

# Petrol Price Down, Gold up in Kabul

KABUL - The price of petrol edged down while that of gold has increased during the outgoing week in the capital Kabul, market sources said Saturday. Abdul Hadi, a worker at the Wazirabad Fuel Station, told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of one liter of petrol decreased from 45 Afghanis to 44 Afghanis while the same quantity of diesel stayed stable at 41af.

Ahmad Javed, a gas seller in the Sixth Taimani Road area, said the price of a kilogram of gas stood at 41af. The price of gold increased.

Mohammad Fawad, a jeweler in Timor Shahi area, said the price of one gram of Arabian gold increased from 2,250af to 2,300af and the same quantity of the



Russia variety from 1,800af to 1,850af. He linked the hike in gold prices to its value in international markets. However, the prices of food items remain unchanged.

Food Traders' Union head, Fazal Rahman, said a 24.5 kilogram bag of Pakistani rice cost 1,750 Afghanis, a 49kg bag of Pakistani sugar 2,330af, a 50kg sack of Kazakhstani flour 1,150af and 16 liters of Khurshid ghee 1,130af, the same prices of last week's.

Haji Rahmatullah, a tea dealer in Kabul Mandavi, said a kilogram of Madina green tea cost 240af and the same amount of African black tea 260af, the same rates as last week's.

Ahmad Sharif, ... (More on P4)... (9)

## 18 Injured in Parwan Traffic Mishap



CHARIKAR - Eighteen people, including women and children, were wounded in a traffic accident on the Kabul-Parwan highway in central Parwan province on Saturday, officials said.

Parwan Traffic Director Mohammad Younis Pardesi told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident happened at round 4:00am in Rabat locality. He said a 304-bus crashed head on with Comaz vehicle leaving seven wounded.

But, Dr. Abdul Qasem Sangin, in charge of the local hospital, said they received 18 injured including three children, four women, and 11 men.

The health conditions of three men were critical who had been shifted to Kabul for better treatment and the remaining 15 people were discharged from hospital after treatment, he added. Separately, four people were wounded when a corolla car collided with a truck in the same area on Thursday night. (Pajhwok)

## 11 Civilians Killed in Helmand Roadside Blast



LASHKARGAH - Eleven civilians, including children, have been killed in a roadside blast in the Nawa district of southern Helmand province, officials said on Saturday.

Muhammad Rasul Zazi, spokesman for 215th Maiwand Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News the blast happened in the Mullah Abbas village of the district.

He said Afghan security forces took the control of the village 2 days ago where the Taliban had planted mines.

Governor spokesman Umar Zwak confirmed the blast that killed 11 civilians. He said the Nawa district was not totally in the control of security forces.

He added security forces were busy defusing the planted mine to avoid further losses to local population.

Separately, the brother of Azadi Radio reporter stationed in Lashkargah had been wounded in a blast. He lost his leg and hand in the blast. Nawa was one of the stable district of Helmand but the security situation got deteriorated after the Taliban captured it and currently forces have launched another operation to retake the district. (Pajhwok)

## Rally Held Against Pedram, Pakistan in Nangarhar



JALALABAD - Civil society activists and youth on Saturday railed against Wolesi Jirga member recent comments and Pakistan decision to fence some parts of the Durand Line.

They asked the government to punish individuals who spoke against supreme national interest and demanded cancellation of Pedram's Woelsi Jirga membership.

Abdul Qader Bahar, head of youth eastern council, said Duran Line was unofficial and unrecognised boarder line about which the Afghan nation could only decide.

He slammed parliament members and provincial council member for being silent and not speaking against Pakistan decision to fence parts of the Duran Line.

At the end the rally participants passed an eight-point resolution asking for removal of Pedram from Wolesi Jirg and strong action by the lawmakers against him.

Pedram earlier said that Durand Line was an official boarder between Afghanistan and Pakistan which sparked strong reaction from different individuals and groups. (Pajhwok)

## US Drone Strike Kills 2nd Indian IS Rebel

KABUL - An Indian national who joined Daesh or Islamic State (IS) militant group in eastern Nangarhar province was reportedly killed four days back in a US drone strike, media report said on Saturday.

The news of killing of Murshid Mohammed, one of the 17 missing Kerala youths who had joined Islamic State terror organisation and travelled to IS territory in Afghanistan via Teheran in mid-2016, was broken to his father by a woman identifying herself as his wife



Mughira, said a report in the timesofindian. Murshid, 24, was unmarried when he left for 'hijra' to the Islamic State-controlled

Nangarhar. According to the report he was killed in a US drone strike on April 11 exactly two months after ... (More on P4)... (10)

## Batikut District Chief, Police Chief, Spy Chief Injured in Blast

JALALABAD - Police chief of eastern Nangarhar province, district chief of Batikut and National Directorate of Security (NDS) director were wounded in a blast on Saturday, an official said.

Governor spokesman Attaullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place at round 8:00am in janikhelo area of Batikut district.

