

# Students Blast Delay in Night Shift Studies

KABUL - Kabul University's night shift studies have been postponed for the past two weeks due to a delay in payment of lecturers. The current academic year started two weeks back but the night's shift has not yet commenced. Out of 220,000 students who sat for Kankoor or nationwide university entrance examinations, more than 118,000 of them managed to secure seats in universities across Afghanistan. Around 8,000 students have been enrolled in Kabul University's night shifts in departments of literature, ...*(More on P4)...17*



## Blast Leaves 3 Policemen Dead

GARDEZ/ TALOQAN - Three local policemen were killed in a roadside explosion in southeastern Pakhtia province, an official Sunday. Separately, a powerful blast left intelligence official and police chief of Rastaq district wounded in northern Takhar province, another official added. Eid Mohammad Ahmadzai, Yahya Khail district chief in Pakhtia, told Pa-



jhok Afghan News the explosion occurred today morning in Hassan Khail locality. He said Yar Khan, a local police commander was among the three dead as a result of the explosion. He added two family members of the policemen were also wounded in the blast. Taliban claimed credit for the bombing. Meanwhile, Takhar police spokesperson, said that Rehmatullah, the intelligence chief for the district, and Sayed Mahmood, the police head, were wounded in a bomb explosion. He added the bomb was spotted by the security personnel in front of the municipality building but it exploded before it was defused. (Pajhwok)

## Afghan Taliban Publishes Biography of Mullah Omar

KABUL - The Afghan Taliban on Sunday published a descriptive biography of their "charismatic" supreme leader Mullah Omar, in a surprise move apparently aimed at countering the creeping influence of the Islamic State group within insurgent ranks. The Taliban have reportedly seen defections to the Islamic State in recent months, with some insurgents expressing their disaffection with the one-eyed warrior-cleric who has not been seen since



the 2001 US-led invasion of Afghanistan. The biography, posted just after midnight on the Taliban's main website to commemorate Omar's 19th year as supreme leader, described him as being actively involved in "jihadi activities", dispelling ...*(More on P4)...18*

## Policemen among 21 Dead

FARAH - At least 15 insurgents, five policemen and a civilian have been killed in Poshrod district of western Farah province, an official said on Sunday. Ghausuddin, the district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News hundreds of Taliban fighters stormed local police check posts in Masaw and Kharaba localities. The fierce fighting, he added, started at 9:00 pm on Saturday night and continued for hours until the insurgents escaped from the area. The bodies of 15 Taliban fighters were still lying



in the area. A policeman and four other personnel were also dead in the fire-fight. He added 12 more local policemen, five civilians and dozens of insurgents were injured in the exchange of fire. He said five civilians were also wounded in Chin village as a result of air strikes. It was not clear who had carried out the airstrikes. Lal Mohammad, a resident of Chin who was also injured in the attack, said a woman, two children and two men were among the fatalities. (Pajhwok)

## 3 Smugglers Detained with Drugs, Chemicals



FAIZABAD - At least three smugglers were detained in northeastern Badakhshan province with 20 kilograms of heroin and half ton of chemicals, officials said on Sunday. Lt. Gen. Baba Jan, police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the heroin was skillfully placed in compartments of a Toyota Corolla car which was impounded in Argo district. Two alleged smugglers were held, he added.

The chemicals, used for making heroin and other drugs, were also seized in the same district. According to Baba Jan, the smugglers were on their way to Sheghnan and Shkashm districts and Tajikistan. Last week, acting governor Shah Wali Adib had stated that because of a rise in demand for drugs in Central Asian Republics and European countries, smuggling and poppy cultivation had also increased in Badakhshan. 5 rebels dead in Khyber airstrikes KABUL - In fresh development, helicopter gunships conducted air strikes in parts of Tirah valley in Khyber tribal region, leaving five suspected militants dead and destroyed their hideouts, media reports on Sunday. ...*(More on P4)...20*

## Haqqani Network behind Khost Suicide Bombing

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) has announced that the deadly suicide bombing in eastern Khost province was carried out by the Haqqani Network. NDS—the Afghan intelligence agency—said in a statement on Sunday that Shah Ghulam, who blew himself up in the middle of protests in Khost, was directed by the network's commander Sirajuddin Haqqani to carry out the bombing.



