

Waziristan Refugees Allege Anomalies in Aid Distribution

KHOST CITY - Refugees from North Waziristan Agency (NWA) in south-eastern Khost province have alleged massive irregularities in distribution of aid. Hundreds of refugees in the Gulan camp of Gorbaz district and demanded more assistance to meet their needs. They beat drums and performed the traditional dance called Atanas a mark of protest. According to the tribesmen displaced from the Pakistani tribal region, they were not given even 50 percent of the aid from foreign or Afghan sources. Haji Janan, one of the elderly refugees, said: "We are protesting here



and raising our voice against unjust distribution of aid. Till now, we have been selling our cows, goats and other things." He claimed large-scale anomalies had been committed in aid distribution and the refugees had received very little assistance. Salim Khan, another refugee, suggested the biometric system should be removed, as aid distribution under the system caused problems. The system enabled Pakistani border guards to recognize Waziristanis. "We want the biometric... (More on P4)...(14)

Residents Happy with Asphalt of 35-Km Badghis Road

QALA-I-NAW - The asphalt of a 35 kilometres road linking the capital of northwestern Badghis province with Qadis district, has been completed, an official said on Tuesday. Public Works Director Eng. Maleehasaid the project had been completed at a cost of 35 million afghanis provided from the ministry's development budget. She said the road, which had been damaged by last year's flooding, took six months to be asphalted. Six culverts were also constructed on the road, the official added. Nisar Ahmad, a resident of Qadis district, said they were pleased over the asphalt of the road. Previously they faced problems while traveling the dilapidated road, he recalled. With the asphalt of the road, residents would be able to reach the provincial capital in half an hour instead of two hours they needed before the project was implemented, he concluded. (Pajhwok)

Angry Rickshaw Drivers Protest Police Restrictions in Herat City

HERAT CITY - Rickshaw drivers complain they are subjected to inordinate restrictions by police at every intersection in the capital of the western Herat province. At a protest meeting in Herat City, the drivers warned of resorting to earning money in illegal ways to feed their families if police continued to pester them. One of the protesters, Sarwar Haidari, told Pajhwok Afghan News, "For a week now, all city roads have been closed for us in the name of better traffic management." He said: "If we take a passenger from one area to another, we are forced to ply long routes bypassing the city." The undue curbs left



drivers with little profit margins, he argued. "We must be allowed to ply city roads and squares; we don't know why police have imposed this ban on us. We don't know what sin we have committed," he commented.

Nabi Zarbafi, another tri-wheeler owner, said intersections in Gulha, Shahr-i-Naw, Cinema and Amirin Marif were no-go areas for rickshaw drivers. Another protestor, Gul Ahmad, claimed that all city... (More on P4)...(15)

Senior Daesh Among 3 Killed in Achin Drone Strike

JALALABAD - A NATO drone killed three Daesh or Islamic State (IS) militants, including their commander, in eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday, an official said. The governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogiani, told Pajhwok Afghan News the drone targeted a vehicle carrying insurgent commander, Qari Sajjad, on Tuesday afternoon in Achin district, killing Sajjad and two others. Some ammunition and weapons were also destroyed in the air raid that took place Zorda Sarak area at about 2pm, he said. There has been no word from the self-styled Islamic State group about the drone strike. (Pajhwok)

Lemon Production Increases in Takhar

TALOQAN - The lemon production has increased following the establishment of more lemon orchards in the northern province of Takhar, an official said on Tuesday. Most of the new lemon orchards have been established in Yangi Qala, Khwaja Bahauddin, Dasht Kala and some other districts, increasing the production, the extension section head at the provincial agriculture department, Syed Yahya, told Pajhwok Afghan News. "We brought the improved



lemon varieties from Tajikistan but we were not sure about a successful adaptation of the trees, but it resulted well," he said. Hundreds of kilograms of lemons have been marketed in the province, he said, adding if more lemon orchards were established in Takhar, the province would become the highest citrus producer in the country. The lime fruit is brought to market each day... (More on P4)...(17)

