

People Asked to Expel Afghans from Landikotal, Jamrud

LANDIKOTAL - On the directives of Fata Secretariat, authorities in Landikotal and Jamrud tehsils have issued notices to Afghan nationals and their prayer leaders to leave mosques and madaris. Assistant Political Agent of Jamrud Fahad Wazir told The News by phone that they had given notices to all elders in Jamrud to replace Afghan Pesh Imams (prayer leaders) and expel Afghan students from seminaries. He said Khassadar and Levies personnel were directed



to conduct visits and inform residents about the development. However, he could not mention the exact number of Afghan prayer leaders and their pupils seeking Islamic education in madaris in Jamrud tehsil. Meanwhile, political tehsildar of Landikotal Daftar Khan said they had collected data of all madaris and mosques accommodating Afghans. He said a total of 43 Afghan nationals had been admitted in Jamia Islamia in Khugakhel area. (Agencies)

Young Girl Commits Suicide in Kapisa

MAHMOOD RAQI - A young girl has committed suicide in Kapisa province. Abdul Fatah Shafiq, district governor of Hise Awal-i-Kohistanat confirms the incident. Shafiq says the incident took place in Ghafoorkhil area of his district yesterday due to the family problems. Shafiq added that security officials have started an investigation into the incident. The main motive behind the incident is unknown but in many cases girls have committed suicide in Afghanistan after they are forced for marriages to people they did not want to be married with. (KP)

Protesters in Uruzgan Hails Paris Gunmen as 'True Mujahideen'

TRINKOT - Hundreds of residents of central Uruzgan province participated in a demonstration to show their support for the gunmen who attacked a French newspaper last week. The rally participants called the gunmen as 'true mujahideen' and 'heroes' and condemned President Ghani's stance for denouncing the attack. The demonstration was organized in Chora district following Friday

prayers with rally participants calling the gunmen true mujahideen. They demanded President Ghani to withdraw his condemnation of the attack, insisting that the newspaper had published blasphemous cartoons of Prophet Muhammad. President Ghani issued a statement following the attack and said "Killing of defenseless people and civilians is a heinous act of ... (More on P4)... (14)

Militants Torch Former Minister's House

MAIDAN SHAHAR - Militants have torched the house of a former education minister in the Syedabad district of central Maidan Wardak province, an official said on Sunday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the house of Farooq Wardak in the Onkhi area of the district was set on fire last night by insurgents. He said everything inside the house was completely destroyed. No one was



residing in the house but one person was guarding the compound. Deputy Governor Abdul Majid Khogyani expressed concern over the incident and ordered security organs to investigate the attack immediately. In a similar incident last week, militants set the house of a district chief on fire. (Pajhwok)

Civilians Harmed by Charsadda Fighting

FEROZKOH - Clashes between security forces and insurgents have taken a toll on civilians in the Charsadda district of western Ghor province, residents complained on Sunday. According to residents, two civilians were injured after the clashes erupted on Saturday night. The clashes occurred when police and army forces on their way to Ferozkoh were ambushed by militants. Mohammad Tariq, a resident told Pajhwok Afghan News the clashes continued for several hours in Khufak and Khunia villages. A rocket hit a home and injured a woman and a child.



He said many more houses were also damaged in the fighting. "They should avoid harming civilians during such clashes." Acting Governor Sayed Anwar Rahmati confirmed the residents were affected but said the insurgents were responsible for it. He said two fighters were killed and three more wounded in the fighting. Five security forces personnel were also wounded. However, Qari Yousaf Ahmadi, a Taliban spokesman, said security forces had suffered eight casualties. Charsadda is among the insecure districts that fell to the Taliban four months back for a short period of time. It was retaken by Afghan forces. (Pajhwok)

2 Taliban Commanders Held in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - National Directorate of Security (NDS) officials on Sunday detained two Taliban commanders accused of target killings in southern Kandahar province. Syed Ajan and Abdul Malik, who commanded a group of serial killers, were arrested in Khakrez district, a statement from the governor's house said. The detained commanders were the residents of Khakrez district and led several targeted attacks in the provinces, the statement said. (Agencies)

