

20 Killed, about 100 Injured in Zabol Truck Bombing



QALAT - At least 20 people were killed and around 100 others wounded in a truck bombing in southern Zabol province on Thursday morning, an official said. The suicide bombing was carried

out through a medium-size truck near Qalat Civil Hospital and National Directorate of Security (NDS) compound in the provincial capital, Qalat. Zabol governor's spokesman, Gul Islam Seyal, told Pajhwok

Afghan News that the target was the hospital but the Taliban said their target was the NDS facility. Seyal said 20 people including women and children were killed and around 100 others wounded in the incident.

A majority of the victims were workers of the civil hospital and patients' attendants, he said. He said people with serious injuries were shifted by ambulances and helicopters to Kandahar Mirwais ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

Women Activists Demand Secure, Transparent Election

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Afghan Women's Network (AWN) members during a meeting in northern Balkh province on



Thursday called for the upcoming presidential election to be free of any fraud.

During a joint meeting with civil society activists in Mazar-i-Sharif, AWN members expressed concern over the deteriorating security situation ahead of the September 28 election.

Masuma Rahimi, AWN head for Balkh, told Pajhwok Afghan News that they discussed problems and opportunities in the election process. She said most people believed insecurity remained the huge challenge to the election.

The government and security officials should try to provide a safe environment for voters on the Election Day, she said.

"Another demand of the people is fraud-free election and not repetition of the past mistakes", she added. Rahimi asked all

Afghans particularly women to participate in the presidential election.

Wranga Safi, a civil society activist in Balkh, said that security environment was not fit for the election and the government needed to take some measures in this regard.

"If the situation is not improved, many people particularly women would be deprived of casting their vote in rural areas", she said.

Besides insecurity, negative traditions in rural areas could also impact women's turnout, Safi said. She said election commissions should have worked more on public awareness.

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American Troops Come Under Car Bomb Attack in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - A child was killed and a woman injured when a US forces convoy came under a car bomb attack in this capital city of central Logar province on Thursday.

An Afghan Army commander Shakil Ahmad Tasul told Pajhwok Afghan News the American troops were attacked in Khadar bazaar area on the backside of Badkhab locality of Pul-i-Alam shortly after 6pm.

He said a car bomb was used in the attack that left two civilians -- a child and a woman dead. He said the Americans escaped unharmed.

The US forces in Afghanistan said their troops suffered no casualties in the attack, but two civilians were injured.



Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahdi said eight American soldiers were killed and their two tanks destroyed in the assault.

The attack follows a similar attack on joint Afghan and foreign forces in the same area last week, in which ten people, mostly civilians, suffered casualties. *(Pajhwok)*

Daesh "Recruiting in Helmand," MPs Claim

KABUL - Two MPs from Helmand and a member of the provincial council said Daesh has started recruiting in Helmand province, and is trying to create a footprint in southern Afghanistan - which to date has not seen the presence of the terrorist groups.

Official intelligence and information from local sources are sufficient to show that Daesh has started its activities in the northern districts of Helmand, including Musa Qala, Nawzad and Washir, according to the MPs.

"Based on my information, a person named Zakir is trying to create a Daesh footprint in Nandaro village in Musa Qala district," said Ghulam Wali Afghan, an MP from Helmand.



"Daesh is growing [in Helmand] and is doing its recruitment and military training," said Mirwais Khadim, an MP from Helmand. "The government should pay serious attention to this matter, and so should the international community. NATO and the United States should cooperate and plan to prevent Daesh's growth [in Helmand]."

The head of the Helmand Provincial Council, Attallah Afghan, agreed: "We have been informed that Daesh has a presence in the northern parts of Helmand and has somehow started its recruitment."

Meanwhile, Helmand governor Yasin Khan said the Afghan security forces are fully capable of fighting against Daesh, but he didn't offer how.

"Daesh is trying to find a foothold in Helmand, ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Sep 21, 2019 - Are you working at home today, Aries? This won't make your efforts any less intense, especially if your work involves writing or speaking on the phone. Whatever you're doing will probably seem urgent. You need to do things carefully or you may miss important details or express yourself vaguely. Slow down and don't work too quickly.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Sep 21, 2019 - A strange letter or phone call could come your way today, Taurus, and the information you receive could seem rather garbled. It may be good news or bad, or possibly neither, but don't accept it at face value. Somewhere along the line someone has misinterpreted some important information. If what you hear is important to you, check the facts before accepting it as truth.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Sep 21, 2019 - Today is a day in which you need to use logic. You could receive an unsettling and unexpected letter or phone call, perhaps involving money. The person communicating with you is probably operating under a misconception, so don't panic if it's bad news. Talk to people in a position to know the facts before moving ahead with the information.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Sep 21, 2019 - Today you might intuit some strange and unsettling thoughts and feelings from a brother, sister, or neighbor, Leo. This person isn't likely to want to talk about what's bothering them, even if you express concern. Sometimes people have to work these things out for themselves. Just make it clear that you're available to talk about it and then let it go. That's all you can do now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Sep 21, 2019 - Some disconcerting information you receive today from a group you're affiliated with could have you wondering if you have a future with this group, Virgo. This might be disillusioning for you, but this isn't a good day to make any decisions. Wait a few days and then consider what you heard today objectively and assess its impact.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Sep 21, 2019 - Usually your mind is sharp and centered, Libra, but today you'll probably feel like you can't think straight. Your thoughts might be vague and disjointed. If there's something you need to do immediately, either make a great effort to focus on the task at hand or get some help. Otherwise, leave major chores or decisions for another day. You'll be your old self again tomorrow.