Afghan U-19 Cricket Team Off to Bangladesh

KABUL - The Afghanistan under-19 cricket team on Tuesday left for Bangladesh to participate in the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup commencing from January 27. Afghanistan are placed in Group B with two-time champion Pakistan, strong contender Sri Lanka and Canada in the 16-nation tournament that features nine Test-playing nations and seven Associate and Affiliate Members - Afghanistan, Canada, Fiji, Namibia,



Nepal, Ireland and Scotland. Teams have been divided into four groups with the top two in each advancing to the Super

League quarter-finals and the other two qualifying for the Plate Championships. Prior to their... (More on P4)...(16)

Kandahar Cricket Ground Construction to Begin this Week

KABUL - The construction work of cricket ground in southern Kandahar province will begin this week with the financial support of the government of India.

The Cricket Board said construction work of the ground will kick off this week and will take at least one for the completion of the work. The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) Chief Executive Nasimullah Danish told reporters in Kabul that the cricket ground will provide facilities for cricket athletes... (More on P4)...(18)

Man, Woman Axed to Death in Herat City

HERAT CITY - A man and a woman have been found axed to death in western Herat province, hospital sources said on Tuesday. Mohammad Rafiq Sherzai, spokesman for the Herat Zonal Hospital, told Pajhwok Afghan News the bodies of a man and a woman had been brought to the hospital form Shedaai locality of Herat City, the provincial capital. He said initial medical examination showed an axe had been used in killing the two. Police spokesman Abdul Rauf Ahmadi said the man and the woman had been killed inside a house and the reason behind their murder was yet to be known. Hospital sources said they had been delivered 10 dead bodies of women after being murdered for different reasons since March. Some people said insurgents had a presence in Shedaai area where the man and the woman had been axed to death. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

It's easy to hope that your dreams will come true if you take a risk and tell people exactly what you want today. But the Moon's awkward connection to Mars can put so much passion into your words that you might frighten others with your intensity, rather than showing your sincerity. Thankfully, adopting a gentler approach allows you to be more convincing when sharing your true intentions.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You may seek pleasure from an entirely new spectrum of activities today. However, you need to be careful that you don't neglect your responsibilities in the pursuit of emotional gratification. Just remember that entertaining a variety of options doesn't mean that you must act on every whim. You can still make merry while keeping your feet on the ground and meeting your obligations.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A friend or coworker might reveal an intriguing scheme today, yet you are fearful of getting swept up in a whirlwind of activity that spins your day out of control. There's no harm in relaxing the reins a bit, but don't let anyone take them out of your hands. Although you may think it would be nice not to be in charge for a while, you will find out quickly that you are happier following your own agenda now instead of someone else's.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your partner or associate is so persistent today that it's difficult for you to refuse their demands. However, it's still wise to take a few deep breaths and give yourself more time to consider what you want before agreeing to anything you might later regret. Don't acquiesce just to win a popularity contest. Step through the awkward process of establishing clear boundaries now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Everyone wants to know your secret today because you seem unusually cheerful and confident as you go about your business. Luckily, you are blessed to be having fun while fulfilling your everyday responsibilities. Unfortunately, you can't reveal your magical method because you don't have a hidden formula in your pocket.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You can get ahead of the game today by taking a clever idea and building on it; just be wary of over-inflating your expectations in the process. It's more advantageous to achieve modest success that leaves you feeling good about your accomplishments now, rather than reaching too high and encountering the disappointment of failure. Thankfully, your current choices aren't set in stone.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may actually believe that today is your lucky day - and your special fantasy just might come true. Although it's not smart to assume that you'll receive exactly what you wish for now, it's still a good idea to trust your intuition. Your natural flexibility is the key to receiving a surprise that exceeds your expectations. However, stubbornly sticking to your previous agenda could cause you to miss the magic.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your unrelenting faith in yourself makes a tangible difference today, for your thoughts are creating a clear blueprint of your future. The inquisitive Gemini Moon is traveling through your 8th House of Transformation, initiating a metamorphosis of your goals. You might be eager to swing into action now and go for exactly what you want.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You could be feeling uncharacteristically anxious today, but it's not because there is anything specifically wrong. On the contrary, you might worry that you are missing something important in your positive assessment of your current trajectory. Don't let your concerns trick you into impulsively taking corrective action. Just methodically complete as much unfinished business as you can in preparation for the exciting new cycles ahead. Timing is everything.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

