

Chilly Weather Adds Miseries to Quake Victims

KISHAM - Chilly weather and frosty winds have added miseries to the victims of a strong earthquake that devastated a wide swath of Afghanistan's northern Badakhshan province on Monday. The authorities said that more than 100 people had been killed in Afghanistan in the magnitude-7.5 quake. "We are suffering not only from the weather which is getting colder but also from the lack of government aid in the form of food and in rebuilding our homes," Mohammad Majid of Badakhshan province told Xinhua. Majid, who is now living in his uncle's home along with his family, said that they are still waiting for the



government in Kabul and foreign humanitarian agencies to come, providing them with food and help rebuild their homes. "Our primary need in the affected ... (More on P4)...(16)

Taliban Vows to Not Launch Attacks on Quake Affected Areas

KABUL - Taliban's spokesman, Zabullah Mujahid in his recent statement said that the Taliban group would not launch military attacks on earthquake affected areas. Mujahid noted that all Taliban members have been instructed to not launch attacks on affected areas unless the Afghan forces launch attacks against them. He further added that the Taliban group would not interfere with Afghan government-led efforts to deliver assistance to thousands of people suffering in the aftermath of this week's magnitude 7.5 earthquake. The Taliban has waged a series of bloody battles in recent months with troops supporting the Western-backed government in Kabul. ... (More on P4)...(17)

NDS Detains 3 Taliban in Takhar

TALEQAN - The Afghan National Security Directorate (NDS) on Thursday arrested three Taliban militants in northeastern Takhar province. According to a statement by NDS, the arrested Taliban member, named Abdul Rahman came from Ghazni to Dasht-e Archi district of Kunduz province for military training. NDS has also seized two memory cards containing instructions for making bombs and transmitters. In the meantime, NDS announced the arrest of two Taliban who were involved in Dasht-e Archi clashes. The source added that the two armed Taliban were on their way to escape from Dasht-e Archi to Takhar province. (AIN)

OSCE Project on Building Capacity of Kyrgyz, Afghan Customs Officers Concludes

BISHKEK - A ceremony to mark the end of a three-year OSCE Center in Bishkek project to build the technical capacity of Afghan and Kyrgyz customs officers took place at the premises of the Kyrgyz Customs' Training Center in Leninskoye village, 20 kilometres outside Bishkek. The project was implemented jointly with the State Customs Service under the Government of Kyrgyzstan. During the event, the Chairperson of the Kyrgyz State Customs

Service, Adamkul Junusov, awarded Sergey Kapinos, the Head of the OSCE Center in Bishkek; Yulia Minayeva, Head of the Center's work in the Economic and Environment Dimension; and Saltanat Alibekova, manager of the customs project, with a medal for international cooperation. The project saw 150 Afghan and 850 Kyrgyz customs officers trained in identifying and detecting narcotics, conducting risk analysis and managing risk, examining cargo containers and trailers, interviewing techniques, compiling statistics, intellectual property rights, and carrying out audits. They were also acquainted with the legislation of the Eurasian Economic Union. The courses were developed and conducted jointly by experts from the OSCE Center in Bishkek and trainers from the Afghan National Customs Academy. "Social and economic stability as well as the prosperity of ... (More on P4)...(18)

Students Represent Afghanistan at Model UN Conference

KABUL - Ambassador Mahmoud Saikal, Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations, met with students from the Culinary Arts Academy at Weaver High School in Hartford, Connecticut at the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations. This group of high school students were going to represent Afghanistan at the 63rd annual Model United Nations conference. Welcoming the group to the



Mission, Ambassador Saikal briefed them about the history, demography, geography, culture, and current situation of Afghanistan. Ambassador Saikal remarked that the past 14 years in Afghanistan has shown much improvement due to the collective efforts of the Government ... (More on P4)...(19)

Afghanistan Lacks Preventing Programs to Manage Natural Disasters: Activists

KABUL - A number of civil activists criticized the government and Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authorities (ANDMA) performance, citing after Monday's earthquake, the affected people have not been assisted as they needed. They emphasized that the Afghan government does not have any preventing program to manage natural disasters and called on government and aid agencies for more attention regarding the issue. "The National Disaster Management Authorities does not properly address the problems and people are complaining over injustice," Ahmad Shah Istanikzai, civil activist said. Ariananews was unsuccessful to have the comments of the National Disaster Management Authorities and disaster risk management department regarding the issue. The seismic location of Afghanistan makes it more prone to frequent earthquakes and some have been devastating, causing widespread damage. Since 1985, more than 10 earthquakes with magnitudes above 6 were documented. Afghanistan's powerful 7.5 magnitude quake on Monday has killed 115 people, wounded 528 others and destroyed thousands of homes. Two days after the disaster, rescue workers were still struggling to get to far-flung areas in the mountainous and poverty-stricken region. (AIN)

