



Above 870 Girls Graduate from Helmand Schools this Year

LASHKARGAH - More than 870 female students graduated from high schools in southern Helmand province this year, an official said on Monday, rejecting some reports in this regard.

Helmand education department officials said there were some reports that not a single girl had graduated from high school in some districts of the province this year.

Zalmay Afghan, the provincial Education Department's spokesman, said the reports were baseless as 871 girls had graduated this year throughout the province schools.

He added, "The number of high school graduated girls would increase once we receive the exact number of graduates from the Betari and Setari schools in Lashkargah, the provincial capital."

He said, "Around 4,000 girls have graduated from schools within the past few years."

He also said that girls could not attend schools in Nawzad, Sangin, Musa Qala, Kajaki, Deshu, Khanashin and Garamsir districts due to security problems.

However, he said efforts were underway through tribal elders and government officials to address all issues impeding girls' education.

Faresha, a graduate from the Malali high school in Lashkargah city, told Pajhwok that dozens of girls graduated from her school this year.

She said, "We want to study higher education after completing 12th grade and we should be facilitated in this regard."

Meanwhile, Abdul Haq Zwakman, a civil society activist, said Taliban threats and some bad traditions barred girls from attending schools in the province. *...(More on P4)...(12)*

37 People Jailed Over Drug, Alcohol Smuggling Charges



KABUL - Thirty-seven people have been arrested in connection with 13 months to 11 years in prison by the appellate court for their involvement in drug and alcohol smuggling during the past one week.

A statement from the Counter-Narcotics Justice Center (CNJC) received by Pajhwok Afghan

News said that the convicts had been arrested in connection with 26 drug smuggling cases and they were sentenced to jail by the primary and appellate courts of the center during the last one week.

The convicts arrested by detective and security organs from different parts of the country possessed three kilograms of heroin, more than 283

kilograms morphine, more than 1,144 kilograms of opium, more than a kilogram of crystal myth, more than 137 kilograms of hashish and 75 kilograms of chemicals.

The source said the convicts along with their cases were referred to CNJC for judicial investigations and prosecutors of the center decided about *...(More on P4)...(10)*



30 Taliban, 6 Security Forces Perish in Jawzjan Battle

SHIBERGHAN - More than 30 Taliban militants and six security personnel have been killed during an hours long clash in Qush Tapa district of northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Monday.

Jawzjan police chief Col. Abdul Wahid Wijdan said a group of armed insurgents attacked security posts from all directions at about 11:30 pm last night and the ensuing clash continued until 3pm Monday.

He said the Afghan forces also called in airstrikes that caused heavy casualties to the attackers, whose bodies were still lying on the ground in the area.

He said another 15 security forces and dozens of Taliban militants were wounded in the clashes.

The police chief said all necessary arrangements to strengthen the embattled forces in Qush Tapa district had been made. He said the forces were supplied food, reinforcement and ammunition by air.

Qush Tapa district chief Aminullah said so far the situation around the district center was uneasy as both sides were using heavy weapons.

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Suicide Bomber Gunned Down before Attack



KANDAHAR CITY - Police in southern Kandahar province shot dead a suicide bomber before he could execute his plan on Tuesday morning.

Police spokesman Qasim Azad told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in front of 6th police district office in Kandahar City, the provincial capital this

morning. The bomber was identified by police before he could enter the police district's office. The suicide-vest attached to the bomber's body went off after the police opened fire at him. On child was injured as a result and there was no more casualties.

Taliban have not yet commented in this regard. (Pajhwok)

Maidan Wardak Judge Gunned Down in Kabul



KABUL - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead a judge from central Maidan Wardak province in the 5th police district of Kabul, an official said on Tuesday.

Qazi Habib Rahman Ibrahim, a tribal council member, told Pajhwok Afghan News Fahimullah Fidayee was gunned down by motorcyclists in front of his residence in Bagh-i-Dawood area

on Monday evening. According to Ibrahim, the judge original hailed from the Chak district of Maidan Wardak. He had currently moved to Kabul.

Firdous Faramarz, Kabul police spokesman, confirmed the incident and said police had launched an investigation into the murder. There has been no claim of responsibility for the murder so far. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



The next few weeks will be full of changes in your personal life, Aries. Your relationships will evolve. You have convivial relations with your friends, but you need to keep an eye on your strong personality and let others express themselves. Try to stay vigilant. You can't impose your views on other people all the time.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Some people have a tendency to be shy. They almost apologize for being alive. For them, it's essential to keep a low profile. You probably think that you're like this, but you're mistaken, Taurus. You need a bit of reassurance. There are a lot of interesting things inside you that need to come out. Believe in yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You're a real master of seduction, Gemini. For quite some time, you've been able to draw a number of people to you. It seems that no one can resist your charms. But today you will start thinking about this process of seduction. Even if you appreciate luxury, you should be careful and stay vigilant.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You're a real charmer. None of your friends can resist you, Cancer. Today you should try to put the finishing touches to your personality. Indeed, you will be able to benefit from the planetary alignment as you interact with others. You will look for a little more authenticity in your personal and professional relations.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



