

# 3 Balkh DDAs Receive Meeting Hall Equipment

KABUL - Three District Development Assemblies (DDAs) in northern Balkh province have received meeting hall equipment from a German organisation.

The German Cooperation with Afghanistan said the equipment included sound systems, power generators, digital cameras, heaters and other necessary items.

The Department of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (DRRD) provided the equipment worth a million afghanis, supported by the Afghan-German Cooperation.

At the handover ceremony, Balkh DRRD Director Abdul Baset Aini said: "The new equipment enables the three DDAs to hold community meetings independently."

"This is a big step towards self-reliance. I would like to thank the Afghan-German Cooperation for supporting this community project," he added. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*



## 2 Civilians in Kunar Decapitated by Daesh Fighters

ASADABAD - Daesh, also known as Islamic State, fighters have decapitated two civilians in eastern Kunar province, an official said on Friday.

The insurgents had kidnapped the two people in the Mangai district of the province some days back, the governor's spokesman said.

Abdul Ghani Musamam, speaking to Pajhwok Afghan News, denied Daesh's claim that the men spied for the government or worked for foreign troops.

The beheadings came days back after the provincial chief claimed that the militant outfit had been weakened considerably in Kunar. *(Pajhwok)*

## 2 Militants Blown up by Own Explosives in Kapisa

KABUL - Two Taliban militants have been blown up by their own explosives in central Kapisa province, the Afghan National Army (ANA) said on Friday.

The explosion occurred in the Babaji area of Tagab district late on Thursday, ANA's 201st Selab Corps said in a statement. It added the insurgents were killed when the bomb they were planting on a road went off prematurely. The rebels are yet to comment on the incident. *(Pajhwok)*

## District Police Chief Killed in Ghazni Blast

GHAZNI CITY - The police chief for Jaghato district of southern Ghazni province was killed in a roadside bombing on Thursday, an official said.

Governor's spokesman, Mohammad Arif Noori, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in Torgul area of Jaghato district today morning.

He said the police chief, Capt. Moham-

mad Alhasan Jalil was heading to his office when hit by a roadside bombing. Only police chief was killed in the incident.

However, an official who wished to go unnamed said that two bodyguards of the police chief were also killed in the blast. No any groups so far claimed responsibility for the attack. *(Pajhwok)*

## Rashid Khan to Play for Adelaide Strikers in BBL



KABUL - Rashid Khan is all poised to become the first-ever Afghan cricketer to play in the Big Bash League (BBL) in Australia, representing the Adelaide Strikers.

The 18 years old leg-spin sensation would play in Australia's Twenty20 tournament later this year, the Adelaide Strikers said in a statement on Thursday.

"I am very happy to have signed with the Strikers for the BBL. It is a huge honour to be a part of such a great tournament," the spin prodigy remarked.

"It's even more of an honour to be the first Afghanistan player to participate on the BBL stage," added Khan, who performed well recently in the Indian Premier League. ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## 17 Children Return from China after Medical Treatment

KABUL - Twenty-one Afghan children with congenital heart diseases have been provided free medical treatment in China, a news report says.

According to Xinhua, the Chinese Red Cross Foundation (CRCF) conducted congenital heart disease screenings in Afghanistan in August.

Based on the screenings, 21 children were flown to Urumqi, the capital of China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, for medical treatment.

Doctors from hospitals in Shanghai, Beijing and Xinjiang performed surgeries on the children. Seventeen of them have already returned to Afghanistan.

CRCF said the remaining four children, having undergone operations, were likely to leave hospital in a week.

Under a Belt and Road humanitarian aid plan of the CRCF, more Afghan children would get free treatment in China. *(Pajhwok)*

## More Than 110 IDP Families Get Cash, Food Aid

KHOST CITY - Internally displaced families in southeastern Khost province have received cash and food aid, an official said on Thursday.

Governor Hakam Khan Habibi told Pajhwok Afghan News the families were displaced as result of war from the Janikhel district of southeastern Paktia province.

The food packages included 200 kilograms of flour, 14 kilograms of pulses, 14 kilograms of ghee and some eatables provided by the World Food Program (WFP).

He said each family was given 18,000 afghanis in cash, of which 12,000 afghanis were donated by the Solidarity International and 6,000 afghanis by the International Rescue Committee (IRC).

"Under a previous programme, we distributed aid to 111 IDP families and this time around to 114," the governor added.

Mohammad Hasham Halim, Khost refugees and repatriation director, said they had so far surveyed 18,000 families, including 200 displaced from Janikhel district.

"Our teams are still surveying those in the provincial capital and other areas. The rest of IDPs will also receive cash and food aid after the survey is completed," he promised. ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## 4 Romanian Soldiers Injured in Kandahar Suicide Attack



KANDAHAR CITY - Four foreign soldiers were wounded in a suicide attack on their convoy in the capital of southern Kandahar province on Friday noon.

According to the governor's office, the blast happened near the Kandahar Airfield on the Spin Boldak road. However, it did not give casualty figures.

Meanwhile a security official told Pajhwok Afghan News on condition of anonymity that four Romanian soldiers were wounded in the explosion.

One NATO tank fell into a nearby canal as a result of the explosion, which caused the Town Ace-type vehicle used in the attack to catch fire, the source revealed.

Immediately after the bombing, international soldiers cordoned off the area and did not allow journalists to reach the site. Helicopters hovered over the scene. A statement from the Resolute Support Mission said a small number of its service members were wounded today when the vehicle-borne improvised explosive device targeted their patrol in Kandahar.

