

Migrants Detained at Bulgarian Border Mostly from Afghanistan, Pakistan: PM

SOFIA - Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov commented on the migrant crisis in Europe speaking before journalists ahead of the start of the EPP Congress in Madrid, the press office of the Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria (CEDB) announced. Mr Borisov remarked that he was partially satisfied with the results achieved at the last leaders' summit in Brussels. "We should proceed with further and more decisive measures. These people have to be accommodated somewhere and the readmission procedure should be fast," the Prime Minister said. In his words, it is a concerning fact that just a small part of the migrants in Bulgaria is refugees from Syria. "We detain



mostly citizens of Afghanistan and Pakistan at our border, people who have nothing to do with the war in Syria. This is more concerning. These are young people, who were

in Iran, Iraq and other places; they come in organised groups comprised only of men. Thus we should be on high alert," he commented further... (More on P4)... (16)

Tolonews Launches Govmeter to Track Election Promises

KABUL - TOLONews on Wednesday officially launched a new website - From Words to Action - which aims to track the progress of President Ashraf Ghani's pre-election commitments and the National Unity Government's (NUG) post-election commitments. The aim of this is to promote government accountability. "This mechanism ensures and brings transparency and transparency removes the gap between the people and the government leaders," said Khpolwak Sapai, deputy director of TOLONews. Addressing guests attending the official launch, women's rights activist Mahbuba Saraj said: "This is a vital move by TOLONews. It can be used in good ways. But the most important thing is its management - that it should be managed properly." Jandad Spinghar, director of Election Watchdog Afghanistan (EWA), also welcomed the move and said: "When we do monitoring and seek justice based on it, this move brings changes and paves the ground for accountability and the next step is transparency which is created by accountability. And finally, transparency is a good indicator of good governance." In the lead up to the launch, TOLONews researched Ghani's pre-election manifesto as well as other sources including media, pledge letters and government documents in order to identify key commitments made during the presidential campaign period. In addition, TOLONews consulted with more than 60 civil society organizations... (More on P4)... (20)

40 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Helmand Clashes



LASHKARGAH - At least 40 Taliban insurgents were killed in an attack on Lashkargah the capital of southern Helmand province on Tuesday, local officials said. In addition, 20 other insurgents were injured. The clashes took place on Tuesday night in Babaji areas of Lashkargah after insurgents clashed with security forces, a spokesman for the Provincial Police Chief, Shah Mahmoud Ashna said. "The insurgents took control of Babaji after the attack but then security forces were able to take control of the area early Wednesday. The clashes still continue in some parts of Lashkargah," Ashna said. "More troops have arrived from other districts of the province to support the local forces and security forces are being given air support." He said that "two security soldiers were also killed in the attack." But local security force members said on condition of anonymity that a number of security force members were killed in the attack and that numerous soldiers are missing. However local officials have not commented on this. Ashna said more troops "are now in Lashkargah to secure the city". Officials said that about 35 families have been displaced in the areas which the Taliban attacked and "now they are in Lashkargah". The Taliban has not yet commented on the attack. (Tolonews)

Women Targeted in Taliban Takeover of Afghan City

KABUL - Hiding in her basement, a Kunduz radio presenter was paralysed with fear when the Taliban came looking for her as they conducted house-to-house searches for working women after storming the northern Afghan city. Long condemned as misogynist zealots, the Taliban have sought to project a softened stance on female rights, but the insurgents' three-day occupation of Kunduz offers an ominous blueprint of what could happen should they ever return to power. Harrowing testimonies have emerged of death squads methodically targeting a host of female rights workers and journalists just hours after the city fell on September 28. When they knocked on the radio host's door, her uncle answered, she said, requesting anonymity due to safety concerns. "We know a woman in your house works in an office," she said they told him. "When my uncle denied it, he was taken outside and shot dead. His body lay in the streets for days - no one dared to go out and get it." Such testimonies hark back to the Taliban's 1996-2001 rule of Afghanistan, when women were relegated to the shadows. Rights groups say female prisoners in Kunduz were raped and midwives were targeted for providing reproductive health services to women. Rampaging insurgents destroyed three radio stations run by women, looted a girls' school and ransacked offices working for female empowerment, stealing their computers and smashing their equipment, according to several sources including... (More on P4)... (17)

