**Arabian Returnees from Pakistan Endure Dire Conditions**

KABUL - Sharif Mohammad finds himself in makeshift camp in Kabul with his six children a year after the 2014 attack on the army-run school in Peshawar. Mohammad, like other Afghan refugees in Pakistan, was forced to leave the country after surviving the attack, living there for more than a decade.

He lived and worked in Pakistan for more than 15 years now. I got married there and my children were born there, his wife Ali Almassa. “But now, here I am living with no hope for me and my children. Pakistan was my home. I lived there and almost all my life. Why are we getting punished for the actions of the Taliban? The refugee camp situated in Charwara, west of Kabul, has more than a thousand families living in it now.

The returnees from Pakistan started finding the camps that were set up for internally displaced persons in Afghanistan who fled the war between the Taliban and the Western forces in their homestowns. Tehreek-e-Taliban attacked the Army Public School in Peshawar on December 16, 2014, killing 145 people, including 132 children. The Pakistani government announced an anti-terrorism plan that formulated 20-point agenda which included Registration and Repatriation of Afghan Refugees. Since then, incidents of police abuses against Afghans reportedly increased in Pakistan, who were returning to war-torn Afghanistan, according to the UN.

The level of abuse on Afghan refugees has [More on P4, 12]

**MRD/NSP Completes 43 Projects in Badakhshan Province**

BADAKHSHAN - National Program Services of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRD/NSP) on Saturday said that 43 uplift projects worth $16.5 million completed in Baharak, Shabola, Anga Taghi, Wardak, Shahr-e-Shabaz, Bozor, Marz, and Argah Khan districts of Badakhshan province.

NSP Provincial Manager Kangar Ali Nasratyar said that the projects included construction of community centers, culture, a garden, a well, public wash, a bridge, a super passage, sidewalks, a wash, toilet, an irrigation system, micro hydro, power stations and graveyards, sewing roads, Appreciation was expressed by various communities will be handed over to basic human needs upon completion of these projects. So far, NSP has completed 33 development projects in different sectors such as social development, transport, water and sanitation, irrigation, power, health, education, and infrastructure in Badakhshan while the work of another 205 is currently in process (PH)

**Three Die in Takhar Gas-Bottle Explosion**

KABUL - At least three people were killed in a gas-bottle explosion in Taloqan, the northern Takhar province, official said on Saturday. The spokesman for Takhar governor Sanaullah Tolook said the explosion took place in Taluqan city on Saturday morning.

Doctors say the three people lost their lives as a result of injuries sustained in the blast. The Afghan security forces are investigating the incident as they are still in the early stage of this accident.

**22 Daesh Fighters Killed in Nangarhar Province**

JALALabad - Local security officials said at least 22 Daesh fighters were killed in a recent clash with Afghan security forces in Achin district of Nangarhar province.

Head of staff of border police of eastern Afghanistan, Abul Hassun Ahmadsho said the clashes were initiated by Daesh fighters in a conflict in the area.

He said eight Daesh militants were also injured in the clash. The Afghan security forces’ military operation has been continued in Achin over the past few days to eliminate Daesh fighters in the area. (Tolook)

**Afghan displaced children stand outside their tents in Chozai province, eastern Afghanistan. More than one million people have to flee their homes due to conflicts in the country, according to officials. (Babar/Philip Alcock)**

**Outlook Horoscope**

**Aries (Mar. 21-Apr.20)**

Your emotions burn hotter today with vulnerability in mind. You’re more likely to notice the subtleties of any situation and that your happiness depends on expressing your feelings. It’s just the excessive intensity can overwhelm your agenda and pull you off track. This heartfelt, emotional energy is signaling you to slow down and stick deeper into the dance.

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

Jesus may not have been a recurring topic of discussion, even if it was a very big deal in his day. You are more concerned with your most intimate relationships and your 7th House of Others. You have little choice; it’s time to delve into your subconscious so you can better handle the complexity of any given situation.

**Gemini (May 21-Jun 20)**

Although you’re eager to pursue your share of the spotlight, your full concentration today is beyond your control. Letting go of your agenda may not be strong enough to motivate you. You need more than anyone else to give you delight. Something could be bothering you today, even if you are busy indulging in the pleasures of life. Although your current malaise may or may not be strong enough to motivate initiating any significant changes, you still need to handle a surge of passion that has nowhere to go. Don’t force resolution, delaying emotional decision for a few days might work better. You’ve got easy to simply drag your guard on command.

**Cancer (Jun 21-Jul 20)**

You are more socially aware than others because you have inherently understood the balance needed for harmonious relationships. However, your partners may not be able to discern your workings as you hold on to your own non-negotiable needs. Even if your strong desire is impossible, rely on your logical analysis over impulsive decisions for the better.

**Leo (Jul 23-Aug 22)**

Your emotional sponge is more passionate than anyone realizes, especially if you hide all your feelings when you are frustrated. Fortunately, you are fully capable of appreciating your courage today, but deeper down you hear your distresses speaking from your heart.

**Virgo (Aug 23-Sep 22)**

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**Libra (Sep 23-Oct 22)**

You may feel pressured to go along with the changing dynamics of an evolving relationship now. But you grow more accustomed to realizing that it’s time to start taking your career back in your own hands. It may even be silly for you to think of such things in a way that will ease your tension.

**Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 22)**

Your romantic inclinations begin to turn spiritual as you adopt a more altruistic orientation. Your longings extend beyond this world to stay not to restrain them in a materialistic box. You need to love your House of Soul Consciousness. The emotional payoff you need to work on this heartache is only as good as you need it. You need much encouragement in that department.

**Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 22)**

The fog is lifting and you find yourself closer to reality than ever before. Your vision of the future is luminous and you can see your destination in the distance. Unfortunately, not everything about your current situation is clear. But notice the uphill battle that’s still between you and the world. For some reason you are going up against base barriers; decisions on the facts and not on illusions.