Mosque Damaged, Quran Destroyed in Daesh Attack

KABUL - Friday's attack carried out by Daesh left over 50 people dead and caused substantial damage to the mosque and destroyed religious books including the Quran.

Substantial damage was sustained to the Imam Zaman mosque in Dasht-e-Barchi in Kabul city and many religious books and the Holy Quran were destroyed in Friday's suicide bombing which killed over 50 worshippers.

The attack, which Daesh claimed responsibility for, happened on Friday while dozens of people were at the mosque for evening prayers.

The suicide bomber detonated his explosives among the worshippers – leaving behind a trail of destruction and devastation.

"It was a very bitter incident. Those who were saved were crying," Sayed Omar, an eyewitness said.

"Those who do such ***...(More on P4)...(14)***

Zazai Maidan District a Model of Security

KABUL - For the 70,000 people who live in Zazai Maidan district in Khost, insecurity is not part of their lives, as they have remained untouched by the ongoing war.

Despite the ongoing war in Afghanistan, which is spread throughout most of the country, there are still a few pockets of peace in the country.

One such area is Zazai Maidan district in south-eastern Khost province – which is a model of security in the war-torn country.

The district, which shares a border with Pakistan, is home to 70,000 people, who live in harmony without enduring the fear of explosions or gunfights.

TOLOnews journalist Tamim Hamid visited the district and stayed with a friend.

According to Hamid, the locals ***...(More on P4)...(15)***

2 Rockets Land Near NATO Headquarters in Kabul

KABUL - At least two rockets landed near the Resolute Support Mission (RSM) headquarters in downtown Kabul early Saturday morning, an official said.

The rockets caused no casualties, according to the security official, who did not want to be named. Both rockets fell near the NATO headquarters in the high-security Wazir Akbar Khan district.

He said the rockets were fired at 6am, followed by alarms at the RSM headquarters and several embassies in the Green Zone, where a loud explosion was also heardNo group has so far claimed responsibility for the attack, the latest in a deadly string of assaults that have left hundreds of people dead. (Pajhwok)

1 Person Dead, 3 Hurt in Parwan Traffic Accident

CHARIKAR - One person was killed and three others injured in a traffic accident in central Parwan province on Saturday, an official said.

Traffic Department Director Mohammad Karim told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident happened in the Jangal Bagh area situated in the limits of Charikar, the provincial capital.A passenger bus on its way to Kabul from the north skid off the road due to technical faults and overturned. The driver of the bus was killed and two men and a woman were injured in the mishap. The injured were shifted to the hospital.

Dr. Mohammad Qaseem Sangin, Civil Hospital director, said one body and three injured, including a woman, were evacuated to the hospital from the site of accident. One injured was sent to Kabul due his critical condition, he said.(Pajhwok)

Afghanistan End Day 1 Well on Top Against Hong Kong

KABUL - Rashid Khan's five-wicket haul and Javed Ahmad's ton put Afghanistan in the driver's seat on the day one of their four-day ICC Intercontinental Cup clash against Hong Kong in Mong Kok on Friday.

Hong Kong won the toss and chose to bat first at the Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground but the hosts were bowled out for just 142 in 47 overs. By the close of play, Afghanistan reached 270 for two wickets in 50 overs, with a lead of 128 runs.

The 19-year-old legspinner, Rashid Khan, dismissed five Hong Kong batsmen by conceding 65 runs while Dawlat Zadran clinched three scalps.

Anshuman Rath, Ehsan Khan and Aizaz Khan failed to survive for long and Hong Kong slumped to 97 for seven inside 33 overs.

Waqas Khan (23) and Waqas Barkat (23 not out) added some runs later on to the Hong Kong total ***...(More on P4)...(16)***

Tribal Elder, 2 Rebels Killed in Logar Incidents

PUL-I-ALAM - Two militants and a tribal elder have been killed in separate incidents of violence in central Logar province, an official said on Saturday.

