of course you want to show the special person in your life how much you care, but do you need to spend a lot of money to prove it? Find a balance you can both live with. You don't need to buy a car.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Oct 19, 2019 - You're likely to feel pulled in two directions today. You're at a high point in your career and don't want to lose the momentum. At the same time, you feel strongly that you'd like to spend extra time with your loved ones. If only you could be in two places at once! Have you considered telecommuting for the next few weeks? Your family would enjoy having you around.



Across

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Down

- 1. Wise one, 2. Central point, 3. Diva's solo, 4. Pear variety, 5. Broom, 6. Skepticism, 7. Wild, 8. Leave in a hurry, 9. Flail, 10. Apathetic, 11. House style, 12. Dole, 13. Round red root vegetables, 21. Lion sounds, 25. 19th Hebrew letter, 26. Pitcher, 27. Departed, 28. Circle fragments, 29. Careful, 34. Sweetbriar, 36. Dwarf buffalo, 37. Hotels, 38. Smash, 40. Burden, 42. Hinder, 45. Underwriter, 48. Detects, 51. Near, 52. Treks on foot, 53. Deservedly receives, 55. Twinges, 58. Overhang, 59. Boor, 60. Small island, 61. Ardor, 62. Border

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