Afghan's Orphaned Children Forced to do Odd Jobs to Survive

KABUL - Thousands of young orphaned Afghans, who lost either their fathers or both parents in the conflict-plagued country, are forced to do odd jobs in order to help support their families. Young Afghan boys are seen washing cars, shining shoes, carrying bags of customers in marketplaces and shopping malls. Nine-year-old Abdul Wakil helps support his family by selling shopping bags in a vegetable market. "I am in second

grade of a primary school and since it is winter vacation, I work by selling shopping bags to earn some money," Abdul said in a recent interview with Xinhua. He can sell 40 to 50 shopping bags of different sizes each day, Abdul said, adding, "I can earn around 250 to 300 Afghans every day to support my family." At present, the exchange rate of 1 U.S. dollar is around 58 Afghans. "In the evening, when I return home, I give a bigger ... (More on P4)... (13)

8 Taliban Killed in Nangarhar Drone Strike

JALALABAD - At least eight Taliban insurgents were killed and four others were wounded in a NATO drone strike in eastern Nangarhar on Sunday, local officials said. Spokesman of eastern border police, Idrees Momand, confirmed the air strike, saying these Taliban insurgents were killed Sunday morning



in Lalpoor district. He added the Afghan National Army (ANA) operation is also currently being conducted in the same area to clear the district from insurgents. However, the Taliban have not yet commented in this regard. (Tolonews)

143 Kg of Drugs Seized, 3 Held in Faryab

MAIMANA - Police in northwestern Faryab province recovered 63 kilograms of opium from a car during routine checking and held one suspect, an official said on Sunday. The illicit substance was canceled in a gas cylinder which was recovered by police in the Andkhai district, police chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Nabi Ilham told Pajhwok Af-

ghan News. Separately, officials of National Directorate of Security (NDS) detained two peddlers and recovered 80 kilograms of heroin from their possession in Qaisar district. Abdul Jamil Siddiqui, the district administrative chief, confirmed the arrests by the spy agency. He said the detainees were dangerous individuals and had links with mafia. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You might blast ahead with your original plans even though they could lead to more trouble than they are worth. Ironically, your common sense is working fine today; the problem is your inclination to fearlessly overrule reason with your desires. Fortunately, you can minimize the negative impact of your carelessness by repeatedly reminding yourself to slow down and think about what you're doing.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Don't rely on your friends for sound advice today, because they are likely to encourage your dreams, no matter how impossible your goals may be to manifest. Of course, receiving support from an ally feels great, but you might be better off if someone told you that your idea is ill-conceived.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

