

Nicholas Kay Takes Over as NATO's New Afghan SCR



KABUL - UK ambassador Sir Nicholas Kay took over as NATO's senior civilian representative (SCR) in Afghanistan on Tuesday after his appointment in December last year. Before heading to Kabul, he said "I am really looking forward to getting back to Kabul and to playing a really active and strong role in support of the Afghan search

for peace. Afghan people are hoping that 2019 will be the year of peace and NATO will be doing all it can to support efforts to bring peace to Afghanistan." Previously, Sir Nicholas has served for more than a year as the British Ambassador in Kabul. With extensive experience on Afghanistan and the South Asia region, the new SCR had also worked as UK

Regional Coordinator for Southern Afghanistan in Helmand province in 2006-2007 and as Head of the Pakistan and Afghanistan Section in the South Asian Department of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1995-1997. He also has extensive experience in helping to build peace in fragile and conflict affected states and have served as the ...*(More on P4)...(8)*



Seeking Aid, Dozens of Sar-i-Pul Idps Rally Against Govt

SAR-I-PUL CITY - Dozens of internally-displaced persons (IDPs) from Sancharak district rallied against the government for failing to provide them aid and facilitate their safe return to homes. Hailing from the Tabar and Taghikhwa villages of the district, the protesting IDPs said they had left their homes a week earlier due to a security operation. They are currently living in a school building, with no assistance from the government. The IDPs staged a rally in Sar-i-Pul City and blocked a portion of the road between Azizi Bank and Maarif Street for three hours. They said only one organisation had provided them with some food items. Mohammad, one of the displaced persons, asked: "If the government cannot provide us food and shelter, why has it forced us to leave our homes?" He urged the government to facilitate their safe return to homes and provide them with food and water at the earliest possible. But the governor's spokesman, Zabihullah Amani, said the disaster management authority and charities distributed blankets and food thrice a day. But the aid was suspended after one welfare organisation found out the aid was sold by IDPs. He said the government wanted the aid distribution process to be conducted by foreign NGOs. Commando forces had reached Sar-i-Pul and would launch a clearing operation soon, he concluded. *(Pajhwok)*



Commander Among 18 Taliban Killed in Jawzjan Blitz

SHIBERGHAN - At least 18 Taliban militants, including a key commander, have been killed in an airstrike in the Faizabad district of northwestern Jawzjan province, an official said on Tuesday. Alaf Shah, the district administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Afghan air force conducted the airstrike in Mimlek village of the district late Monday night. He said Nooruddin, a key commander, was among 18 insurgents killed in the nighttime blitz. He said another key commander of the Taliban, Maulvi Zariif, was injured in the strike but was taken to an unknown location by the rebels. Civilians and security forces suffered no casualties in the operation, he concluded. A resident of the area, who wished to go unnamed, also confirmed the airstrike but said Nooruddin surrendered to the government along with his few associates. Meanwhile, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told Pajhwok in a telephonic conversation that three of their fighters had been killed and five others wounded in the incident. *(Pajhwok)*

Samangan Accident Leaves 3 Dead, 2 Wounded



AIBAK - Three people have been killed and two others wounded as a result of a traffic accident in northern Samangan province, an official said on Tuesday. Deputy Director of Traffic Syed Masoud told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident took place in Pul-i-Qachan Dara locality on Monday night.

He said the accident occurred when the car crashed into a bridge pillar and fell from the 10 metres link. The incident was linked to reckless driving. Dr. Moqbel, an official of civil hospital, told Pajhwok three bodies and two injured people were evacuated to the hospital. The injured ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Border Police Commander Shot Dead in Kandahar



KANDAHAR CITY - A border police commander was gunned down on Tuesday along with a bodyguard in southern Kandahar province in an apparently targeted attack, an official said. Aziz Ahmad Azizi, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the border police commander, Haji Mandi, was on his way

when came under a gun attack in Faisal Qala locality of Kandahar City, the provincial capital, at around 2:00pm today. He said Haji Mandi and one of his bodyguards were killed in the attack involving unknown assailants, who escaped after the incident. Azizi said police had launched ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Mar 6, 2019 - Your physical and mental energies overflow today, Aries. You may want to tackle every possible project that could bring advancement along whatever lines you want. Artistic endeavors, group activities, and social events are strong possibilities, so get busy! This should also be an exhilarating day when you accomplish a lot.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



When it comes to love and romance, things are definitely in your favor, Taurus. The thing to be aware of today is that there might be some manipulation on the part of someone close to you. Take care that someone else's need for freedom isn't negatively affecting your relationship.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



The chance to take a trip by air with friends or members of a group could come your way today, Gemini. This might involve an exhibition of some kind, as well as a chance to advance your knowledge in some way. Both the dissemination and the gathering of information are definitely involved. If you can, make the arrangements today. Whatever the journey, it could make a big difference in your life.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You could complete some personal projects that involve a lot of paperwork today, Cancer. This could increase your income considerably. Past success that has become known in your field could lead to opportunities for future success. This may be job related, but it may also involve your own projects.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Opportunities for new partnerships concerning a personal project of yours could come to you from far away, Leo. Contracts, agreements, and other legal matters work in your favor, but making sense of them could require concentration. Read the fine print to learn as much as you can.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Mundane and perhaps boring tasks could take up much of your morning, Virgo, but you will need to get them out of the way so you can move on to more exciting projects. More paperwork might be required in order to get these things started, but you will get it done quickly and efficiently. Keep on plugging along. You're on the right track!

