

# 3,000 Samangan Families Receive Wheat Aid

AIBAK - Around 3,000 families including drought affectees, families of police martyrs and nomads received 441 tons of wheat in aid on Saturday in northern Samangan province, officials said.

Rajab Ali Yousufi, head of Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) for Samangan, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the aid had been provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL).

He said 10 tons of the wheat was distributed to families of police martyrs and the rest to farmers affected by drought in the provincial capital, Aibak, and districts of the province.

Each farmer received 150 kilograms of wheat and each nomad (Kuchi) and police martyr family received 200 kilograms of wheat, he said.



Samangan governor, Abdul Latif Ibrahim, said he had shared the drought and other problems in Samangan with the president and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and their promises to provide aid were fulfilled today. Those who received the aid thanked the government. ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

## 3 Nangarhar Schools Rocked by Explosions; Guard

JALALABD - Explosions took place in front of three-school in eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday morning, an official said.

Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News two explosions occurred near Chaharbagh Safa and Pir Gilani high schools at 7:00am. He said a guard was slightly wounded in one the blasts.

A third explosion took place in front of the Arab high school in Jalalabad, the provincial capital, causing no casualties.

Education department spokesman Mohammad Asif Shinwari confirmed the blasts. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blasts. (Pajhwok)



## Kandahar Policeman Kills Two Fellow Officers

Kandahar governor's spokesman said the incident took place in Raghistan district on Friday night.

A police force member in Kandahar killed his two fellow officers and wounded three others as he "deliberately" opened fire on them on Friday night, a local official confirmed.

The incident took place at a police outpost in Raghistan district, the provincial governor's spokesman Aziz Ahmad told TOLONews on Saturday.

Ahmad said the policeman who ...*(More on P4)...(9)*



## Robbers Kill 1 Passenger, Injure 2 in Herat

HERAT CITY - Armed robbers killed one passenger and injured two others while stealing a vehicle in western Herat province on Saturday, police said.

Sayed Ahmad Mohammadi, Herat police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that armed robbers stopped a passenger bus on the Herat-Ghorian highway this morning and took hostage all its passengers. Meanwhile, the thieves opened fire at a Surf model vehicle passing the area, leaving one person dead and two others including a child and a woman injured, he said.

He said police had launched a search operation for finding the robbers. Some local residents in Ghorian district of Herat said that the armed men were Taliban who created checkpoints on the Herat-Ghorian highway.

They said the Taliban stopped the passenger bus, took hostage all passengers and then killed one person and injured two others.

Local people also claimed the insurgents took away with them the passenger bus.

However, there has been no word from the insurgents about the incident. (Pajhwok)

## 8 Killed or Wounded in Parwan ANA Copter Crash

CHARKIAR - At least eight Afghan National Army (ANA) crew were killed or wounded when their helicopter crashed in Koh Safi district of central Parwan province on Saturday, an official said.

Wahid Shahkar, Parwan governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News two ANA helicopters were landing in Mandiqo area of the district when one of them crashed due to a technical problem this morning. Eight ANA personnel were either killed or wounded in the incident, she said without giving further details.

Alozai Ahmadi, commander of the Afghan Forces Coordination Center in Parwan, confirmed the helicopter crash, but provided no information about casualties.

However, a Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid claimed that their fighters shot down the helicopter. He said all onboard Afghan commandos were killed in the incident. (Pajhwok)

## Bamiyan Hosts Cross-Country Cycling Race

KABUL - The first ever cross-country cycling tournament was held in Bamiyan province, in the center of Afghanistan, on Friday, where 50 cyclists including girls had attended.

The event was held in Azhdahar area in Bamiyan city, the provincial capital, for one day. The goal of the competition was to promote cross-country cycling in the country, officials said.

Mahdi Mohammadi from Sul-

sal Cycling Club, Nawroz from Oqab Cycling Club and Fayiq from the Information and Culture Directorate's cycling club got the first, second and third positions respectively.

In girls' teams, Tahira Shaygan, Siddiqi Siddiqi and Najla Sakhizada from Oqab Cycling Club got the first, second and third positions respectively. Awards and certificates were granted to top athletes at the end of the competition. (Tolo news)



### Outlook Horoscope

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



Perhaps you spent quite a bit of money lately and you're holding your breath waiting for the bills to roll in. Some quick reckoning of receipts today likely yields some wonderful news. Wonder of wonders, it appears you've stayed within your budget, Aries! Try not to overreact to the news that you have more money than you thought.

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



This is a good day to reflect on the past weeks and get some perspective, Taurus. You've probably been working too hard and neglecting other priorities in your life. Give yourself this day to relax and visit with friends and relatives. Spend the day chatting, laughing, and unwinding. Don't obsess about tasks that wait for you at the office. They aren't going anywhere.

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



Don't plunge headfirst into work mode, Gemini. The cleaning and tidying up can surely wait for another day. Today's energies indicate that spending time with friends and family should be your main priority. Consider spending the afternoon doing activities with your kids. Hire a babysitter for the evening. It would do you good to go out with your partner - just the two of you.

