

Pompeo Condemns Nangarhar Attack, Reaffirms US Commitment



WASHINGTON - The US Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo in a statement on Saturday condemned the attack in Nangarhar, calling it an act of "cowardice and cruelty" and said that Washington remains committed to peace in Afghanistan.

Two explosives went off in a mosque in the Jaw Dara area of the Haska Mena district of eastern Nangarhar province on Friday. Residents claim 72 people have been killed and dozens wounded. "The United States remains com-

mitted to peace and stability in Afghanistan, and will continue to fight against terrorism," Pompeo said in a statement. "We stand by the people of Afghanistan who only want peace and a future free from these abhorrent acts of violence."

"Places of worship should be sanctuaries, not targets for terrorist attacks. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the victims and their families," he said. No group has claimed responsibility for the blasts. (TOLO News)

Iran Seeks Increased Energy Trade with Afghanistan



TEHRAN - Iranian Energy Minister Reza Ardakanian said on Saturday that his country is capable of boosting its electricity exports to Afghanistan under the framework of the two sides' energy agreements, according to Iranian public television. Ardakanian said that Iran intends to expand its energy cooperation with Afghanistan in various areas-- including long-term electricity--to meet the needs of the Afghan electricity industry, among

other areas. Mentioning his recent visit to Afghanistan, Ardakanian reported that the two countries signed a memorandum of understanding for the expansion of cooperation in several areas. According to the MOU, signed on August 18, the two sides are going to collaborate in several areas including the reconstruction and repair of Afghanistan's worn-out transmission equipment, construction ... (More on P4)...(7)

Drug Addicted Man Shot Injured 3 Family Members in Laghman

LAGHMAN - A young drug addicted man has shot injured three members of his family in Qarghayo district of eastern Laghman province, an official said on Sunday. Asadullah Dawlatzai, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the incident took place in Aghrabad area of the district this morning. He said that Khan Wali opened fire at his father, mother and brother and shot them injured and managed to flee the area but police had launched a manhunt to capture him. He added the injured were evacuated to Nangarhar hospital for treatment. ... (More on P4)...(9)

Badakhshan Displaced Families Demand Winter Aid

FAIZABAD - Four hundred displaced people have been distributed cash assistance in northeastern Badakhshan province while 7,000 families need aid ahead of winter. According to the provincial Refugee and Repatriate Department, 6,600 families have been living in Faizabad due to insecurity and lawlessness in their own areas. Each displaced family out of total 400 had received 12,000 afghanis cash assistance from the Department of Refugees. Abdul Wahid Tayyibi, head of the Refugee Department, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "currently 12,000 afs cash is being distributed to each family. We have 7,000 displaced persons in Badakhshan who live in the provincial capital

and districts and we are worried about their living condition." Recipients not happy with the aid Zeba Gul, a resident of Duab village in Shewa district who received the assistance, said: "This assistance is nothing. Winter is at our doorstep, we need more aid including food and fuel because we would face a lot of problems." Her husband was a policeman who was killed during fighting with Taliban militants and she currently lives in Faizabad City with her eight family members. "My children are small, we live in a rented home. If my kids get sick in winter what would I do," she asked. Call for equal distribution of aid to everyone in need Azizullah, a resident of Bashond

village in Warduj district, said he was living in Faizabad for the last three years and faced multiple problems for lack of job. "The winter is coming fast and we have no wood to burn them in winter. I wish we could have received the assistance." Naimatullah, another displaced, said he had no money to buy firewood to keep his home warm in winter and the assistance he received was insufficient. Maulvi Abdul Wahab Najdi, a representative of the displaced persons from Warduj district, said they were in bad condition and their situation could worsen if not assisted before winter. Officials' response: Abdul Wahid Tayyibi, Refugees and Repatriation director, said:



"We distributed food items and cash assistance to displaced persons from Arghanj Khwa district,

which was not enough and we are worried about their living ... (More on P4)...(8)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Oct 21, 2019 - This is a day for good news, particularly regarding the home. It's likely that some positive changes are occurring or are about to occur. You may be considering a move or a major renovation. Whatever it is, all signs indicate that the changes are for the better. One way or another, by this time next year you'll be living in a bigger, better house.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Oct 21, 2019 - Good news from distant lands could have you feeling good about your life and eagerly anticipating the future. Your thinking is sharp and clear. This is a good day to make plans, particularly if they involve travel or education. If you have the feeling that the coming weeks bring some dramatic changes for the better, your instincts are likely correct. You have reason to celebrate.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Oct 21, 2019 - When you give your imagination free rein, you have a creative way of expressing yourself. Today you might feel like doing some public speaking or creative writing. You may devise a unique way to make a presentation or put together a proposal. Communicating in a more intimate way will warm your heart and the hearts of your audience. Don't hold back.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Oct 21, 2019 - Your mental acuity is high today. A recent innovation of yours could bring you some much-deserved recognition. Your mind is especially sharp at this point, and ideas come thick and fast. You have tremendous talent. If you focus it, you'll make some positive inroads toward building your success.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Oct 21, 2019 - Today you'll feel inspired to express yourself in fun, creative ways. Don't be afraid to let loose with your wild sense of humor. You could play a prank on a friend that makes him or her laugh and creates good feelings. Or you could share some jokes with others that make them smile and feel better. You enjoy playing the clown, and you're good at it!

