



5,000 Deserving Families in Kandahar Receive Food Aid

KANDAHAR CITY - The distribution process of food aid to 5,000 families affected by poverty has been started in districts and capital of southern Kandahar province, an official said Sunday.

The aid is provided by the World Food Program (WFP).

The distribution process of the aid began by deputy Kandahar governor, Abdul Hanan Munib in presence of economy and refugees and repatriation directors, and head of provincial natural disaster management authority on Sunday morning.

Munib told Pajhwok Afghan News that the aid distribution was begun for 5,000 families in Kandahar today. He said a survey was completed before the relief program as 2,000 needy families in Kandahar city and 3,000 families in districts of the province identified.

Each family would receive 150 kilograms of flour, 13 kilograms oil and 15 kilograms of pulses, he said, adding the drought and insecurity have affected many people and they needed assistance.

Mohammad Gul, an elder man who received the aid, said that they were forced to displace from Shah Walikot district to Kandahar city, but they did not have a good life there too due to economic problems.

The caretaker for a seven-member family, he said that he could not find a job and was in need of people's help.

He said the aid would meet his family needs for a period of time but stressed such programs should continue. Besides armed violence, drought is another factor that increased the number of people suffering from economic problems in Kandahar.

Kandahar officials say that they would try to deal with the drought and attract more aid for needy families in Kandahar. (Pajhwok)

Kabul Blaze: Government Asked to Support Affected Businessmen

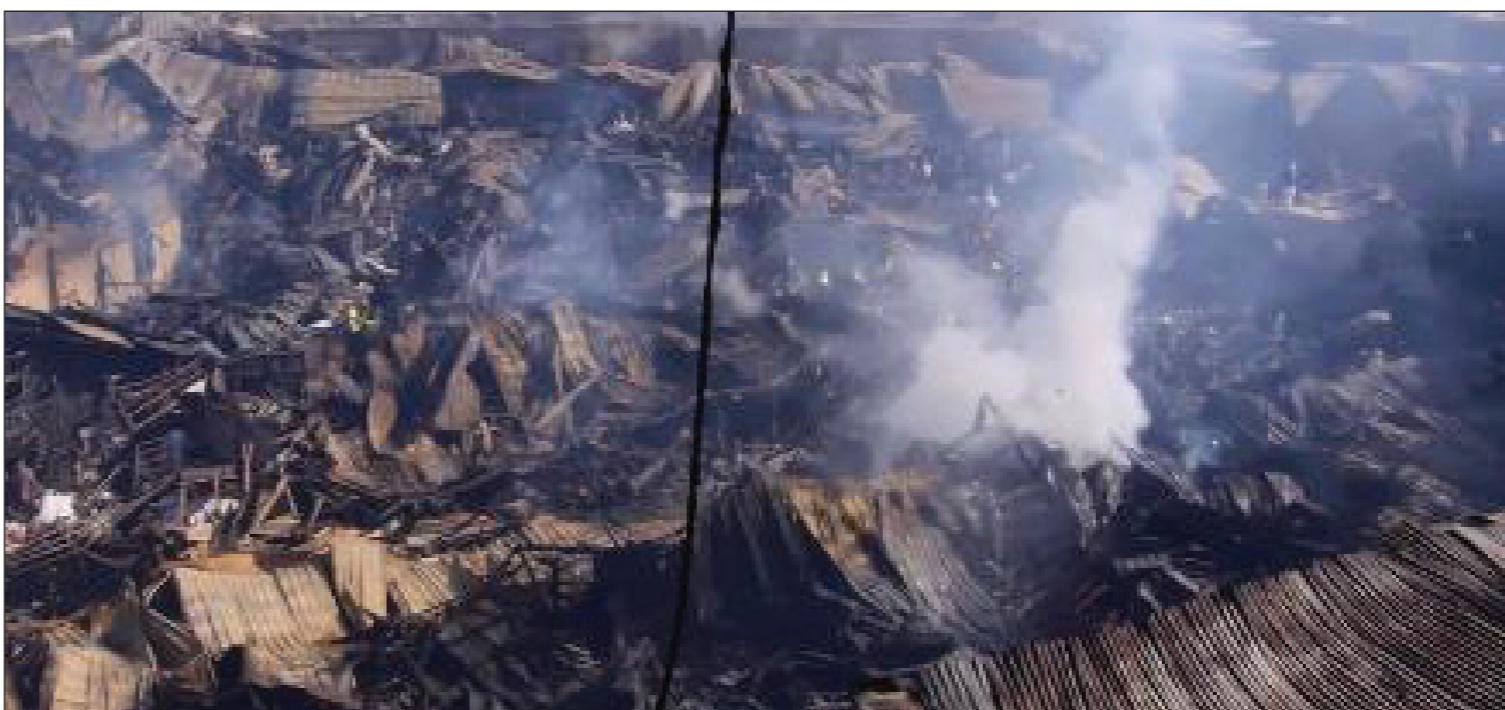
KABUL - Some Mesharano Jirga members on Sunday asked the government to help businessmen who suffered losses as a result of recent fire in some markets in capital Kabul, by providing them loans on easy terms.

