

105-Year-Old Afghan Woman Migrant Reaches Europe

KABUL - BibihalUzbeki, from Kunduz, Afghanistan, is among tens of thousands of migrants who have travelled thousands of kilometers fleeing war and poverty. Wrapped in a green scarf and a brown blanket, she was brought on a stretcher to Croatia's main Opatovac refugee camp on Tuesday after crossing from Serbia with a large group of refugees, including her son, grandson and several other relatives. The trek across mountains, deserts, seas and forests into Europe is dangerous and exhausting, even for people one-fifth her age. Uzbeki said her 17-member family had...*(More on P4)...(15)*



NDS Detains Group of Taliban in Kandahar



KANDAHAR - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) in a statement released on Wednesday said that a group of Taliban in southern Kandahar province. A statement further stated that the group was arrested during a raid from the jurisdiction of Kandahar city, the provincial capital of Kandahar. The group was operating in Kandahar city and districts under the leadership of Rahmatullah who is among the four terrorists arrested, the statement added. Muhibullah S/O Gul Janan, Mohammad Saleem S/O Shah Jahan and Javid Ahmad S/O Aslam Khan are identified as the other members of the group. NDS statements usually do not contain exact date of the achievements but they come after recent activities. (KP)

Herat Police Rescue Kidnapped Child



HERAT - A child, believed to be about eight years old, who was recently kidnapped in Herat city, was rescued on Wednesday during a special operation by police in the western province. The kidnapped boy, whose name has been withheld, says he was kept hostage for a few days and that the kidnapers drugged him to keep him unconscious. According to TOLOnews reporter Tamim Hamid, police officers first arrested one member of the gang who kidnapped the boy and then followed the lead to where they were holding the child. The kidnapers had reportedly demanded a ransom for the boy. Discussing the case, Herat police chief Abdul MajiRozi assured the people of his commitment to fighting crime. He said: "I will be in people's service whether I am off duty or on duty." Kidnapping cases have increased in Herat over the past few years. President Ashraf Ghani, in the first days in office, vowed to end this trend in the western province. (Tolonews)

New Afghan Ambassador Presents Credentials to UN Secretary General

KABUL - The new Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations, Ambassador Mahmoud Saikal, presented his credentials on Wednesday to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Ambassador Saikal is a senior Afghan diplomat and international development specialist with over two decades of experience with governments, international organizations, private sector and civil society. According to the UN press release Saikal has served as Special Representative and Senior Advisor to the Chief

Executive of Afghanistan, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Australia and New Zealand, First Secretary and later Counselor Minister Plenipotentiary at the Embassy of Afghanistan in Ambassador Saikal was instrumental in the negotiation of various agreements, including the 2014 agreement on the formation of the National Unity Government of Afghanistan, the "Joint Declaration on Regional Peace and Stability" a track II initiative launched in Kabul in 2013, the "Afghanistan Com-



promise" pact" which was launched at the London International Conference on Afghanistan in 2006, as well as the 2006 Afghanistan-NATO Declaration, which set out the Framework for Enduring Cooperation in Partnership. He was deeply involved in the promotion of...*(More on P4)...(16)*

11 Militants Killed in Drone Strike, Military Operation



JALALABAD - 11 militants have been killed in a drone strike and military operation in eastern Nangarhar province. Governor of Achin District said on Wednesday that a 'Saracha' vehicle of Taliban was targeted in the drone strike in Syah Cho area late Tuesday evening. Including a Taliban commander and some foreigners, five insurgents were killed in the attack, Haji Ghalib said. Reports indicate that there was a foreign hostage in the vehicle who might have been killed along with militants, he added. Haji Ghalib further said that six insurgents were killed in military operation in Abdulkhil area this morning. Abdulkhil is considered a main hideout of Daesh militants in Achin District. The group has carried out several attacks on security posts from this area. Taliban and Daesh have not yet commented on the reports. (KP)

Unidentified Armed Men Torch Girls' School in Logar

KABUL - Unidentified armed men have torched a girls' school in Pul-i-Alam, capital of Logar province, in the neighborhood of Kabul on Wednesday, officials said. KabirHaqmal spokesman for the Ministry of Education says the incident took place around 03:00 am on Wednesday. Haqmal has written in a post on his 'facebook' page that two gunmen entered to Haji Guloon Girls' Secondary School in Haji Guloon village of Pul-i-Alam and set on

fire the classrooms and principal's office. Some rooms have badly burned along with desks, chairs, school books and other documents. Local villagers arrived on time and distinguished the fire to prevent further damages to the school, the post states. Over 500 girls were studying in this school, it would be reconstructed sooner, the post adds. Today's attack was second on schools in Pul-i-Alam in less than three months.