The service members were taken to the Kandahar Airfield hospital for treatment.

As usual, the Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. The group's spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahmadi said seven foreign troops had been killed in the explosion. *(Pajhwok)*

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



**Aries** Your forceful words can land you in a pile of trouble today unless you bite your tongue as often as you wish to speak. Chatty Mercury aligns with combative Mars, tempting you to lash out before you know all the facts. Complicating matters, your wrath could be misdirected as you aim your message at someone other than the offending party.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



**Taurus** You are blessed with a nod from the cosmos today, allowing you to speak from your heart with keen clarity. Writing in a journal or just conversing with a friend helps you to sort out your divergent feelings. Don't sugarcoat your truth; deliver good news and bad news with the same authority.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



**Gemini** Connecting current events with those of the past can be useful as you dig into family matters today. It may seem like you're on a mission now, relentless in your efforts until you recover the memories relevant to the unfolding dynamics. Sometimes you Twins are so verbal that you fill the air with clever words to avoid the real issues. Slow down and take whatever time is necessary to get to the bottom of your feelings.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



**Cancer** Your precise use of language can make all the difference in your world today. Personal subjects are up for discussion now, and one of them may rub an old wound the wrong way. However, carefully describing your experience enables others to see things from your perspective without judgment. It's pointless to approach a conversation as if it is a debate.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



**Leo** You may become embroiled in an argument about a personal possession today. It's tempting to be overly territorial while mischievous Mercury and contentious Mars join forces in your 2nd House of Money. You might even squabble with a friend over a trivial issue like whose turn it is to pick up the check for lunch.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



**Virgo** You are so on point today that all you need to do is start talking and you can easily win any argument. In truth, it might not be that easy, but others can't match your grasp of the facts and your charming eloquence now. Your key planet Mercury the Messenger hooks up with Mars the Warrior in your analytical sign, tilting the odds of any debate in your favor.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



**Libra** Your irritability could slip past your gracious smile today, revealing your cards before you're ready to play them. An anxious Mercury-Mars conjunction heats up your 12th House of Invisibility, urging you to keep your thoughts -- and possibly your anger -- to yourself. You may be worried that something you say will be taken the wrong way.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



**Scorpio** You're done with talking about the news of the present moment, and eager to jump into an honest dialogue about the future. You're motivated to make lasting plans now, and you're hoping to brainstorm with a trusted friend about your long-term goals. Don't let a conversation drift into diaphanous discussions of spiritual platitudes or personal rationalizations.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



**Sagittarius** Although you may be in the midst of your normal weekend routine, your mind is busy with larger issues now. If you're not dreaming about getting ahead professionally or creating your personal statement in the real world, you're making your presence known in your community. Several planets are collaborating in your 10th House of Status, arousing your ambitions and encouraging you to establish new goals.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



**Capricorn** It's time to put your plans into motion. But rather than making any rash moves today, your next step is to share your ideas with those who will encourage you to be a catalyst for innovative change. You might need to refine your thinking now, especially if you take a brilliant concept and make it so grandiose that it's beyond your scope.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



**Aquarius** You possess the rare ability to analyze a problem without being overwhelmed by the emotional dynamics, especially when there is someone else involved. Oftentimes, you sidestep a situation where you could get pulled into the complication of entangled feelings. However, you're armed with an intentional Mercury-Mars conjunction in your 8th House of Regeneration now.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



**Pisces** Personal relationships can be deceptively complicated, especially when two people are standing on opposing ends of a disagreement. Unfortunately, you sometimes describe your feelings in such a manner that leaves others even more confused than before you spoke. However, you have a cosmic opportunity to clear the air now, improving the overall quality of communication in nearly any partnership.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-59.

Across: 1. Deep brown, 6. Marries, 10. Footnote note, 14. French for "Red", 15. Modify, 16. Not a single one, 17. Ahead of the times, 19. Seize, 20. Coddle, 21. Not bottom, 22. Deliver a tirade, 23. Adult male singing voice, 25. Annoys, 26. Use a beeper, 30. Helmetflower, 32. Not just walking, 35. Least difficult, 39. Seer, 40. Record player, 41. Dummy, 43. Wrench (British), 44. Dawn goddess, 46. Canvas dwelling, 47. Smiles, 50. A kind of golf club, 53. Lease, 54. Muzzle, 55. 1 less than a dozen, 60. Against, 61. Belligerent, 63. Farm building, 64. Low-fat, 65. Map within a map, 66. Plod along, 67. Region, 68. Approaches

Down: 1. Relating to urine, 2. Not stereo, 3. Backside, 4. Prima donna problems, 5. Face with masonry, 6. Damp, 7. Anagram of "Rioted", 8. Dissolution of a marriage, 9. Stair, 10. Element, 11. Cleansing agent, 12. Absurd, 13. Liabilities, 18. Consumed food, 24. Holiday drink, 25. Panorama, 26. Academician, 27. Emanation, 28. Annoying insect, 29. Bewitching, 31. Metal fastener, 33. Blockage of the intestine, 34. Close, 36. Sea eagle, 37. Observed, 38. Legal wrong, 42. Widow, 43. Unhappy, 45. West Indies music, 47. Seizes, 48. Kidney-related, 49. Foreword, 51. G, 52. Shoemaker's awl, 54. Big party, 56. Feudal worker, 57. Brand of credit card, 58. Always, 59. Catches, 62. Ribonucleic acid

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