At least 20 people were killed and more than 60 others wounded when the suicide bomber detonated his explosives during the protest against the acting governor of Khost, accusing him of corruption and land usurpation. MP Hamayoun Hamayoun, head of Parliamentary defense committee, was also injured in the attack. (Tolonews)

## Policeman Beheaded; Child Dead in a Blast

FARAH/ AIBAK - A blast in western Farah province left a nine-year-old boy dead while security officials recovered a beheaded body of a policeman in northwestern Samangan province, officials said on Sunday. Jawad Afghan, the spokesman of Farah governor, told Pajhwok Afghan News the blast occurred at 6:00 am in the first police district of Farah city, leaving the boy dead and wounded his brother. The explosive, he said, was placed in front of a bakery. The boy is stated to be in critical condition, he added. Nobody group so far claimed responsibility for the blast. Meanwhile, Col. Najibullah, 1st police district chief in Aibak city, told that unidentified gunmen beheaded a policeman when he was patrolling in the locality. His body, he added, was found today morning in Mir Kalal locality. (Pajhwok)

## Yemen Crisis: Kunar, Nangarhar Residents Praise Govt Stance

JALALABAD, KUNAR - The residents of eastern Kunar and Nangarhar provinces on Sunday welcomed President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani's stance on Yemen conflict. Saudi Arabia-led coalition of 10 countries launched airstrikes a week ago against positions of Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen. The Presidential Palace last Wednesday issued a statement saying the government of Afghanistan had announced support Saudi Arabia on Yemen crisis. Tribal councils, civil so-

ciety organizations and residents of eastern zone on Sunday, in a gathering held in Jalalabad city, announced their backing of President Ghani's move in defending the holy land. "Afghanistan is an Islamic country, thus it is our duty to defend the holy land," said a statement by National Awakening and Change Party. Mohammad Anwar Sultani, speaking on behalf of tribal councils, said they supported Ghani's Speaking on behalf of civil society, Noor Agha Zwak, said: "We unanimously ...*(More on P4)...19*

## Gunmen Behead Woman Inside Home

PUL-I-ALAM - Unidentified gunmen in Baraki Barak district of central Logar province forced their way inside a home and beheaded a woman and critically wounded her sister-in-law, officials said on Sunday. Shaima Zargar, women's affairs head, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place on Sunday in Shaikh Niazullah village. She added the

three armed men entered the house of Habibullah, beheading her wife and seriously injuring her sister-in-law. The motive behind her killing, she said, could not be ascertained as of yet. Mohammad Rahim Amin, the town's administrative chief, confirmed the brazen attack and said that investigations were initiated soon after the incident. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You're not willing to continue on in your old ways any longer. You are eagerly anticipating a big change, but aren't ready to communicate your new perspective to anyone else because you don't want to shock your friends with your radical ideas. Nevertheless, you might not be able to contain your enthusiasm today and may blurt out the truth before you even think.

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

You may be full of revolutionary ideas today but still have a difficult time communicating your beliefs to others if you try to cover too much ground. Although you normally can set and maintain a sustainable pace, you're not interested in buying into the status quo now. Don't struggle too much, even if your best plans fall apart under pressure.

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

You may be thrilled with your new sense of freedom, yet the wide variety of possibilities can also be a bit disconcerting today. Perhaps you didn't see any changes in your immediate future, but thankfully, you're quite skilled at thinking on your feet and making the most of the current instability. There's no time to look back and question what you might have done differently.

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

Your protective shell is beginning to crack and you're not feeling as emotionally secure as you prefer. Career plans may need to be changed due to unforeseeable complications. However, you could also discover something entirely new that can irrevocably alter the way you see yourself in the world. No matter how this transit plays out.

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

You receive a magical message from the universe today that ultimately takes you on an amazing adventure. It might seem as if a lightning bolt shatters your preconceived perceptions about a friend or coworker. You have held onto a belief that's been useful for you in the past, but is no longer doing you justice in the present.

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

A powerful person who is usually your ally might act so far out of character today that you aren't sure how to interpret his or her odd behavior. Your initial reaction may be one of irritation, but you also could laugh uncontrollably if you don't know how to appropriately respond. However, it's possible that others are just acting out your own rebellious streak.