Shaheed Ghulam NabiSamsoor High School was burned by unknown gunmen in August. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Although everything will likely fit into place, you still must rely on your own initiative if you are driven to finish what you start. Your day may begin slowly, yet like a surfer, you must paddle faster to catch the big wave. Oddly enough, it might be better now for you to just let this one wash over you and not show off with any fancy tricks, Surrender the fight and relax.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You could grow overly concerned about your appearance today while the reflective Moon hanging in your 1st House of Physicality trines captivating Venus. Although wearing something that makes you feel extra attractive gets the day off to a proper start, remember that looks are only skin-deep. True beauty originates from within.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Hurry up and finish up old business today because you will be anxious to start something new tomorrow. Getting closure on a project or a relationship issue requires you to stick with the process, even if your natural tendency is to move on as soon as you are bored. Nevertheless, your tenacity pays off now because you can discover hidden treasure by applying determination and discipline.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your true friends will stand by you no matter what, and even rush to your rescue if you need it. Thankfully, you're not looking for anyone to bail you out of a crisis now; it's just that you feel emotionally secure when you know that you can depend on others. But there doesn't have to be a problem for you to call on your friends today.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

The spotlight is following you even if you're not trying to draw attention to your activities. However, your ability to see a task through to completion puts you on a pedestal with your peers since they rely on your sense of duty and generosity of spirit. You have exactly what it takes to get the job done today as long as you don't lose sight of your long-term objectives.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You are dreaming of an exotic place today as a means of escape. Luckily, you might just get to take that trip if you maintain a practical attitude. But since you may choose to embark on a journey of the mind instead, use your time wisely by increasing your global awareness. Grab any opportunity to learn something new about another country you wish to visit someday, even if you can't pack your bags now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

An intriguing matter lures you into solving a perplexing puzzle, even if it becomes a temporary obsession. Your determination is unshakable now, but you should perform a quick reality check to make sure you aren't sliding off into a world of illusion and fantasy. Although you might try to adopt a rational approach, the Moon's presence in your 8th House of Metamorphosis inspires you to persist until you get.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You typically don't mind dealing with emotional complexities because they enable you to get in touch with the deeper meaning of life. However, you're seeking the more obvious answers now instead of the esoteric ones. There's nothing complicated about wanting to snuggle with a loved one or appreciating the blessings of a satisfying meal and a good night's rest.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Focusing on your physical health is a smart idea today, even if you are currently feeling as invincible as a superhero with one-too-many superpowers. Fortunately, you can make little improvements to your lifestyle now that create long-lasting consequences. You could try something as simple as making a few small dietary changes or switching up your exercise routine.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You are probably more preoccupied with the logistics of love today than with the sensitive emotional issues. Paradoxically, this doesn't make you any less of a romantic; it's just that you're temporarily focused on the practical considerations at hand. One strategy is to think about how you could be a better partner or lover now. Then follow up by doing whatever you can.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your active imagination is soaring far above the mundane issues of the real world today. Memories of your childhood flood into your awareness like a rising tide, stimulating an uncomfortable sense of nostalgia. You normally have a rather pragmatic outlook on your past, but everything is seen through a soft-focus filter now. Enjoy your flights of fancy.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Although you wish you could coast through the day, the cosmos has different plans for you. Some of the current distractions come from within, rather than the external world. Your brain might be full even if your calendar is quiet. You may even feel like a stage magician who must juggle one too many balls while trying to keep the rabbit from jumping out of the hat.

Across

1. Skid row, 5. Heroic tales, 10. Close violently, 14. Prong, 15. Merriment, 16. Hefty volume, 17. Rudeness, 19. Female sheep (plural), 20. Snake-like fish, 21. Lacquer ingredient, 22. Rink, 23. Smiled contemptuously, 25. Channel selector, 27. Donkey, 28. Client, 31. Deadly snake, 34. Ways, 35. Mineral rock, 36. Rectum, 37. Washed-out, 38. Feudal worker, 39. Animal doctor, 40. Reveals, 41. Old hat, 42. Cosmetic, 44. Arrive (abbrev.), 45. Consumed, 46. Latticework, 50. Brusque, 52. Ancient Greek marketplace, 54. Card with one symbol, 55. Clods, 56. A type of craftsman, 58. Egg-shaped, 59. Loudly laments, 60. Female chickens, 61. French for "Head", 62. Something of value, 63. Backside.

Down

1. Piggens, 2. Flax fabric, 3. Parental brother, 4. Japanese apricot, 5. Grins, 6. Suffered, 7. Gruesome, 8. Mental positions, 9. Timid, 10. Record player, 11. Farthest down, 12. So be it, 13. Plateau, 18. Vice, 22. Picnic insect, 24. Hearing organs, 26. Utilized, 28. Data stream manipulator, 29. Sea eagle, 30. Marsh plant, 31. Grotto, 32. 1 1 1 1, 33. Fatty substance of milk, 34. Soaks or pickles, 37. Destiny, 38. Nobleman, 40. Mend (archaic), 41. Nightmare, 43. Bother, 44. Halt, 46. 1000 kilograms, 47. Optical maser, 48. Graphic symbols, 49. Feel, 50. Horn sound, 51. Overhang, 53. Departs, 56. Calypso offshoot, 57. "Eureka!".

Yesterday's Solution

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