People may come up with plenty of reasons for you to decline a current opportunity, but you will likely say yes, anyhow. It's tough to see the downside of the current situation today because your hopes are so high and any progress appears to be better than none at all. Just remember that you might face discouragement if you continue to harbor such outrageous expectations.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Normally, your need for emotional security leads you to set boundaries so you don't destabilize your life. Nevertheless, you also like to be as cooperative as possible. Today, these two strategies collide as your optimism tempts you to take on more commitments than you should. Don't let things reach a breaking point before you pull back to protect your heart.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You have big plans on your mind but it doesn't serve you well to lose sight of what's actually possible today. Your extroverted nature usually works in your favor, but you might attract so much positive feedback now that you begin to believe you are invincible. Much to your chagrin, you haven't yet transformed into a superhero, so step back from the excitement and downsize your intentions before they get the best of you.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Managing your mood swings may be a challenging task today because the reflective Moon in your sign puts you in close touch with your changing emotions. However, your innate sense of clarity is tough to find now because you can't help but see amazing possibilities everywhere you look. Keep in mind that you might be better off waiting a day or two before making any life-altering decisions.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Putting on a happy face won't resolve your worries, especially if you discover problems with someone's plans for the day. Instead of covering your concerns with a quick smile, express your opinions as objectively as you can. You may be able to justify your thoughts, but your logical words aren't necessarily without their bias. Thankfully, setting your perspective out on the table might spark an informative conversation.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are socially astute today and intuitively know exactly how much pressure to apply to a situation to get what you want. However, your wisdom could fly out the window once you see some positive results from your actions and you impulsively decide to ask for more. Remember, too much drama can prompt your most valuable supporters to retreat in haste.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You're trying to keep your ambitious goals from taking over your entire day, but bombastic Jupiter may not know how to take no for an answer now. Although a current boost of confidence can help if you're suffering from low self-esteem, it could be too much if you're already bouncing off the walls with enthusiastic anticipation. However, it's up to you to know how to best channel your energy.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your pragmatic approach to managing a rather large project can put you in the driver's seat as others give up before they gain any traction. Thankfully, you know that you're well suited for the job and are ready to give it your absolute best. Be careful; your perceptions are bent a bit out of shape by your desire to succeed, so it's still wise to exercise caution today.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may attempt to simplify complex relationship dynamics today because it's easier to figure out your game plan when everything is neat and tidy. But leaving out the complicating factors just to suit your whim is not an intelligent idea. It's smarter to work with all the facts and be unsure of your next move than to arbitrarily avoid the truth to feed your false sense of security.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You are moving ahead with your new objectives and might even be proud of your significant progress. However, there may be danger lurking in your current optimism. Of course, the power of positive thought fosters success, but it might also prevent you from seeing an important truth if you take your hopeful perspective to an extreme.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71.

Across: 1. An alloy of copper and zinc, 6. Manacle, 10. Kind of school, 14. Stud, 15. Hodgepodge, 16. Angel's headwear, 17. Love intensely, 18. Nonexistent, 19. Creative work, 20. Original, 22. Anagram of "Tine", 23. Former Italian currency, 24. Worn away, 26. Contributes, 30. Slice, 31. 18-wheeler, 32. Jump, 33. Part of a foot, 35. Chafes, 39. Belly, 41. Palatable, 43. Not fresh, 44. Boom, 46. Urgent request, 47. Type, 49. Euro forerunner, 50. Skirt lines, 51. Scour, 54. Part in a play, 56. ___ du jour = Meal of the day, 57. Powered by electricity, 63. Hindu princess, 64. Compassion, 65. Draw forth, 66. Therefore, 67. Send forth, 68. Cyphers, 69. Observed, 70. Dash, 71. Amount of hair. Down: 1. Fiber source, 2. Go on horseback, 3. Affirm, 4. Slave, 5. Pilfer, 6. Harmonious, 7. Emit long loud cries, 8. Dossier, 9. File cover, 10. Record player, 11. Speedy, 12. Wash out with a solvent, 13. Modelled, 21. Recess, 25. Break in friendly relations, 26. "What a shame!", 27. Money owed, 28. Early 20th-century art movement, 29. Pillaging, 34. White blood cell, 36. Competent, 37. The original matter (cosmology), 38. Oceans, 40. Blend, 42. Grownup, 45. Religious outcast, 48. Custodian, 51. French for "After", 52. Cacophony, 53. Cooktop, 55. Construct, 58. City in Peru, 59. Smell, 60. Naked, 61. Frosts, 62. To tax or access.

Yesterday's Solution: bleacher, bluff, boast, cannot, cheek, claim, climax, clown, coast, create, daughter, easter, either, engage, first, floor, loom, invite, night, organ, peat, pill, plastic, project, prove, really, right, roses, roving, saint, save, smell, soar, stand, tales, think.

Word search grid containing words like PLASTIC, CANNOT, GLOOM, BLUFF, FBSC, ENGAGE, BSELATN, FFXREALLY, OXAI, INVITE, EELBOGNG, RCLAIMATIREDH, SPROJECTOPNCT, TCYEITHERCRHT, CLIMAXEASOEH, ROSESTRSSAVEI, MWPROVETVSIKN, JNWHITEEATNNK, DAUGHTERRIGHT.