



### Afghan Citizen Found Dead in Delhi; Embassy Informed

DELHI - An Afghan citizen has been found dead at his rented flat in New Delhi, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported on Sunday.

Sultan-i-Naseer's decomposed corpse was found from his flat in the Lajpat Nagar locality of the Indian capital, the news agency quoted a police official as saying.

On December 13, according to PTI, the house owner informed police that his tenant had died at his house. Police found the Afghan lying dead on a sofa.

Chinmoy Biswal, deputy commissioner of police, believed the 33-year-old might have died five to six days ago. The man's body has been sent to a mortuary and the Afghan embassy informed. (Pajhwok)

### Afghan Embassy Official Dies in Turkmenistan Accident



KABUL - An Afghan embassy official was killed as a result of a traffic accident in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan's capital, a top diplomat tweeted on Saturday.

Mirwais Nab, the Afghan ambassador to Turkmenistan, wrote the incident took place at 6am local time. Khwaja Mohammad Saleem Sharifzada, second secretary, died in Mari province. On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the diplomat voiced deep shock at the loss of Sharifzada in the accident. (Pajhwok)

## IEC to Announce Preliminary Results of Kabul Votes at End of this Week

KABUL - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) says the preliminary results of parliamentary elections for Kabul will be announced at the end of this week.

The IEC, last week resumed recounting of Kabul votes with a new method which includes changes in the number of observers and audit teams.

However, the IEC Deputy Spokesman Abdul Aziz Ibrahim said on Monday said that 95 percent of recounting process the votes has been completed and that the commission will announce the preliminary results at the end of this week.

The electoral complaint commission (IECC), meanwhile, said that transparency in the recounting process has been ensured with the newly adopted method by the IEC.

This comes as earlier, the IECC said that the election commission



should provide them with evidence and documents regarding Kabul votes and that use a new mechanism in this regard, so that it reconsider its decision of invalidating the votes. (ATN)

### Newly-Appointed Female Afghan Mayor Barred from Taking Office

KABUL - The newly-appointed mayor of Maidan Shahr city, the provincial capital of Maidan Wardak province, has been barred from assuming office.

Zarifa Ghafari was appointed as the mayor of Maidan Shahr city nearly five months ago and was due to assume office during a ceremony on Saturday.

However, Ghafari has reportedly been barred from assuming office as the newly-appointed mayor due to the intervention of influential figures.

Ghafari has said she has been residing in Kabul for the past five months and has not been able to assume charge of Maidan Shahr



municipality so far. She was appointed as the mayor of Maidan Shahr based on a presidential decree and her appointment was confirmed by the provincial government as per decree. According to Ghafari, she has been barred from assuming the office due to the interventions ... (More on P4)...(10)

### Taliban's Military Commission Chief Killed in Coalition Airstrike in Helmand

KABUL - The officials in southern Helmand province are saying that the military commission chief of the Taliban Haji Barakat has been killed in an airstrike of the coalition forces in Greshk district.

The provincial government media office in a statement said the coalition forces carried out airstrikes on Taliban hideouts in Yakhchal area of Greshk district, leaving the military commission chief of the group for Yakhchal area dead.

The statement further added that two other accomplices of Haji Barakat were

also killed in the airstrikes and another militant was wounded.

A hatchback type vehicle and a motorcycle were also destroyed during the same airstrike, the provincial government added.

At least two militants were killed and a motorcycle was destroyed in a separate airstrike conducted in Washir district, according to provincial government.

The anti-government armed militant groups including Taliban militants have not commented regarding the report so far. (KP)

### 35 Paktika Schools Closed Over Insecurity: Official

SHARANA - Thirty-five schools have been closed in southeastern Paktika province as a result of clashes between security forces and armed insurgents, depriving thousands of children of their lessons.

Paktika education director Mehrabuddin Shafaq told Pajhwok Afghan News that dozens of school remained closed in several districts for the past many years due to the conflict.

"At least 35 schools are closed in Paktika province, most of them

in Khoshamand district. Efforts are underway with mediation of tribal elders to reopen these schools," Shafaq added.

Zalmay Kharoti, a resident of Sharana City, said some schools had closed since many years for unknown reasons, so the government and Taliban should prove it that they were not involved.

A resident of Khoshamand district, who did not want to be named, told Pajhwok that there was not a single school in their district and all children ... (More on P4)...(11)



## Outlook Horoscope

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



Try not to be extravagant today, Aries. You're much better off lying low. Focus on you and what you need to do. Don't waste your time trying to attract others' attention. Let them deal with themselves while you concentrate on your goals and chores. Tackle all projects with gusto. You will find that you can be very productive as long as you stay focused and calm.

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



Today is a terrific day in which you should find that things work very smoothly. You have a hardheaded approach that will help you get down to business and get things done. Make sure you're on solid ground before you take the next step upward. You have the ability to reach the summit of many mountains, so don't waste any time.

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



There's a serious tone to the day, Gemini, so take this into account when you get the urge to play a practical joke on a friend. Keep things real. Stick close to home and take care of any menial tasks. Start a garden or buy some plants for your house. You have a disciplined nature that will help you get things done.

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



- Bring stability to your emotions today, Cancer. You have the tendency to take things to extremes, swinging from incredible highs to rock-bottom lows. Give your nervous system a break and calm down. Go for a walk in the woods. Make sure that all your actions are rational and well planned. See to it that you're in control of your emotions before you interact with others.