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



A get-together with a current or potential romantic partner could lead to some stimulating discussions of concepts that interest you both, Libra. You could make plans for future enterprises that bring you closer together. This is a good day to advance any relationships that involve mutual intellectual interests.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Today you might toy with the idea of doing some renovation on your home, perhaps for your enjoyment, but primarily to increase its value, Scorpio. Decorating, landscaping, or both might be on the agenda. A number of possibilities could present themselves, and you will probably spend much time giving each some serious consideration. In the end, you will probably choose the most beautiful!

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Creative energy, especially involving writing or speaking, could overflow today. Ideas could come thick and fast, Sagittarius, and you might want to phone some friends and discuss your thoughts. This is probably going to bring even more information your way for your mind to process! Write down what interests you most, and take a walk to clear your head. Tomorrow it should all be clearer to you.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



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Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

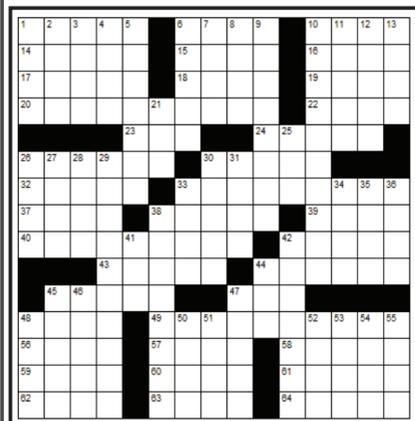


A lot of letters, calls, or emails could come your way from all over, Aquarius, bringing lots of good news and useful information. Some of it could involve new and innovative opportunities that are of great interest to you. Expect a lot of discussion that could really get your mind going. Write down what seems most promising for you and leave the rest for others.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



An opportunity to earn extra money in a creative way may come today from an unexpected and perhaps even previously unknown source, Pisces. This could come as a surprise, but you're likely to want to take advantage of it. You could also be the lucky recipient of a financial windfall. Someone who owes you money might suddenly pay you back. This should definitely be a good day for money!



Across

- 1. Popular dance music, 6. LummoX, 10. Stair, 14. Prevent legally, 15. Tibetan monk, 16. Resound, 17. San Antonio fort, 18. Midmonth date, 19. Therefore, 20. Impurity, 22. Team, 23. South southeast, 24. Communion table, 26. A concluding action, 30. Stage between egg and pupa, 32. A part of the small intestine, 33. Ratlike terrestrial marsupial, 37. Generous slice of the pie, 38. Inflammations of the big toe, 39. Gray wolf, 40. Spying, 42. Storehouse, 43. Garbage, 44. Renter, 45. Hillside, 47. Water barrier, 48. Accomplishment, 49. Become similar, 56. Against, 57. As just mentioned, 58. Gowns, 59. Pearly-shelled mussel, 60. 3 times 3, 61. Wall climbers, 62. A noble gas, 63. Wildebeests, 64. High armor,

Down

- 1. Inanimate, 2. Small island, 3. Knife, 4. Unwakeupable state, 5. Nocturnal arboreal marsupial, 6. Climate, 7. Stow, as cargo, 8. Portent, 9. Cowards, 10. Eyeglasses, 11. Latin name for our planet, 12. Keen, 13. Farm equipment, 21. Clairvoyant's gift, 25, 56 in Roman numerals, 26. Sage, 27. Ailments, 28. Half-moon tide, 29. Act of doubting, 30. Chuckle, 31. Kitty (poker), 33. Feathery scarves, 34. Klutz's cry, 35. Double-reed woodwind, 36. Carry, 38. Grinding, 41. Mineral rock, 42. Mark for misconduct, 44. Delay, 45. Sesame seed, 46. Relative magnitudes, 47. Covered stadiums, 48. Roman deity, 50. Norse god, 51. List of options, 52. Exploded star, 53. Nile bird, 54. Z.Z.Z.Z. (American), 55. To be, in old Rome,

Yesterday's Solution



alert, along, bless cloudy, clown, depart, drowsy every express, extra, follow found, least, local lure mesa, note, obtain, partnership, party prate, reckon, result robust scat, series, sorry

