

Afghan Refugees Hail PM Imran's Announcement

ISLAMABAD - Afghan and Bengali refugees on Monday gathered in the port city of Karachi to hail Prime Minister Imran Khan's recent announcement.

Last week, Khan proposed citizenship for refugees from the two countries. He said the Afghans and Bengalis, having lived in Pakistan for decades, deserved passports and ID cards.

The refugees gathered outside the Karachi Press Club to commend Khan's announcement. They waved Pakistani flags and listened to national songs.

One journalist at the site tweeted: "These men waving Pakistan's national flags and playing Pakistani songs are Afghan refugees and Bengalis..."

"Thank You to #pakistan and @ImranKhanPTI for his citizenship announcement #ShukriaPakistan #ShukriaImranKhan." (Pajhwok)



6 Soldiers Freed in Raid on Taliban Jail in Wardak

KABUL - Six Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have been freed from a Taliban prison during an operation in central Maidan Wardak province, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said on Monday. Javed Ghafoor, spokesman for MoD, told Pajhwok Afghan News commandos conducted the air-and-ground operation in Mullah Hafiz and Mizaibak areas of Jaghato district late on Sunday night. He said six soldiers, who had been in rebel custody for the past four months, were released from the Taliban jail. Eleven insurgents were killed and several others wounded, he said.

A number of weapons and ammunition belonging to the militants were also seized during the



overnight raid, the MoD spokesman added. Meanwhile, a resident of the area claimed civilians also suffered casualties in the operation. But Ghafoor said an investigation was underway into claims of civilian casualties. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, without commenting on the raid, claimed 14 civilians had suffered casualties during the foreign forces' strike in Jaghato district. (Pajhwok)

12 of a Family Killed in Wardak Raid, Claim Residents

MAIDAN SHAHR - At least 12 civilians have been killed during operations Afghan and foreign forces in the Jaghato district of central Maidan Wardak province, residents claimed on Monday. An inhabitant of the Kalandi village, who did not want to be named, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Afghan and international forces raided a Taliban jail in Mullah Hafiz area. He said the security forces were attacked from civilian homes. In the ensuing airstrike, the security forces bombed the residence of Ma-

seeh Rahman. At least 12 people, including a woman and 11 children of the family, were killed in the airstrike. "Maseeh, currently working in Iran, lost his wife, three sons and four daughters. Four other girls killed in the raid were his cousins." Hikmatullah Zaland, wrote on his Facebook account, several women and children were killed. He said 11 of them were his relatives. But Abdul Rahman Mangal, the governor's spokesman, denied the killing of civilians during the overnight raid. *...(More on P4)...(10)*

13 Civilians Killed in Foreign Forces Operation in Kapisa

KABUL - Resolute Support has however rejected the claims of civilian casualties and said Afghan forces came under fire from a local mobilization militia. At least 13 civilians were allegedly killed in a foreign forces operation in Tagab district of Kapisa province on Sunday night, local officials said Monday. Mahfoz Safi, the provincial council's deputy chief, said the incident occurred on Sunday night in the Badrab village during a foreign forces operation

against Taliban and as a result civilians were killed. According to Safi, children and women were also among the victims and three others were wounded in the incident. Safi said that all the victims were residents of the area. However, Resolute Support rejected the claims of civilian casualties and in a statement to TOLONews said: "During an Afghan army operation in Kapisa, the Afghan forces came under fire from a local *...(More on P4)...(11)*



Cop Injured as 3 Consecutive Blasts Rock Kandahar City

KANDAHAR - Three back-to-back bomb blasts rocked this capital city of southern Kandahar province on Sunday night, injuring only one policeman, the governor's house said.

In a statement, the governor's house said the blasts took place before 8pm in the jurisdiction of the second police district of Kandahar City. Security forces cordoned off the area after the first blast and the two consecutive blasts followed, the statement said.

There were no fatalities in the blasts which injured one policeman, the governor's house statement read. Civilians stayed unharmed. (Pajhwok)

Afghanistan Eliminated by Tigers in a Photo Finish

KABUL - In another photo finish, Afghanistan lost by three runs to Bangladesh in their Super Four match of the Asia Cup in Abu Dhabi on Sunday.

Bangladesh, opting to bat, posted a total of 249 for the loss of seven wickets in the stipulated 50 overs thanks to sturdy performances from Mahmudullah and Imrul and Liton Das.

For the Tigers, Mahmudullah hit 74, Imrul 72 and Das 41 while Aftab Alam captured three wickets for Afghanistan. Mujeeb Rehman and Rashid Khan had to be content with one scalp apiece.

Afghanistan were restricted to 246 for seven, finishing three runs short of the target, despite Hashmatullah Shahidi's bold knock of 71. Opener Mohammad Shahzad chipped in with 53.

Defeated in both Super Four fixtures, the Afghans were ousted from the tournament. They will meet India in what is billed as a dead-rubber game on September 25.

Bangladesh will take on Pakistan for a berth in the final on September 26. Bangladesh exhibited nerves of steel to keep alive their chances of making it to the final.

Mustafizur Rahman's sensational last over earned his side a thrilling win, conceding only four runs and dismissing Rashid Khan on the second delivery.

After a last-over loss to Pakistan in their first Super Four match, Afghanistan again came close to victory against Bangladesh but faltered in the end. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Have you made plans to have a romantic interest come to your home, Aries? If so, don't rush to get ready. Your friend is probably going to be late. Events beyond anyone's control have interfered, and you might have to wait. Don't make yourself crazy over it. Don't imagine all kinds of horrible scenarios. Your friend will show up even if later than planned. Have fun!