Police spokesman Shapor Ahmadzai told Pajhwok Afghan News Fazal Rahman a tribal elder was shot dead by unknown gunmen on Friday evening in the Babos locality of Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital.

The cousin of slain Fazal Rahman confirmed the killing of tribal elder. No one has been arrested in connection to the killing of tribal elder, according to police.

Two Taliban were killed and as many held during overnight raid in the Baraki Barak district's Naha Burja locality.

Ahmadzai said the raid was conducted on a house where the Taliban were preparing a suicide bomber. The Taliban have not commented about the incident. (Pajhwok)

Jamaatul Ahrar Denies Khurasani's Death in Drone Strike

KABUL - Jamaatul Ahrar, a splinter group of Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), says its leader Omar Khalid Khurasani has not been killed in a US drone strike.

At least 30 Haqqani Network members suffered casualties last week when US a drone dropped bombs at the zero point of the Durand Line.

Some Pakistani officials and media outlets said Omar Khurasani succumbed to his wounded two days after the attack.

Asad Mansour, introducing himself as spokesman for Jamaatul Ahrar, had confirmed to Pakistani media organisations Khursani's death in the air raid.

However, a source close to Jamaatul Ahrar denied the death of Khurasani. In a message to Pajhwok Afghan News, he said Pakistani intelligence had given wrong information in this regard.

"Omar Khalid Khurasani is still alive and he is in the front line of the war against foreign troops. He still prepares for attacks," the source claimed.

The Afghan government, NATO and US forces have said nothing about the killing of Khurasani so far. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries If all work and no play really makes Johnny a dull boy, then you are desperately eager for change now. Your key planet Mars is spending its final day in industrious Virgo, motivating you to finish as many incomplete chores as you can. But you want more out of life than the satisfaction of a few more jobs well done; your thirst for knowledge about larger issues

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus You may be so concerned about your health today that you take specific steps to modify your lifestyle. Although you can research all the dietary options in the world, you won't improve your physical wellbeing unless you make tangible changes to your eating habits.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini You can think of a hundred reasons to fall in love today; however, there's one good reason why you shouldn't. Feisty Mars flirts with sensual Venus and the radiant Sun in your 5th House of Romance, feeding your thoughts with lovely desires. However, stern Saturn is standing in the shadows, registering his opposition to your amorous intentions.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer Revisiting a past experience by tripping back through your memories can help to settle an old score now. You have the ability to see a situation from a different vantage point, which radically alters your judgment of the situation. The key to your current breakthrough is to avoid being attached to your previous assumptions and conclusions.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo You might think you can evade your obligations today, but your carefree attitude could backfire on you pretty fast. You're in a playful mood and you're searching for a sweet distraction. Nevertheless, you will have to face some unpleasant music later on if you don't keep your priorities straight.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Virgo You are quietly proud of your recent accomplishments over the past couple of months, but you also know this is no time to rest on your laurels. Irrepressible Mars is kicking it for one more day in your perfectionist sign, giving you an opportunity to make one more concerted push in your drive to mold your vision into reality. There will still be plenty to do in the upcoming weeks, but your initial efforts can quickly take on a more solid form.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra Laziness is not in your vocabulary now. You are highly motivated to accomplish your goals while superhero Mars is reactivating your 1st House of Self. However, you don't need to finish everything you start immediately since the action planet continues to energize your sign until December 9.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio You can't make up your mind about whether you want to be with people now or spend the day on your own. Your key planet Mars sinks into your 12th House of Invisibility, compelling you to slip out of sight. Retreating into your inner sanctuary seems natural as you embark on a spiritual journey that follows a path meant for your steps alone.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sagittarius It's nearly impossible to hide your emotions today, but the good news is that you actually want others to see your vulnerable side. The moody Moon's return to idealistic Sagittarius encourages you to share your inner process with your friends. Nevertheless, you still might plan on withholding a part of your story if you think it could upset someone. Unfortunately, you're more likely to spill all the beans once you start talking.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