ALP Commander Accused of Killing Three of a Family

MAZAR-E-SHARIF - A family in northern Balkh province claimed on Thursday that an Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander has killed three members of their family. The incident happened in Chamtal district when the ALP commander along with his two guards allegedly opened fire on a family, leaving four others including two girls wounded. The injured, who are receiving medical treatment at a hospital in Mazar-e-Sharif, the provincial capital, called on the government to bring the perpetrators to justice. "When the firing ended, my cousin ran and saw her brother was killed," one of the injured said. "Before we got there, my cousin's father had reached there and he was also killed." Meanwhile, the Police Chief of Balkh, Gen. Sayed Kamal Sadat, said a task-team has been assigned to probe into the case whether they were killed by the ALP commander or as a result of their personal enmity. Three suspects have been arrested in connection to the murder, he added. He however promised to ensure justice to the family. (Tolonews)

Photographers Depict Afghan Lives at Exhibition in Delhi



NEW DELHI - A group of Afghan photographers showcased the life and culture of war-torn Afghanistan at a photo exhibition being held in the national capital. A Delhi-based publication called PIX invited over 12 artists from all over the world to showcase their work on Afghanistan at a photo exhibition titled "Renewal". Through these images, the artists attempted to illustrate different accounts of culture, life and struggle of the Afghan people in the war torn areas. The photo exhibition will also help portray the positive image of Afghanistan to the world. Shamsia Hussaini, a graffiti artist based in Kabul, and Mujaheda Khawajazada, an Iranian Art teacher at Kabul University, are among those participating in the exhibition. Nandita Jai Shankar, Editor of the PIX magazine, said many artists have come forward and talked about their ... (More on P4)...(20)

An Army Chinook Crew's Mission over Afghanistan

KABUL - Flying over this country's capital city, Spec. Robert Godboldt squatted on the rear ramp of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. He spends hours like this most days, flying coalition service members and employees over a metropolis that is both reaching for the future and mired in its 14th year of war. The helicopter, flying in tandem with another CH-47, touched down at numerous bases, including the military side of Kabul International Airport, the main headquarters for Operation Resolute Support and Camp Integrity, where Green Beret soldiers have been known to operate. Piloted by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Sylvia Grandstaff and 1st Lt. Rachelle Boucher, the CH-47 also soared east over Afghanistan's barren mountain peaks to bases like Jalalabad Airfield. The job is one of the more thankless for U.S. troops in Afghanistan, often receiving attention only if something goes wrong. But it keeps ... (More on P4)...(21)

Afghan Cricketers Return Home after Historic Zimbabwe Tour

KABUL - The Afghan National Cricket Team returned home on Friday after making two big records in the cricket history during their victorious tour to Zimbabwe. Dozens of citizens cheered and danced while welcoming the national team at the Hamid Karzai International Airport of Kabul. Afghanistan for the first time won a One-Day International (ODI) series against a test-playing nation, before the nascent Afghan team clinched the T-20 Cup too. The recent outstanding performance led the national side to stand 9th in the T-20 ranking released by International Cricket ... (More on P4)...(22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Everything is quite simple as long as you don't allow the facts to stand in the way of having fun. The problem is that fantasy continues to rule your world now, even though the truth usually wins out in the end. Luckily, if you can imagine something today, you might actually be able to think it into existence. Nevertheless, cooperating with reality instead of avoiding it makes the road ahead easier to navigate.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It's nearly impossible to clearly define your strengths and weaknesses now, but your lack of objectivity won't impede your success. Even if your current role in the world is a bit muddled, your identity can be based more on your ideal vision rather than on the actual circumstances of your life. Give yourself permission to dream but don't lose track of the truth in the process.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You can't wait to escape into the beauty of an intellectual creation, whether or not you have a captive audience. Try your hand at writing poetry today or find a poem that touches your soul and read it aloud. In fact, music, art or any other creative outlet might do the trick. If you're feeling inspired, you could lose yourself in the moment and consciously invite your imagination to reveal a hidden treasure.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Although meditation is a wonderful part of a healthy daily routine, too much contemplation might inadvertently lead you into a deep rut now. This mental trap lures you into experiencing powerful feelings that haven't yet bubbled into awareness. If you become overwhelmed or sad, step outside for some fresh air and a short walk.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