They believed that businessmen suffered billions of Afghani in loss as result of a fire that gutted four markets on Nadar Pashton Road in Kabul City on Thursday.

The fire erupted in Khairkwa Market and then spread to Etifaq, Zarnigar and Kabul Electric markets in the limits of second police district of Kabul City.

Mustafa Mangal, a senator talking about the incident of fire in today's Mesharano Jirga meeting, said that hundreds of shopkeepers and traders lost their assets in the blaze and the government should provide loan services to them.

He said more than 550 shops were completely torched and around



500 other shops were partially damaged and the fire that caused hundreds of billions of Afghani losses to shopkeepers and traders. Taiba Zahidi, another senator, criticized the fire extinguishers for their failure to deal ... (More on P4)...(12)

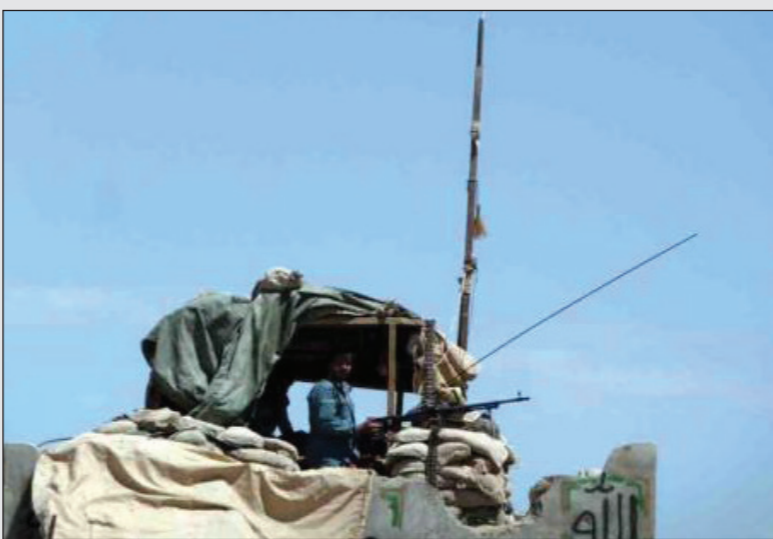
Taliban Capture a Military Base in Uruzgan Capital

TERINKOT - Local officials on Sunday said a joint Afghan National Army (ANA) and police forces base in Terinkot, the capital of Uruzgan province has fallen to Taliban militants.

A local official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News that a total of 25 ANA and police forces were stationed in the base that overran by Taliban after an attack in Nawa area of Terinkot city on Saturday night.

The number of security personnel killed or injured in the attack is not clear so far, the source said, adding the insurgents also seized weapons and vehicles of the Afghan forces from the base.

Uruzgan provincial council confirmed the incident but provided



no further in formation. Provincial security officials ... (More on P4)...(13)

Jawzjan Clash Leaves 20 Taliban Dead

SHEBERGHAN - At least Twenty Taliban, including the group's key member Mullah Haqyar, have been killed when insurgent stormed a police check posts in the Jarloq village of Qoshtapa districts in northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Sunday.

District Chief Aminullah told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Taliban attacked security forces check posts at around 8:00 pm.