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



It's likely that your thoughts are completely turned to work. Much as you should devote your time off to friends and family, you can't help the way you're wired, Cancer. When at home, you may sneak away to check your email. Perhaps you secretly phone your business partner. Your family rolls their eyes, but generally understands and forgives your crazy behavior.

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



This is a good day for financial matters, Leo. With your credit cards maxed out, you may be thinking that your bank account isn't as healthy as it could be. But today you're likely to receive some news that indicates otherwise. You may get a windfall or discover that your portfolio is generating healthy returns. It's a good day for paperwork.

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



You could be feeling quite lazy today, Virgo, and you definitely deserve to feel this way! You deserve some time off after all of the activities of the past week. Give yourself the gift of a true day off. Do only what you want, whether it's watching movies or spending the afternoon soaking in the tub. Total indulgence. Just relax and unwind.

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



You think of yourself as a practical person, Libra, but today your thoughts may turn to the mystical and spiritual. Your intuition is strong now, letting you tune in to the feelings of your loved ones. This allows you to be empathetic and understanding, which your partner especially appreciates. Your intuition may inspire you to approach a problem in a new way.

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



A class or lecture of some kind could bring you exciting new information today, Scorpio. This could keep your mind buzzing for hours, particularly since you may also meet some interesting people with whom you can discuss this subject for hours. Make the effort to take a walk and clear your head at some point during the day or else you might be too mentally charged up to sleep.

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



Your thoughts today are likely to turn to setting goals for the future, particularly concerning your career. While you've made a lot of progress in recent months, you'd like to see even more forward movement. This would be a great day to start thinking of concrete ways to make that happen, Sagittarius. Why not have a family brainstorming session? It's likely to yield some great advice.

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



Today's planetary energies are stimulating your ambition, Capricorn. Issues connected with your professional life may be very much on your mind. You could plot out ways to further your career. Perhaps you seek a promotion in your current business, or you could be thinking about looking for another job entirely. This is the ideal time to put specific plans into place for the future.

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

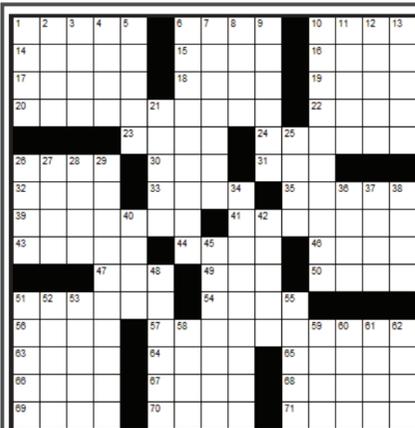


You've been so busy socializing these past few weeks that you may have inadvertently neglected the special person in your life, Aquarius. It's been fun to be out and about together, attending parties and having people over for dinner, but that has left little time for closeness and snuggling. Try to rectify that today. In fact, a midafternoon nap might be called for.

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



It's possible that a big change is in store for you in the near future, Pisces. It may be that you've come to realize that your current home and neighborhood are no longer a good fit. If you've been toying with the idea of moving, today you may get some news that motivates you to make your fantasy a reality. This is a good day to peruse the real estate listings.



#### Across

- Not drunk, 6. Liturgy, 10. Ancient marketplaces, 14. Small egg, 15. Brother of Jacob
- Black, in poetry, 17. The language of Persia, 18. Offensively malodorous, 19. Misplaced,
20. A moderately quick tempo, 22. Dregs, 23. Roman emperor, 24. Shiny, 26. Specks, 30. Cool, once, 31. A type of evergreen tree, 32. Hodgepodge, 33. Afresh, 35. Small islands,
39. Stronghold, 41. Coastal, 43. Verse writers, 44. Bristle, 46. Computer symbol, 47. Female chicken, 49. Former boxing champ 50. Publicize, 51. Black Sea port, 54. Express in words,
56. Emanation, 57. Not arrogant, 63. Kill, 64. Lots, 65. Of the cheekbone, 66. Being, 67. Small mountain, 68. Lacquer ingredient, 69. Clairvoyant, 70, 3, 71., is allowed,

#### Down

- Couch, 2. Egg-shaped, 3. Singer Ives, 4. If not, 5. Rule, 6. Terms that refers, 7. Variant of an element, 8. Tight, 9. Funeral farewell, 10. Companionship, 11. Double-reed instruments,
12. Thorny flowers 13. Jittery, 21. Rehabilitation, 25. Wreaths, 26. A hamlet (South African , erm), 27. Margarine, 28. It ebbs and flows, 29. Seer, 34. Senselessly, 36. Mentally irregular (slang), 37. God of love, 38. Dispatched, 40. Applications 42. Manicurist's concern, 45. Palatable, 48. Zero, 51. Fertile areas, 52. Coarse edible red seaweed, 53. Delete
55. Unit of luminous flux, 58. French for "Black", 59. Timbuktu country, 60. Holly
61. What a person is called, 62. Electrical or crossword, ,

#### Yesterday's Solution



gadget, glen, grace green heat, horde inert, judge, liner, occupants, orange, other pain, phase, plasma, press proceed, pure, purpose revert, right sleeve smile, space, splash stick, tear, tests, that,

