

Bishkek Delivers Aid for Kyrgyz Families in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - Some 475 Kyrgyz families living in the Pamir Mountains of northeastern Badakhshan province have received food and health assistance from Bishkek.

The governor's spokesman, Ahmad Naveed Frotan, told Pajhwok News on Tuesday the aid included 71 food and non-food items such as flour, rice, sugar, blankets, mattresses and pillows and winter clothing.

In addition, 35 types of medicine and medical instruments were part of the assistance from the Kyrgyzstan government.



Frotan said a 20-member group, led by the Kyrgyz minister of refugees, delivered the aid to border police chief, Col. Abdul Hadi, in Wakhan district. Col. Hadi would later distribute the aid to the Kyrgyz families.

Governor Ahmad Faisal Bekzad expressed his gratitude to Kyrgyzstan for the humanitarian gesture. "Residents of Wakhan are very poor. Due to heavy snow, they lost their animals last winter. They are faced with food shortages and have to eat animal feed to survive." (Pajhwok)

In Jawzjan, 11 Former Fighters Return to Insurgency

SHIBERGHAN - Nearly a dozen men, who recently jumped on the reconciliation wagon, have rejoined the insurgency in northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Tuesday.

Col. Abdul Hafiz Khashe, the provincial police head, told Pajhwok News Agency the 11 men, led by Kamran, returned the Taliban fold in the morning.

Khashe assigned no reason for the switching of sides, but said the group was involved in terrorist activities in Mangoti village before joining the peace process. He added the group had been deployed to a security check-point in Mangoti village, where it rejoined the insurgents with their weapons. Mufti Niamatullah, ... (More on P4)... (21)

1 Police Officer Killed, 2 Wounded in Uruzgan Blast

TIRINKOT - A police officer was killed and two other security personnel were wounded in an explosion in central Uruzgan province on Tuesday, an official said.

Dost Mohammad Nayab, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the bomb blast took place in Sarchakhel area of Tirinkot, the provincial capital, in the morning.

He said a police officer was killed and two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were injured in the bomb attack.

Uruzgan intelligence chief, Gen. Zakaria Azizi, said the National Directorate of Security (NDS) deputy chief and the commander of 4th ANA battalion were injured and a detective killed in the incident. ... (More on P4)... (22)

Govt. Leaders' Differences: APSC Plans to Intervene

KABUL - The Afghanistan Protection and Stability Council (APSC), a major political opposition party, on Tuesday warned that differences among government leaders would destroy both the regime and the nation.

The APSC warning comes days after first vice-president Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum accused the president and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of tribal discrimination. A statement from the APSC ... (More on P4)... (16)

7 Civilians Dead in Parwan Roadside Bombing

CHARIKAR - Seven civilians were killed in a roadside explosion in the Syed khelo district of central Parwan province on Tuesday, an official said.

Ahmad Lamar Usmanyar, the town's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the slain people were the residents of Sherin Jan village and among them one was the village elder. He said, these ... (More on P4)... (17)

5 Insurgents Killed, Policeman Hurt in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - One policeman has been wounded as a result of an explosion while five militants have been killed in security operations in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News the security forces conducted airstrikes and ground offensives against militants in Khogyani and Chaparhar ... (More on P4)... (18)

21 Insurgents Killed in Faryab Operation

MAIMANA - At least 21 insurgents were killed in an air and ground forces' military operation Farah province, 209 Shaheen Military Corps said in a statement on Tuesday. The operation was carried out in Khwaja Sabzposh district in the province in order to clear the area of insurgents, the statement added.

There was no civilian and military forces casualty in the operation, it said. The ... (More on P4)... (19)

Foreign Tourists to Pamir Mountain on the Rise

FAIZABAD - More foreign tourists visited the Pamir Mountains in northeastern Badakhshan province this year than last year, local officials said on Monday.

Provincial tourism manager, Sayed Akram Seddiq Lalzad, told Pajhwok Afghan News the number of foreign tourists visiting Pamir peaks reached 120 during the first six months of the current year as compared to 115 during the entire last year.

He said the increasing number of foreign visitors had a positive impact on economic situation of local residents besides increasing the tourism sector's revenue.