The day will be calm and quiet, Leo. You feel strongly about finishing whatever you undertake. You probably have the opportunity to add the final changes to some projects you've been working on. This reorganization will give you some spare time, which will probably enable you to meet some very interesting people.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You're very tolerant toward a particular person in your entourage, which is probably due to your generous nature, Virgo. You think everyone should have his or her own experiences and setbacks. After all, we learn from our mistakes. Sometimes you aren't very humble, but your friends are lucky to have someone they can count on.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Today you may have a difference of opinion with a relative. You will try to resolve this problem. You will be irritated by this present situation, and almost feel that your relationship has been altered for good. There is probably just a lack of communication between you. You have to try to work things out together.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You're an emotional person, Scorpio. You can easily be destabilized by something you read in the news or see on television. Why are you saddened or hurt by the problems of the world? If you've felt some violence surrounding you lately, you will be happy to know that you can heal your wounds today.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



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Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



The time has come to focus on your personal life, Sagittarius. Your life has certainly had its moments. During the past few months, it has been especially full of new and deep emotions. If you're persistent about keeping your determined frame of mind and course of action, you will attain the goals you've set for yourself.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

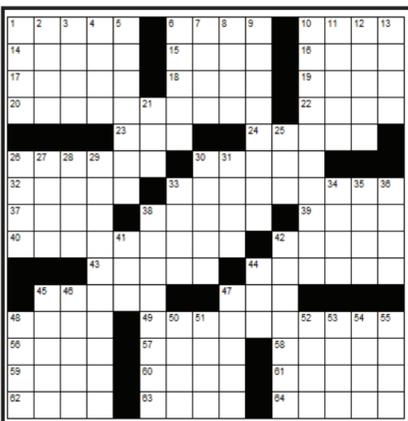


You often neglect your health and body. Your equilibrium suffers from this, Aquarius. The time has come to consider a medical checkup just to be on the safe side. You love to discover new things. Your thirst for knowledge incites you to expend a lot of energy. Try to find the time to rest and relax. Avoid all unnecessary effort.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Today you will tend to analyze your life. You will think about your lifestyle and the food you eat. Are you eating foods that are good for your body? Are you exercising enough? The stars will help you focus on your health. Health-promoting activities are recommended today, Pisces. Try to relax and find a sport you enjoy.



Across

1. Give birth to, 6. Resorts, 10. Rodents, 14. Our planet, 15. Not there, 16. River of Spain
17. A very short time, 18. Alleviate, 19. Expresses relief, 20. Charmed, 22. A soft sheepskin leather, 23. Santa's helper, 24. Unreactive, 26. Cavort, 30. Assists, 32. Distant, 33. In a self-conscious manner, 37. Alone, 38. Extent, 39. Central area of a church, 40. Underskirt
42. Stripes, 43. Door fasteners, 44. Rouse, 45. Shorthand, 47. Coniferous tree, 48. Kiss
49. Authorized, 56. Not short, 57. Affirm, 58. Rowed, 59. Sea eagle, 60. DDD D
61. Utilizing, 62. A doe or stag, 63. At one time (archaic), 64. Hockey footwear,

Down

1. Mend (archaic), 2. Acquire deservedly, 3. Fortitude, 4. Carve in stone, 5. Thence, 6. Mantle-piece, 7. Resound, 8. Backside, 9. Scruffiest, 10. Acts as an agent, 11. Despise, 12. Delicacy
13. Scattered
21. Total, 25. Greatest possible, 26. Shocked reaction, 27. Maguery
28. Exuviate, 29. Moonshiner, 30. Religious fathers, 31. Entice, 33. Out of control, 34. Scoot
35. 57 in Roman numerals, 36. 365 days, 38. Award
41. Charged particle, 42. Not frivolous, 44. Smidgen, 45. A loud sleeping sound, 46. 1000 kilograms, 47. Not last
48. Toboggan, 50. Always, 51. GGG G, 52. Disguise, 53. Diva's solo, 54. Canvas dwelling, 55. Border,

Yesterday's Solution

SHRUB SWINGS CANADA DOMINION EME GNEROUS LOT OTISG VATES MIKE ANTE DISH FINI RAYS ACT VERGE TEREST GUE URIA RARE MASS TANG EARIN TOLE EDDO ADB ARTLES TION SERENELY APJARY TRUSTEE GAINS SMITTE MEISY SMITTE

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