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Oct 21, 2019 - Expect a visitor to put you in touch with people who could make a real difference in your life. Changes are manifesting more quickly than you realize. Certainly all that's occurring is exciting, but the speed may have you feeling a little apprehensive. Fear often accompanies success. You can't move ahead without taking some risk. You're up to this challenge!

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Oct 21, 2019 - Today's celestial configuration may leave you feeling more spiritually inclined than usual. As your thoughts turn to more positive horizons, you'll be optimistic about your future and the future of humanity. Don't hesitate to express these opinions to others. They'll be cheered by your point of view.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Oct 21, 2019 - This is bound to be an interesting day as you meet some new people who have fascinating ideas about esoteric subjects. Listen closely and later jot notes on the conversation. Don't be surprised if you get some good news about advancing in your professional field. It looks as though a raise or promotion is coming.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Oct 21, 2019 - It's time to admit that your hectic lifestyle is catching up with you. Today you must start to get organized. Waiting until the last minute to take care of important tasks only causes anxiety. Make a list of everything you need to get done and prioritize it. Consider yourself lucky if you can confine the list to one page!

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Oct 21, 2019 - Your inbox is probably crammed with party invitations. There's no such thing as a simple RSVP for you. Every call to accept or decline results in a lengthy conversation as you catch up with relatives and old friends. It's possible that you'll receive a communication today that turns your life in a new direction.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

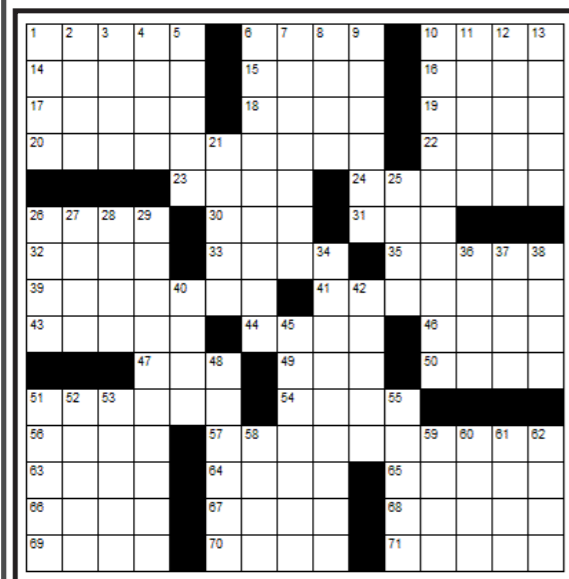


Oct 21, 2019 - The planetary energies today are emphasizing family. This may be a good time to do some research, delving more deeply into your roots. Have you picked your grandmother's brain about her mother and grandmother? You'll be surprised at what you learn.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Oct 21, 2019 - Your hard work is finally paying off. You can expect to receive acknowledgement and advancement, along with a possible salary increase or substantial bonus. You should receive the good news soon. Celebrate tonight with family and friends. They could also have some good news of their own to report, which makes for happiness all around.



Across

- 1. Collection of maps, 6. "What a shame!", 10. Body of water, 14. An ape, 15. Part of a skeleton, 16. Forearm bone, 17. Back tooth, 18. Plenty, 19. Casket, 20. Mercy killing, 22. Bobbin, 23. Carry, 24. Primarily, 26. The original matter, 30. Petroleum, 31. And so forth, 32. Assistant, 33. Kind of bean, 35. Lubricated, 39. Inscribed, 41. Scram, 43. Terrace, 44. Plod along, 46. Celestial bear, 47. Bamboozle, 49. Frozen water, 50. Clairvoyant, 51. Linking verb, 54. Campers, 56. Cain's brother, 57. Uncommitted, 63. A style of design, 64. Mongolian desert, 65. France's longest river, 66. Brother of Jacob, 67. Angel's headwear, 68. Deservedly receives, 69. Anagram of "Nets", 70. Not now, 71. Streamlined

Down

- 1. Highest point, 2. You (archaic), 3. A jaunty rhythm, 4. Nanny, 5. Small fatty European fish, 6. Erosions, 7. Broadly speaking, 8. Against, 9. Benni, 10. Salacious, 11. Stranger, 12. Drop to one's knees, 13. Not late, 21. Hangman's knot, 25. "Smallest" particle, 26. Complain whinily, 27. Former Italian currency, 28. Modify, 29. Fastidious, 34. Hobby, 36. Old stories, 37. Being, 38. Sweetheart, 40. Anagram of "Loot", 42. GMan, 45. Habitable, 48. Zero, 51. Trainee, 52. Overweight, 53. Smooth brown oval nut, 55. Periods of discounted prices, 58. Ark builder, 59. Anthracite, 60. Employ, 61. Sea eagle, 62. Writing table,

Yesterday's Solution



addition bam bend bird borrow break control crank deaf defame dinner drake everything family forgive friend growth habit heave inside near peanuts pretend regret repeat screen slavery smear sore strum tank today together..