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Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Sep 21, 2019 - You generally tend to be intuitive, Scorpio, but today your sensitivity might approach the level of an oracle - or seem to! You might have some good luck picking up the thoughts and feelings of others, but your premonitions, while plentiful, are off track. Write them down and check them out later, but don't put any stock in them, at least not now.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sep 21, 2019 - You may have a very strange and somewhat disturbing dream about a friend tonight, Sagittarius. It may wake you up in an unsettled state. Write it down if you can. This might exorcise some of the emotions involved and shed some light on whatever caused you to have the dream. Don't worry! Chances are it's symbolic and not prophetic.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Sep 21, 2019 - A lack of communication between you and someone close could lead to misunderstandings, Capricorn. This might not seem that important, but sometimes a lack of clarity can lead to bad feelings in the future. Make your intentions clear to everyone. If someone misinterprets anything thing you say, explain it more precisely right then.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

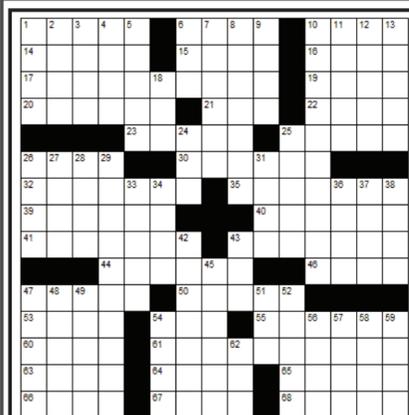


Sep 21, 2019 - Today you might be so intent on your work that you don't hear what someone says to you, Aquarius. No matter how important your task, take the time to listen and pay attention to what someone tells you, however trivial it may seem now. It might not matter in the end, but it's best to err on the side of caution.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Sep 21, 2019 - If you're presently romantically involved, Pisces, you could find that one of you feels very passionate while the other doesn't. Compromise! If you're currently unattached, someone for whom you feel nothing could express an interest in you that's more than friendly. This is a difficult situation, but you have to sidestep this person's attentions without hurting any feelings.



Across

- Throw with effort, 6. Daughter of Zeus and Demeter, 10. Hens make them, 14. Surpass
- Relating to urine, 16. Attraction, 17. A rotary duplicator, 19. Reclined, 20. Treeless plain
- Foot digit, 22. Hotels, 23. Community spirit, 25. Any animal with no feet, 26. Knife
- A creative person, 32. Vacationist, 35. One who lures, 39. A type of mental disorder,
- Harvest fly, 41. Adultress, 43. Protective wall, 44. Smooth, in music, 46. Focusing glass
- Bounds, 50. Naked models, 53. South American weapon, 54. Needlefish, 55. Suppository
- Distinctive flair, 61. Tumbling, 63. Nonderical, 64. Coral barrier, 65. Loses color, 66. Sea eagle, 67. Insulation, 68. Tint, ,

Down

- Skirt lines, 2. Way out, 3. Highest point, 4. Vice President, 5. Run away to wed, 6. Mongrel
- Public speaker, 8. Rejoinder, 9. Pang, 10. Oval, 11. Bird poop, 12. Drudgery, 13. Feel
- Obtain
- Cap, 25. Active, 26. Immediately, 27. See the sights, 28. Car
- Genius, 31. Ancient Peruvian, 33. A small island, 34. Dirty air, 36. Superhero accessory,
- Biblical garden, 38. Rodents, 42. Remedy
- Detachable container, 45. Gun enclosure, 47. Poplar tree, 48. Back tooth, 49. An inflammation, 51. Diminish, 52. Cleansing agents
- Dress, 56. Salt Lake state, 57. Arizona river, 58. Frozen, 59. Anagram of "Sees", 62. Frequently, in poetry, ,,

Yesterday's Solution



ardent, beach, bridge camel, certain, climax coil, crime decorative, diabolical, enjoy, faith, fluid, grind impudence insert, laugh, light loving, lucid, other pastor pile, plot, poise