The firefight, he said, lasted until 12:30 am, which resulted in the death of Mullah Haqyar and another 20 insurgents. Security forces suffered no harm during ... (More on P4)...(14)

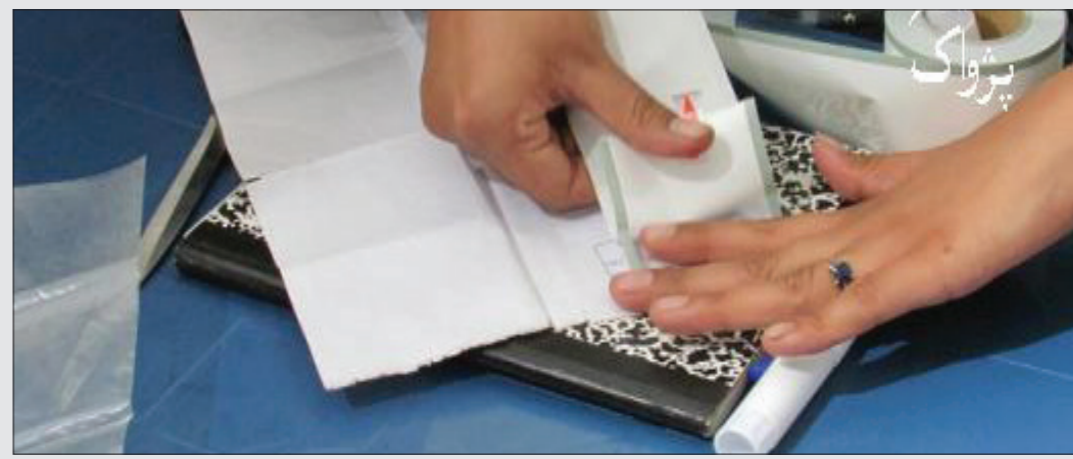


Inspection, Recount of Some Badakhshan Polling Stations Begins

FAIZABAD - The inspection and recount of votes of 60 polling stations in northeastern Badakhshan province have been kicked off in coordination with the Independent Election Commission (IEC), officials said on Sunday.

Hameedullah Sadaat, head of the regional Independent Electoral Complaints Commission (IECC), told Pajhwok Afghan News they received complaints from 60 polling stations situated in Urگو, Yawan, Kesham and Yafal districts and Faizabad, the provincial

capital. "We dispatched the list to the local Independent Election Commission (IEC) office in Badakhshan and on the bases of the list the inspection and recount of the ballot boxes of the listed polling station kicked off," he added. He said in two ballot boxes which opened in front of the observers and media persons it was revealed that the result form were not signed by the polling station in charge and they were unsealed. The ... (More on P4)...(15)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You're likely to enjoy today's change of tone, Aries. Don't you feel a need to take friendships beyond the superficial level? Perhaps you should reestablish contact with some former friends, too, although you may find that you have some bonds to repair. In any case, you can expect another month devoted to sweeping the cobwebs out of your emotional universe in order to let in sunlight and promise.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Today, Taurus, you can expect to be somewhat more enterprising in your relationships. You may find new friends or enjoy spending quality time with some old ones. Perhaps you will look forward to an intensification of your love life. With today's planetary configuration, you will surely find excellent resources for improving your emotional well-being.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



For a month you may have had problems communicating with the people close to you, Gemini. This is nothing to worry about, yet it might make you feel off balance. This is a great day to settle conflicts from the last month or make your feelings clear to other people. Don't be afraid to play "truth or dare." Honesty is the best policy. Dare them to be honest with you.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



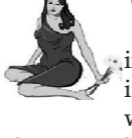
Today's planetary aspects herald the beginning of an especially agreeable period. You will carry confidence, clarity, and positive influence wherever you go, Cancer. You've used up a lot of your reserves recently and made it to this stage just in the nick of time. Enjoy your new strength.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Today's planetary configurations indicate that this would be a good moment to get rid of everything that's still holding you back from an impending rebirth, Leo. One stumbling block for you may be the impulse that you seem to have to blend in with others. You're an individual, Leo. This isn't something to overcome. It should be celebrated!

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Today's planetary configurations indicate that you can expect a very profitable period coming up, Virgo. You've worked hard lately, and it's only natural that you should finally arrive at this stage. You're going to be able to measure the distance you've come, and above all, evaluate your power. Whatever you do, think big!