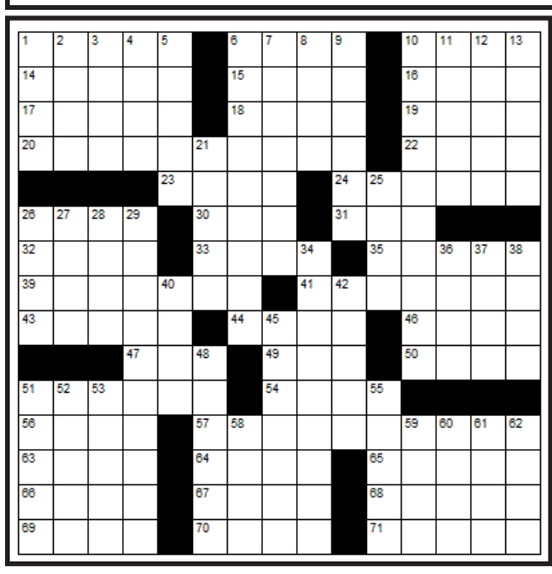
Capricorn You want to be a member of the pack today, but you're very picky about the skills of the other participants. You aren't willing to compromise your high expectations for the sake of peace and harmony. Nevertheless, your swift judgment of others can be the source of an irresolvable struggle now, leaving you feeling isolated and working on your own. Connection is the cure to your sense of alienation.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius It's natural for Aquarians to look toward the future with anticipation. Your dreams grow even more vivid after the Moon shifts into your 11th House of Long-Term Goals. You're fascinated by how many different paths there are before you now, and you imagine taking each of them, one at a time. Unfortunately, it requires extra effort to stay focused on the present moment today.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces Although your friends and family appreciate your presence at social gatherings, you also hope to be recognized for all the wonderful ideas you bring to the party. Nevertheless, you may refrain from saying too much about your feelings because you don't want your subjectivity to hinder your message. Unfortunately, your detachment could make you seem uncaring or insensitive, which couldn't be further from the truth.



Across

1. Plant life, 6. All excited, 10. Church alcove, 14. Adores, ,15. Scoff at 16. Not a single one, 17. A religion based on sorcery, 18. Smile, 19. Russian emperor, 20. Commit, 22. High fidelity, 23. Childlike, 24. Any admirable quality, 26. Dry riverbed, 30. Hemp, 31. Genus of macaws, 32. Press, 33. Nights before, 35. Cake frosting, 39. Colorless odorless gas, 41. Business executive, 43. Song of praise, 44. Carpenter's groove, 46. French for "Head", 47. Vagrant, 49. Tall hill 50. Not difficult, 51. Laud, 54. Assist in crime,, 56. Past tense of Leap, 57. Footnote, 63. Forearm bone, 64. Early 20th-century art movement, 65. Flatboat, 66. Bearing, 67. Smell, 68. A drama set to music, 69. Leave in a hurry, 70. A magician's tool, 71. Adjust again

Down

1. Dud, 2. Part of the outer ear, 3. Not under, 4. Harvest, 5. Pale with fright, 6. Wronged, 7. Long-necked animal, 8. Death notice, 9. Swiss city, 10. Hard coal, 11. Propose, 12. Foul-up 13. Creepy, 21. Captured, 25. Colored part of an eye, 26. Weakling, 27. Region, 28. Shower with love, 29. Denizen, 34. Credenza, 36. Bright thought, 37. Catches, 38. Midway between white and black, 40. Rectum 42. A nine-piece musical group, 45. Discard, 48. Field, 51. Damsons, 52. Museum piece, 53. Breathing problem, 55. Small drum, 58. Zero, 59. Adhesive strip, 60. Angers, 61. Monster, 62. Tidy,

Yesterday's Solution

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