A close friend might send mixed signals today, making it difficult to decipher what is expected of you. Your confusion may impact an intimate relationship or a group dynamic, but you can't waste energy worrying about what others think. Your most sensible course of action now is to clear up any misunderstanding by asking questions and sorting out the facts.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

It's like you are seeing the whole world through rose-colored glasses today, challenging you to admit that you don't have a clue as to what is real and what is an illusion. Your routine might fall to the wayside as you are enticed to step outside the narrow confines of your commitments. The trick is to realize you have more time than you think to finish up your chores and fulfill your obligations.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your admirable intention is to foster peace and harmony on this planet by ensuring that everyone around you is happy. Although others see you as sweet and friendly, you don't feel as if anyone understands your true motivation. The more you want good things to happen, the more resistance you seem to encounter today. Keep your hopes up even if you're not sure that things are going your way now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

A relationship dilemma currently stems from an imbalance of passion now. You long to share your emotions with someone you love, but everyone seems to prefer splashing around in the shallow end of the pool instead of swimming out into the deeper emotional waters. It's not that you need to hide your feelings, but it's tough to find someone who can match your intensity.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You thought you knew everything there is to know about your relationship world, but now you realize that a significant piece of information may have been missed in the translation. Toss your old assumptions aside because they are irrelevant to the current circumstances. But all is not lost; everything should work out to your advantage if you can be flexible enough to go with the flow today.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

It's a perfect day to fall in love with the idea of falling in love, but finding romance in the real world can be a cruel and fickle game. Beauty appears in many forms all around you now, but it's ultimately a reflection of what's within your mind. Be careful about confusing your subjective experience with the objective world. Maintaining a balanced perspective increases your chances.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Think your plans through extremely carefully if you are considering a major purchase. Unfortunately, you may be a little short on funds or common sense today. Even if you go ahead and open your wallet, remember that you can easily misjudge the value of what you are buying now. Finding something that is aesthetically pleasing is only half the battle, Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

A minor miscommunication between family members could twist the entire day out of shape before you know it. Nebulous Neptune may run amok with your life, but oddly enough, you still should be able to avoid trouble if you remain sensitive to the needs of others. Even if you must backtrack later to clear up a misunderstanding, make sure you straighten out any wrinkles on the home front before moving on.

Across

1. Aroma, 6. Being, 10. Water barrier, 14. East African country, 15. Cashews and almonds, 16. Hotels, 17. Vacillation, 19. Litigates, 20. Bivalve mollusk, 21. Foot digit, 22. Algonquian Indian, 23. A single-masted ship, 25. Consecrate, 26. Vipers, 30. Ring around the nipple, 32. Officer of the court, 35. Emptied, 39. Short-tail weasel, 40. Fleet, 41. Social drinker, 43. Roomette, 44. Highly seasoned fatty sausage, 46. Lease, 47. Dapper, 50. Deceived, 53. Always, 54. Fe,male sib, 55. A young eagle, 60. Unusual, 61. Emphasize, 63. Brand of credit card, 64. Bulwark, 65. Provide, 66. Anagram of "Lyme", 67. Sleigh, 68. Coil of yarn.

Down

1. Read superficially, 2. List of options, 3. Terminates, 4. Caustics, 5. Shoestrings, 6. N N N N, 7. Wooer, 8. Hunched, 9. Feudal worker, 10. Disavowal, 11. Accustom, 12. Leg joints, 13. S S S S, 18. Sick, 24. Buffoon, 25. Cacophony, 26. Assist in crime, 27. Indian dress, 28. Panderer, 29. Backwash, 31. By mouth, 33. Dental filling, 34. Sense, 36. Back of the neck, 37. Biblical garden, 38. Blowgun missile, 42. Revolutionary, 43. Take in slowly, 45. Brawn, 47. Jumpy, 48. Utilize, 49. Brusque, 51. Poetic dusk, 52. Days of the month, 54. Wood-cutting tools, 56. Sludge, 57. Stow, as cargo, 58. Decorative case, 59. Adolescent, 62. A late time of life.

Yesterday's Solution

admire, bale, bless, blooms, breath, breed, buns, clear, crutch, cuddle, daily, debt, desire, embrace, evolution, focus, hearth, human, lover, medicine, mules, mutter, poach, rare, remark, roar, room, single, slumber, stare, stomach, subject, table, tenses, that.

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