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

A visitor to your house may have some juicy gossip for you, Taurus. Perhaps someone is getting married. You aren't the type to put too much stock in gossip, but your guest could be so convincing that you believe everything. Be skeptical! What you're hearing may not be outright lies, but it could be exaggerated.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A last-minute gift that you've wanted to buy for someone special might elude you today, Gemini. You could go to several stores and find the item sold out. This could be disappointing, but don't despair. There are other options. You could order it online or find something else and save this particular item for a birthday. Relax and enjoy your shopping.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Did you forget to take two aspirin before you fell into bed last night? This morning you may feel in a fog, but it should lift around midday. You could be surprised by some heartening news from a friend or relative regarding a difficult situation that is now being resolved. Enjoy the boost of energy that this good news gives you.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Everything may look wrong to you today, Cancer. The house doesn't look right, the furniture needs adjusting, and you probably aren't happy with the way you look either. Your perfectionism could kick in and you might plunge into action, determined to make it all right. Don't bother! There's probably nothing you can do to make it look right today.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

A gathering in your neighborhood could attract all your friends and many of your neighbors, Leo, but you may feel a little under the weather and consider staying home. Your energy may be lagging, as all energy does once in a while after a stressful time. It might do you good to make the effort and go. It's up to you, of course, but enjoy the evening whatever you do.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Working late, Libra? What could be so important that it keeps you from paying attention to your family or partner? Probably nothing! Take a good, objective look at what you think must be done tonight. You'll probably find that your company won't go broke if you leave some tasks. Get as much done as you can and then go home to your loved ones.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

A prayer or meditation group could meet tonight, Scorpio, and you may get carried away with the spiritual dimensions these meditations take on. You feel comfortable with the people in this group, and you're grateful for the friendship and support they provide. Be with this feeling tonight, and try to hang onto it for as long as you can. It can help you through some rough times.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Love matters have been going well for you recently, Sagittarius, but today you could be alone and unable to reach a current or potential romantic interest. This could bring about a twinge of the blues, which up until now have passed you by. Don't waste time feeling down. Find something to distract you until your friend can come around to see you and you can have a little fun.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

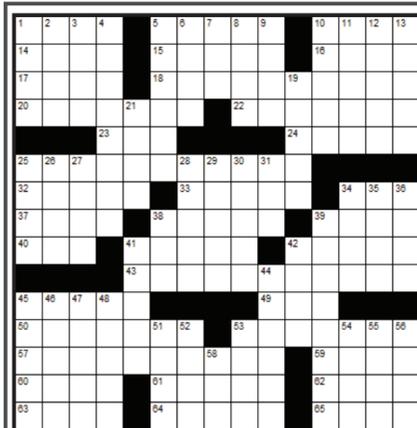
You could go over your accounts today and find that there's considerably less there than you thought. It isn't serious, but it can still be disappointing. There could be a new contract in the final stages of negotiation that will prove favorable, and you can find a way to make up for the shortfall. In the meantime, cut expenses so finances stay healthy until the new contract materializes.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Have you been going crazy with all the demands placed on you? Don't despair. Reflect on all that's been going on. Think about where you want to make changes. Once you've come to a decision, don't hesitate to implement it. This is easier than waiting for one big opportunity and doing it all at once. That chance may never come. The step-by-step approach can bring satisfying results.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

If you're currently romantically involved, Pisces, your lover could well go from what appears to be utter lassitude to total passion. This could throw you for a loop, and you might not know exactly how to deal with it. If you're single, you could meet someone you find attractive but forget to get his or her contact information! Keep paper and pen handy. You don't want to miss anything!



Across

1. Mend (archaic), 5. Picket line crossers, 10. Prospector's find, 14. Bit of gossip, 15. Country bumpkin, 16. Pinnacle, 17. Backside, 18. Found on cave ceilings, 20. Rejoinder, 22. Coach, 23. Tiny, 24. Unreactive, 25. A type of streamlined train, 32. Soft swishing sound, 33. Change, 34. Go up and down, 37. Charged particles, 38. Chews, 39. Therefore, 40. Muck, 41. Blockade, 42. Tiny, 43. Not asked for, 45. Water vapor, 49. Henpeck, 50. Player piano, 53. Large flightless bird, 57. Indecisive, 59. Axlike tool, 60. Fee, 61. Introductory, 62. Close, 63. Being, 64. Construct, 65. Tropical tuber, ,

Down

1. Ethiopian monetary unit, 2. Decorative case, 3. Office fill-in, 4. Endues, 5. Scheme, 6. Provisions, 7. "Eureka!", 8. A metal fastener, 9. Fly high, 10. Language of ancient Rome, 11. Express a thought, 12. Discourage, 13. Put forth, as effort, 19. Vagrant, 21. Char, 25. Breaststroke, 26. You (archaic), 27. Peel, 28. Paths, 29. Insect stage, 30. Handrail post, 31. N N N N, 34. Rascal, 35. Leer at, 36. Fearless, 38. Martini ingredient, 39. Emigre, 41. Japanese wrestlers, 42. Leave in a hurry, 44. Bug, 45. Malice, 46. Novices, 47. Noblemen, 48. Anoint (archaic), 51. Part of the outer ear, 52. Winglylike, 53. Ear-related, 54. Bright thought, 55. Mogul, 56. Protagonist, 58. Utilize, ,

Yesterday's Solution

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