Foundation Stone of a Large Iron Melting Factory Laid in Kabul

KABUL - The foundation stone of a massive iron melting factory, a \$120 million private sector project was laid on Wednesday in Kabul. Officials say that it is scheduled that the factory to be prepared up to the next six months and it is expected that the employment filed provided for nearly a thousand people. Afghanistan is considered a rich country in terms of having massive iron riches, with the country's ore resources has been listed among the biggest iron mines of the world. In the light of investigation and exploration, Afghanistan



is known a rich country because of the existence of precious stones of iron and other natural resources. "The factory will melt irons 3 hundred tones daily. We will more focus on manufacturing sector and the factory will be unique in the region with the sign of "Khan". Khan Muhammad Wardak, investor said. Meanwhile, the ministry of economic announced to make the... (More on P4)... (18)

Kunduz City Almost Cleared; Residents Back Home

KABUL - The security situation in Kunduz city is slowly returning to normal and almost 90 percent of residents who fled are back home, said officials and residents in the northern city on Tuesday. TOLONews correspondent Syed Tariq Majidi who has traveled through the province, says people once again feel safe enough to walk through the streets of the city; however, some threats still remain on the way to Kunduz in areas



in neighboring Baghlan province. Majidi reports that streets and markets in Kunduz city are once again full of people. "Taliban militants have destroyed some education centers and their computer labs. They have destroyed their facilities. We urge the government to help restore... (More on P4)... (19)

Afghan-Canadian Wins Seat in Canadian Parliament

KABUL - An Afghan who migrated to Canada with her family about 20 years ago won a seat in the parliament of Canada. Maryam Monsef now a member of Liberal Party of Canada received the most votes among her peers from Peterborough-Kawartha District of Ontario province. She has posted a message on her facebook account about her victory stating that: "I am truly overwhelmed with gratitude today. And then to start my day seeing that even our next generation of voters cast their student "ballots" for #realchange? All I can say is Thank you. Thank you to each and every one of you. Now, let's get to work--there is so much to be done." After fleeing the terror and oppression of the Taliban in Afghanistan, Maryam Monsef and her family went to Canada. She graduated from Trent University with a Bachelor of Science, she has worked with a... (More on P4)... (21)

Logar to Get Electricity from Kabul



PUL-E-ALAM - Government has launched a project to transfer electricity from Kabul to neighboring Logar province. As per the project, power cables would be extended from Arghandi area of Kabul to the provincial capital of Logar province in a period of one year. It includes the installation of 246 electricity pillars in the distance of 71.6 kilometers and construction of a substation in Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital. The foundation stone of the substation was laid by the province's governor. The project is funded by the US Army Corps of Engineer which will cost them \$12 million. The project is scheduled to be completed in a period of one year. Governor of Logar province Mohammad AlimFidayee, other high ranking government officials, members of the provincial council and community elders talked about the importance of the project during a ceremony on Monday. Hasibullah... (More on P4)... (22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

A recent event may have unexpectedly triggered emotions that influence what you expect from your friends. However, something is brewing today that isn't obvious, and in the typical style of the Ram you just charge headlong into the situation without even stopping to think. Luckily, a sudden change of plans could lead to a win-win outcome if you can place the greater good of the community ahead.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might be entangled in a complicated situation at work and speaking the truth won't make your life any easier today. Even if you can rationalize your desires with the best of intentions, you may still feel more comfortable if you temporarily suppress your emotions and follow a more practical course of action now. Sometimes direct confrontation is effective; other times.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your dreams have a chance to become real today, so don't squander this surprising opportunity by fixating on unattainable goals. The Aquarius Moon's presence in your 9th House of Adventure may give you an irrepresible case of restlessness. Fortunately, you could effectively use this cosmic energy to plan a quick getaway or a fabulous trip to a distant place. Pack your bags and pick a destination.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You like the idea of being amongst your peers today, even if you actually prefer to be alone. Ironically, your paradoxical thinking could quickly grow annoying to everyone else. On one hand, you want to sink into your feelings and wallow around in the recesses of your imagination. But you also want to enjoy the camaraderie of your friends and benefit from their wisdom.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