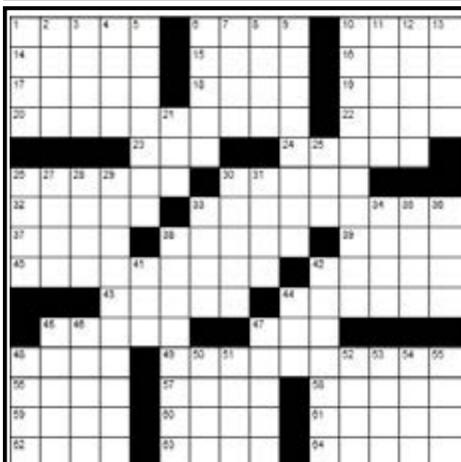
You can't help but worry that people are impeding your progress by undermining your positive efforts today. Unfortunately, you may not be able to find any concrete evidence to support your current fears. Ironically, the exact opposite might be true; something you decide to keep secret can have a negative effect on a relationship. Reconsider what you are afraid to reveal and then shine the light of your awareness into this shadow.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Don't hold back your creative flow now, even if your dreams seem unrealistic. Your unrestrained imagination enables you to visualize a myriad of possibilities for the future. The Moon's visit to your 5th House of Self-Expression opens multiple doors that can propel you and your friends into the unknown. Rather than allowing logistics to slow you down today.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Separating your personal issues from what you do in the real world isn't a simple task now that the Moon is moving through your 4th House of Emotional Security. Whether you are concerned with your professional status, your role in the community or your place within your family, it's crucial to understand where you stand so you can reconsider where you are going. There's no reason to blindly rush ahead.



Across
 1. Aqualung, 6. Hole-making tools, 10. Chafes, 14. Fertile areas, 15. Half-moon tide, 16. Type of sword, 17. Liberates, 18. Found on a finger, 19. Accomplishment, 20. Celibacy, 22. Terminates, 23. Gender, 24. Geeks, 26. Unruffled, 30. Soup server, 32. Amount of hair, 33. Substantiality, 37. 1 1 1 1, 38. Used, 39. A romantic meeting, 40. Swift falcon, 42. Papal court, 43. Protective ditches, 44. Young unmarried woman, 45. Jewish scholar, 47. Make lace, 48. A small wooded hollow, 49. Purification, 56. Dwarf buffalo, 57. False god, 58. Part of a stair, 9. Canine tooth, 60. Modify, 61. Gladden, 62. Run away, 63. Male offspring, 64. Utilize again.

Down
 1. Couch, 2. Anagram of "Crab", 3. Applications, 4. Red vegetable, 5. Helps, 6. Building addition, 7. Withdraw gradually, 8. Nonclerical, 9. Having great beauty, 10. A popular vote by the electorate, 11. Flip over, 12. Tiny balls strung together, 13. Collections, 21. Born as, 25. A late time of life, 26. "Cut that out!", 27. Sea eagle, 28. Bambi was one, 29. Audience, 30. Groin, 31. Away from the wind, 33. Narrow opening, 34. Hearing organs, 35. Anagram of "Ties", 36. Secure against leakage, 38. Grasslands, 41. Mouth (British slang), 42. Meal provider, 44. One of the tribes of Israel, 45. Kidney-related, 46. Without company, 47. Leans, 48. To cast aside (archaic), 50. Cocoyam, 51. Thrust with a knife, 52. 5280 feet, 53. Brother of Jacob, 54. Catches, 55. Tall woody plant.

Yesterday's Solution

backpack, batch, bigger, bits, block, bores, cause, clear, comfortable, contact, enthusiasm, episode, finger, forget, haste, heaven, helpless, hers kayak, laughter, mill, mouth, number, plant, provide, safe, sate, scab, sear, several, shame, smilestill.

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