"There are 15 transport companies who facilitate foreign visitors to Pamir Mountains on Ashkasham-Wakhan highway, but unfortunately the companies are not registered with the provincial information and culture department," he said.

Lalzad said a foreign tourist was charged \$450 for his transportation to Wakhan



region. He said information and culture department officials during a visit to Wakhan had discussed with Ashkasham and Wakhan district chiefs facilitating tourists and reducing the fares from \$450 to \$350. Meanwhile, on the ... (More on P4)... (20)

47 Militants Killed in Kunar Clashes: Governor

ASADABAD - Local officials on Tuesday said dozens of militants suffered casualties during clashes with security forces in two days in different districts of eastern Kunar province.

Some civilians and Afghan forces also suffered casualties during the clashes triggered by Taliban attacks on the provincial capital, Asadabad, and Sarkan, Manog, Watapur and Dangam districts, the governor said.

Wahidullah Kalimzai told Pajhwok Afghan News the



attacks had been repulsed and the situation was currently under control.

He said 47 militants including a commander were killed and 12 others wounded in Afghan forces' retaliatory attacks. Three Afghan soldiers were also killed and seven others injured. Kalimzai ... (More on P4)... (24)

Kandahar City Shopkeepers Shut Shops in Protest

KANDAHAR CITY - Hundreds of shopkeepers on Tuesday shut shops in the capital of southern Kandahar province in protest against the kidnapping of their two colleagues.

The protesters said two vegetable sellers had been kidnapped by gunmen in vehicles with tinted glasses in broad daylight in the fourth police district of Kandahar city about more than a week ago.

Governor's spokesman, Samim Khpalwak, told Pa-



hwok Afghan News that the deputy governor had met the protesters and had promised investigation into the incident.

One of the shopkeepers, Sher Mohammad, said the two shopkeepers were kidnapped 10 days ago separately from Landi Bazar and Larki Ganj areas by ... (More on P4)... (25)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're back in your own element today, but your enthusiasm could take you for a wild ride before you know it. It's as if you've finally escaped from your cage and are so overjoyed that you're ready for anything. However, you are so quick to react that you might jump to erroneous conclusions based on your wishes rather than the actual circumstances.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might lose touch with your common sense today if you think you are invincible, you're more cautious in your assessment of the future, but your fantasies have taken on a life of their own and may be indistinguishable from reality now. Set aside a few minutes to reestablish your center of gravity by remembering your determined Bullish nature works best when you're focusing on your basic needs.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are torn between your ambitious plans and someone's more cautious approach today. You are aware of the potential in an opportunity, but it may be more a product of your imagination than the actual circumstances. Nevertheless, pessimism doesn't serve you well because you could miss a chance to grab the brass ring. Follow the middle path that makes the most of the current situation without building it up into the greatest thing since the invention of sliced bread.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You are emotionally secure in your inner world today yet you're eager to extend outward into new territory. Oddly, taking on a larger-than-life project isn't intimidating now. In fact, your confidence is soaring, possibly leading you to accept more responsibility than you can manage. There's no need to push yourself to extremes to prove your competence.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're not so driven to be in the spotlight today, which blesses you with some much-needed privacy. You're actually relieved if everyone's eyes are not following your every move. Flying beneath the radar can be exhilarating because it relieves you of the responsibility of needing to justify your actions.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

There's a certain freedom associated with your inner journey now that the independent Sagittarius Moon is traveling through your 4th House of Home and Family. But your unwillingness to share your feelings can create an entirely new set of problems. Everyone has assumptions about what makes a perfect relationship, but someone else's projections don't necessarily support your needs. Take a calculated risk and initiate a discussion about your unexpressed emotions.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It's apparent that you can't fit much more into your day, but that's not going to stop you from trying now. Unfortunately, you might encounter the straw that breaks the camel's back if you continue to stack activities one on top of another today. Recognizing your current penchant for fantasy helps you bring your life back into proper perspective as you consider the limitations of the clock.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Not only does your confidence return today, it soars on the wings of your thoughts. However, you want to remain connected with the more profound issues that touch your heart now. Thankfully, you can hold multiple views of reality simultaneously while balancing on the edge between reason and imagination.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