The conflict between your desire to get ahead professionally and your attachment to a personal relationship creates a minor dilemma today. You may find yourself in a tense situation where contradictory demands are being placed on you, but an emotional response might be inappropriate. Instead of making a scene, keep a tight lid on your feelings until you are alone.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're naturally quite adept at sorting through all the information and determining the most efficient route to get the job done. However, organizing your thoughts is more challenging now, especially since your perspective is distorted by your obsession with the details. At first, you believe you know the solution and act accordingly; but then you may wonder if you moved too soon.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

The energetic imbalance between your current experience and what you previously thought to be true is making you second guess everything you believed. However intense this stress feels today, rest assured that it's a temporary condition. Your head and your heart are at odds with each other now as you perceive a reality that's vastly different from your ideal scenario.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Undeniable opportunities relentlessly lure you forward, but following your calling can cause undue stress on your personal life. Several planets place energetic emphasis on resourceful Venus and bountiful Jupiter as they wander through your 11th House of Long-Term Goals. However, maintaining domestic stability is just as important when it comes to your happiness.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are a straight shooter when sharing information, but your penchant for blunt honesty has unexpected consequences. You may have recently upset a coworker by expressing what was on your mind and now you have to clean up the mess that you inadvertently created. The problem is that you meant exactly what you said and you're irritated that you have to apologize today.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

It's a good idea to slow down now to avoid a snag in your plans if you're working on a creative project. Luckily, you can see the potential trouble before it rears its ugly head and adopting a more deliberate approach gives you additional time to solve the problem in advance. But don't give up on your vision when your clarity is so sharp; just regroup and acclimate to the new dynamics before pushing forward.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Although your ingenuity is in full bloom now, you can become overly fixated on executing your plan exactly as you see it in your mind's eye. Unfortunately, you may be tempted to dig in your heels today, even when the current circumstances are begging for an entirely new strategy. Ironically, greater flexibility in your thinking ultimately strengthens your position rather than weakening it.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

It appears that you can effectively communicate your needs today, but there is a churning turmoil within your heart that no one knows anything about. You may experience conflicting desires now, and are clueless on how to express them diplomatically. Honestly, you could benefit from a bit of solitude so you have the time to quietly sit with your own thoughts.



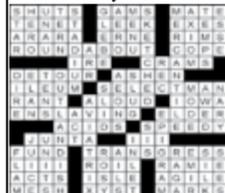
Across

1. Western tie, 5. Sporting venue, 10. Wanes, 14. Murres, 15. Adjust again, 16. Filly's mother, 17. Variation, 19. Rascal, 20. Snagged, 21. An organ of the body, 22. Attendants of knights, 23. Subjugate, 25. A drama set to music, 27. Half of a pair, 28. Masking, 31. Step, 34. Prisons (British), 35. Religious sister, 36. Slave, 37. Freight, 38. Anagram of "Meat", 39. Citrus drink, 40. Solder, 41. Center, 42. Mass of fallen rocks, 44. Mayday, 45. Small slender gulls, 46. Breastfeed, 50. Muse of love poetry, 52. Main stem of a tree, 54. Regulation (abbrev.), 55. Money owed, 56. Nutritious, 58. Effrontery, 59. Beginning, 60. Being, 61. Type of sword, 62. Slender, 63. A fitting reward (archaic).

Down

1. Move very slightly, 2. Heavenly hunter, 3. Elevators (British), 4. Buffoon, 5. Show up, 6. Late actor Christopher, 7. Feudal worker, 8. Obituary, 9. Consumed food, 10. Go on board, 11. Dickered, 12. Scottish hillside, 13. Collections, 18. African antelope, 22. Legumes, 24. Unit of bread, 26. Game on horseback, 28. Christmas song, 29. Cashews and almonds, 30. Annoying insect, 31. Russian emperor, 32. Start over, 33. Anagram of "Celebrate", 34. Bilestone, 37. Family group, 38. Fog, 40. Hairdo, 41. Makes fun of, 43. Used to boil water, 44. Rationality, 46. Enticed, 47. Crop up, 48. Anxious, 49. Incited, 50. Border, 51. Harvest, 53. Ploy, 56. Neither, 57. Skirt's edge

Yesterday's Solution



about, apartment, area, bacon, caress, charm, comfortable, connect, crown depart, each, flush, freeze, frown, loot, more, nightmare, normal, pleas, quack, quire, royal, rust, sirs, soar, social, spare, spring, start, stream, strings, supporter, suspicion, tattoo, terminal.