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Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You can interpret today's aspects in several ways, Scorpio. The planetary configurations correspond to a search for space, whether physical or intellectual. You may be asking yourself philosophical questions, or perhaps you're thinking of taking a long trip. What will you decide to do? Will you read Kant or plan a trip to China?

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



In navigating the seas of your emotional life, Sagittarius, you may feel as though you've made a great effort over the past month. You've been available and conciliatory and have done your best to maintain harmony. With today's celestial energy, you want to be more spontaneous. The enterprising and reckless you has returned!

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



With today's celestial configuration, your emotional universe will once again glow with positive energy. You will be meeting more people, and your encounters are likely to be more profound. The coming weeks are quite promising for you, Capricorn. The music will be in the key to pleasure and sensuality. Allow the music to fill your senses!

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

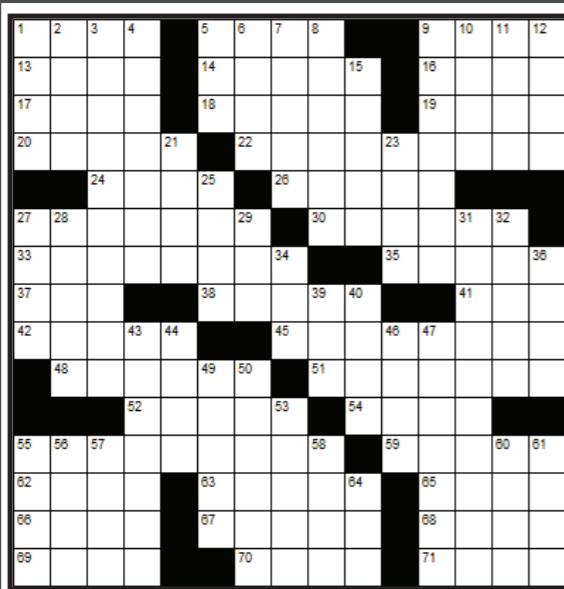


For you, Aquarius, the changing planetary configuration portends a period of timidity. You will probably go out less, introduce yourself to fewer new people, and be less prone to show off. But any relationships you form will be much more intense than usual. The weeks ahead are quite promising, although you may have to readjust some of your attitudes.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You may have spent the past few weeks exploring new horizons, meeting new people, going out more frequently in the evening, or even making short trips away from home. But this is a moment to settle down. Today's celestial configuration is giving you the incentive you need to stabilize yourself. Expect some pleasurable moments in the comfort of your home, Pisces.



Across

- It ebbs and flows, 5. Yanks, 9. Mining finds, 13. Norse god, 14. Be in trouble with, 16. Green, 17. Toward sunset, 18. 1000 kilograms, 19. Border, 20. Scruffs, 22. Showroom
- Once more, 26. Cut into cubes, 27. Marsh plant, 30. Push forcefully, 33. Forebear
- Relating to a fetus, 37. Greatest possible, 38. Adhere, 41. Mineral rock, 42. Strainer
- Formerly, agricultural laborers, 48. A bowl-shaped depression, 51. Crush, 52. Entices
- Damage, 55. Unsullied, 59. Shades of blue, 62. Any day now, 63. Dog- , 65. Largest continent, 66. Sweeping story, 67. Greek letter, 68. Agitate, 69. Expunge, 70. Require
- Hissy fit, ,

Down

- Small city, 2. Notion, 3. Trainmaster, 4. Accord, 5. Make lace, 6. Flying saucers, 7. Testicle
- Bathed in natural light, 9. Delinquent, 10. Start over, 11. Therefore, 12. Flower stalk, 15. Bloodsucker
- Oceans, 23. Slave, 25. Mental keenness, , 27. Tins, 28. Prank, 29. A parcel of land, 31. A type of craftsman, 32. Small open pies, 34. Tear, 36. Not more, 39. Chief Executive Officer, 40. 11th Hebrew letter, 43. Cornice
- Decorative case, 46. Petty quarrel, 47. Indebtedness, 49. Anagram of "Sneer", 50. Keep, 53. Twilled fabric, 55. Utilized
- No, 57. Hard work, 58. Greek territorial unit, 60. 53 in Roman numerals, 61. Sodium chloride, 64. Daddy, ,

Yesterday's Solution



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