The restraints that tethered you to an intense emotional issue have finally been cut. But your newfound independence comes with a hidden cost, especially now that the evocative Moon is back in your sign, reminding you of your past. You might feel as if you've already paid the price and should be totally free to pursue your new adventures. Unfortunately, you're still more attached to unfulfilled desires than you thought.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

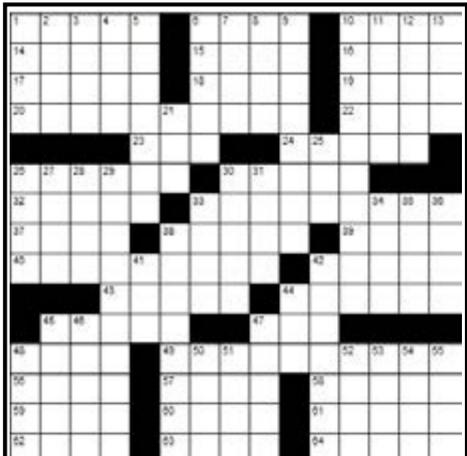
Continuing your methodical climb to the pinnacle of success becomes more complicated today because you might lose interest in your worldly goals. Dreams of material prosperity are temporarily replaced by visions of enlightenment as the reflective Moon trips into your 12th House of Spirituality. You must make choices now about which path to follow.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You are no longer living in the present moment since the adventurous Sagittarius Moon is humming in your 11th House of the Future. Your vivid fantasies encourage you to dream large about where your current job will eventually lead. Making plans is half the fun now, since you can attend to the mundane parts of your life while still thinking about all the amazing possibilities down the road.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

You are as happy as a fish swimming in the safety of a school today, even if you are normally a solo act. Not only do you gain emotional security when surrounded by so many like-spirited members of your community, it truly feels ecstatic when you can joyfully lose yourself in a crowd. As long as you keep up appearances, you're free in your mind to go anywhere you want.



Across

1. Tablet, 6. Plod along, 10. Website addresses, 14. Log home, 15. Bishop of Rome, 16. Tidy, 17. Blatant, 18. Cards with 1 symbol, 19. Small amount, 20. Seafloor, 22. Again, 23. Dawn goddess, 24. Building addition, 26. West Indies music, 30. Wand, 32. Submarine, 33. Automatic transmission of data, 37. Thunder, 38. Vibes, 39. Debauchee, 40. Debilitates, 42. Ringworm cassia, 43. Unit of gold purity, 44. Pester, 45. Chalk, 47. Not thin, 48. Run away, 49. Found on cave ceilings, 56. French for "Wolf", 57. Small island, 58. Product of bees, 59. Being, 60. Flower holder, 61. Master of ceremonies, 62. Doe, 63. God of love, 64. Inclines.

Down

1. Flat-bottomed boat, 2. Magma, 3. Assist in crime, 4. Rubber wheel, 5. Implore, 6. Boxes lightly, 7. Mentally irregular (slang), 8. Not closed, 9. Carries (pregnancy), 10. Rude, 11. French for "Queen", 12. Type of rubber, 13. Goulash, 21. Enemy, 25. French for "Name", 26. Country bumpkin, 27. Black, in poetry, 28. Blunder, 29. Wildlife warden, 30. Type of cap, 31. "What a shame!", 33. A city in western Russia, 34. Chinese mafia, 35. Graphic symbol, 36. 365 days, 38. Harsh, 41. Consume, 42. Small bag, 44. Bleat, 45. Near, 46. Utilize again, 47. Runs away, 48. Skedaddled, 50. Russian emperor, 51. As well, 52. Hefty volume, 53. Ancient Peruvian, 54. Adolescent, 55. Visual organs.

Yesterday's Solution



affect, agony, annoy, child, criterion, damage, destroy, energy, gross, hedges, hoers, inert, injury, misdeed, near, ordeal, owed, pain, pants, party, rage, ragged, said, score, shell, spate, split, stagger, stress, tattered, tease, tent, throw, tinge, torpedo, total, tracks.