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



Take care of your home today, both physically and emotionally. See that bills are paid and the bedroom is tidy. Don't forget to clean the dust from under your bed and the demons from inside your mind. Realize that you might be running on someone else's operating system that got stuck in your hard drive.

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



You might find it hard to connect with anyone on a deep and meaningful level today, Virgo, so just free yourself and have a good time. Take a more refined and disciplined approach to your projects. You will find that you can be productive after sundown. Later you should consider snuggling up close to someone you trust and care about deeply.

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



Get the party started early in the day, Libra. You may be running from task to task, but this is OK. You have the ability to get a lot done by multitasking and keeping things light. As the day progresses, however, there will be a veil of restriction that slowly settles over your mood. You may find it harder to communicate your thoughts than it was earlier in the day.

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



Bring your thoughts down to Earth, Scorpio, especially later tonight. You may be flip-flopping through the day like a fish out of water, but suddenly things start to fall into place at sundown. You will find that people are much more caring and sensitive to your mood later this evening. Spend it at home with someone you love. Ground yourself and plan for the upcoming week.

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



The earlier portion of the day is apt to flow much more smoothly than the later part, Sagittarius. You should get things solidified right off the bat, if possible. Things will be a bit more relaxed and free flowing in the morning, but become a bit more restrictive as the evening sets in. Don't go to bed without making a plan for what you want to accomplish over the next few days.

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



This may be a frenzied day for you, Capricorn, but it's likely to settle down as evening sets in. It will be a tender night in which you should stick close to home and get organized. If you have any task that requires discipline, you're better off waiting until tonight to do it. Things will run much more smoothly then.

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

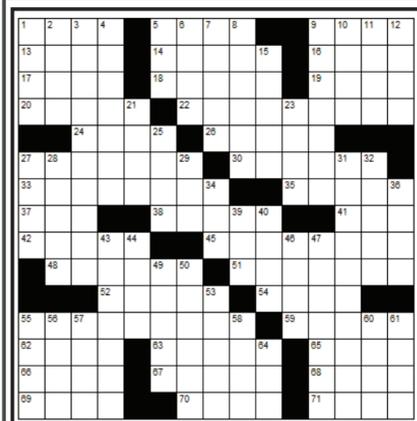


You should be on cloud nine today, Aquarius. As evening sets in, however, things might get a little too heavy for your comfort. People will have had enough of your gossip by then, so give it a rest. Kick back and plan for the next few days. You might also want to take a more serious approach to your romantic commitments by confirming your feelings about your partner now.

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



- Lie low during the day and try not to get caught up in the frivolous verbiage that dominates the waking hours. After sundown, feel free to speak your mind. You may notice that there is a sober tone and restrictive sensation today that leaves you feeling like you will never be able to break free from your current situation. Don't get caught in this negative mindset.



#### Across

1. Behold, in old Rome, 5. Decorative case, 9. Poetic foot, 13. Conservative, 14. Slowly, in music, 16. Lunch or dinner, 17. Found in some lotions, 18. Gentlewoman, 19. Game on horseback, 20. Thigh armor, 22. Looks good on TV, 24. Boo-hoos, 26. Severity, 27. Tavern 30. Spotted cat, 33. From the far east, 35. Clean between teeth, 37. Foot digit, 38. Directly (archaic), 41. Bite, 42. Master of ceremonies, 45. Backbends combined with handstands, 48. Ventilator, 51. Convent, 52. Wear away, 54. Cut, 55. Survey questioners, 59. Electrical power units, 62. Hodgepodge, 63. Gives forth, 65. Violent disturbance, 66. A noble gas 67. Cuts into cubes, 68. Venician magistrate, 69. Chime, 70. Arrived, 71. Break,

#### Down

1. French for "State", 2. Soft drink, 3. A transverse brace, 4. Blight, 5. Shade tree, 6. Nipple, 7. Not over, 8. Slanted font, 9. Jeopardize, 10. Eternity, 11. Timbuktu's land, 12. Coalition 15. Alpha's opposite, 21. Black, in poetry, 23. Tiger Wood's sport, 25. Drunkards, 27. Carry, 28. Smell, 29. Chart, 31. A large formal assembly, 32. Willow, 34. Legislation, 36. Agile 39. Indian bread, 40. Dour, 43. Soon 44. Hearing organs, 46. Be cognizant of, 47. Forward 49. Lugged, 50. Bloated, 53. Genus of heath, 55. Ping-pong, 56. Margarine, 57. King of the jungle, 58. Flower stalk, 60. Roman robe, 61. Stair, 64. South southeast,

#### Yesterday's Solution

ETHER, ESSE, CRAB SAUCE, GYMS, HERR, ARECA, QNU, ASIA UNDER STATE, REEK AWL, ASS, FEAR, CHOP, STEW, SEDGE, HIBACHI, ESTUARY, EPOCH, GLA, STIES, OKRA, KALE, GHIDE, SELLA, PERIS, EERIE, ERST, DENIS, EMEND level, locate, manipulate mass, muzzle, mystery presents quake, quiet safety, satisfy, sirs sling, spouse, sting tail, true, vague, wetsuit, yield, agree, apply, appreciate, barely, basket, bliss coma, comic, destruction,

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K E P G N I T S P P N O E  
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