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

You're searching for ways to cope with the current chaos and exploring new relationship strategies to help stabilize your life. You might think you're ready for something entirely different, but may not be prepared for so much transition all at once. Nevertheless, sticking to your agenda could become a study in frustration, so stop holding onto old habits just because you don't want to deal with change.

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

You may experiment with a totally radical approach at work today without telling anyone anything about your plans. Nevertheless, you won't likely be able to conceal your excitement or your anxiety as your emotions run to the extremes. Everything is happening so lightning-fast now that you might spill the beans without even considering your audience.

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

Perhaps you initially thought you would be more collaborative on a creative project today. Still, you want to hear everyone's opinions and then integrate what you learn into your plans. But compromise is more challenging now than you ever expected - especially when you realize how strongly you value your own imagination. Although it's fine to know what you want, don't be too eager to impose your will on others unless you want to start a fight.

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

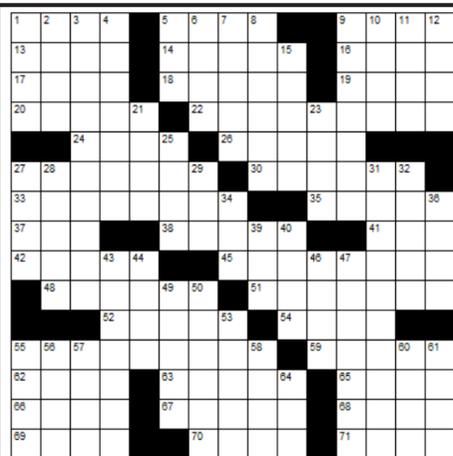
Your ongoing need to maintain order at home makes it tricky to handle the surprising twists and turns that come out of nowhere today. Although you may think you must react quickly to capitalize on this sudden shift of power, there's nothing you have to do in the immediate moment. However, rather than altering your behavior by going on the offense, you can consciously modify your emotional reactions instead.

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

Your immediate environment is not as stable today as you think. Unexpected events may cause radical realignments in your relationships with those you encounter on a daily basis. People may seem less dependable now, making their behavior impossible to predict. However, the real lesson is about learning to trust yourself, even if you don't meet the expectations of others.

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

Your friends may be confused by your rebellious behavior; they don't know what to expect from you now because you aren't interested in towing the party line. You want to be treated fairly and are ready to cut your ties to make your point. Unfortunately, financial concerns can complicate your decisions since you need to pay your bills, too. Preemptive downsizing is a smart strategy if you don't wait until it's too late.



**Across**  
 1. By mouth, 5. Astringent, 9. Felines, 13. Was a passenger, 14. Adjust again, 16. Double-reed woodwind, 17. Unwakable state, 18. Critical, 19. Forearm bone, 20. Friendliness, 22. Severity, 24. Goon, 26. Light purple, 27. Genuine, 30. Spotted cat, 33. Pertaining to momentum, 35. Plant life, 37. Clunker, 38. Exaggerated nasality in speech, 41. Apprehend, 42. Grain storage buildings, 45. Marine crustacean, 48. Rickettsial disease, 51. Piano player, 52. Located near the poles, 54. Found on rotary phones, 55. The words of operas, 59. Travels rapidly, 62. Bygone era, 63. Ascended, 65. Complain whiningly, 66. Female sheep (plural), 67. Mountain crest, 68. Anagram of "Ties", 69. Wood-cutting tools, 70. Being, 71. Care for,

**Down**  
 1. Killer whale, 2. Space, 3. As acknowledged, 4. Cowhide, 5. Genus of macaws, 6. Pervert, 7. Normal, 8. System of weights and measures, 9. Administrative body, 10. Competent, 11. A large amount, 12. Oceans, 15. Electrical pioneer 21. Mongol hut, 23. 50%, 25. Pace, 27. Jar tops, 28. Eskimo, 29. Legislation, 31. Make peace, 32. Not written exams, 34. Chemist's workplace, 36. Assist in crime, 39. Short sleep, 40. Electrical or crossword, 43. Crush, 44. Sneaker or pump, 46. Childlike, 47. Expert, 49. Extreme, 50. Lampoon, 53. Thorny flowers, 55. Caustics, 56. Hawkeye State, 57. Beer, 58. Collections, 60. Identical or fraternal, 61. Hurried, 64. Born as,

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