The high ranking officials were in the area to monitor the poppy eradication drive. There was no information



about the health condition of injured officials. Idrees Safi, counternarcotics department director, confirmed the incident.

Taliban have not commented over the incident. Earlier, Haji Ghalib suffered injuries in armed attacks by the militants. (Pajhwok)

## Outlook Horoscope

### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You don't need to shout your love from the mountaintops. You're happy sharing your heartfelt feelings quietly today as romantic Venus starts a fresh cycle in your 12th House of Privacy. But even if you speak softly, choose your words carefully because they carry more emotional weight than you realize. Opera singer Robert Breault said, "Love is not about grand intentions. It is about small attentions."

### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You might wake up with a smile today for no particular reason. You just sense that something good is coming your way, even if you can't put your finger on the source. Thankfully, your key planet Venus ends her retrograde phase in your 11th House of Friends, signaling an improvement in the social arena. It's not just your imagination; your happy face is a harbinger of magic that's brewing just around the corner.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



A close friend or partner could save the day with her unwavering optimism, or a stroke of luck might pull you out of a tight spot. You can tell that one phase is ending and another is about to begin as enriching Venus turns direct in your 10th House of Fame and Fortune. But you must be patient, since it will take several days for the new momentum to build to a crescendo. In the meantime, don't be afraid to dance if you feel the energy in your toes.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your great expectations could get the best of you today, especially if they are so unrealistic that you don't have a clue how to reach them. Indulgent Venus resumes her forward movement in your 9th House of Big Ideas, making it nearly impossible to focus on the relevant details du jour. But you might inadvertently set your goals so high that there's little chance you will ever need to deal with the trappings.

### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Naturally, you're enjoying the current cosmic buzz, since the fiery Sagittarius Moon is happily camped out in your 5th House of Creativity. Although you often like to distract yourself with everyone else's antics, there's no escape for you now. Luckily, you're willing to stretch further to find deeper meaning once resourceful Venus turns direct in your 8th House of Regeneration.

### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Sometimes it's tricky to know when a relationship is actually over. However, it's not wise to write off an old acquaintance too soon because someone is likely to recycle back into your life now. Loving Venus turns direct in your 7th House of Significant Others, reminding you of the magic you encounter when you reconnect with an old friend. But don't make any long-term decisions yet or expect anyone else to, either.

### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



There's a lot on your plate today, but you don't mind hard work once you get started. However, you might struggle with the specific instructions you receive while your ruling planet Venus stands still in your 6th House of Details. Everything is about to take off, but you can't get any traction just yet. Instead of trying harder, withdraw and gather your strength for the battle ahead. Good things come to those who wait.

### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your big ideas about making money don't sound as good once you sit down to think them over today. You want your schemes to hold up under scrutiny, but they don't. Rather than lingering in buyer's remorse, you can simply walk away from a project that's never been started.

### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You're more sensitive to the needs of others now that the emotional Moon is back in your sign. However, being aware of someone else's perspective doesn't mean much unless you're willing to act on your convictions. Meanwhile, delicious Venus is preparing to resume her forward campaign, but she's still hanging out in your 4th House of Family Roots. If you don't know how to help, just ask.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You might feel alienated from your world today, even if there are a variety of activities to keep you socially involved. You want to come out of your protective shell while sweet Venus turns direct in your 3rd House of Communication. You like the idea of interacting with others, but there's a barrier to overcome. The Moon's presence in your 12th House of Invisibility reflects your need to fly under the radar.

### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Your friends are your connection to the future today, so set aside some quality time to hang out with those who know you best. Sharing your dreams brings them closer to manifestation, whether or not you receive validation. Instead, use your visions and ideas as the grist for the mill of friendship. Your goal is to deepen long-term relationships based upon shared experiences now that magnetic Venus holds your 2nd House of Values captive.

### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Take advantage of every opportunity to contemplate your current situation versus your objectives in life. There's much to be gained from cultivating a healthy relationship with your own body and mind. Affectionate Venus starts her forward dance in your 1st House of Self, placing your desires up front where everyone can see. Although you might feel more vulnerable now, you are also cast in a charming light.

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**Across**

1. Paper with a crinkled texture, 6. A pouch in some birds, 10. Chess piece, 14. Unit of luminous flux, 15. Lascivious look, 16. River of Spain, 17. Set straight, 18. Monster, 19. Protruding part of the lower jaw, 20. Exhortation, 22. Pigeon's home, 23. As just mentioned, 24. Bordeaux wine, 26. Hurried, 30. Female deer, 31. A box for bricks or mortar, 32. If not, 33. Parental sister, 35. Quoted, 39. Discourse, 41. Railroad track, 43. Dweeb, 44. Stigma, 46. Not pre-recorded, 47. Be unwell, 49. "\_\_\_ Maria", 50. 1 1 1 1, 51. Plaster, 54. Lairs, 56. A young male horse, 57. Overplaying, 63. Against, 64. Transgressions.

**Down**

1. Applaud, 2. Govern, 3. Arab chieftain, 4. Pins, 5. Boredom, 6. End of business sales, 7. A systematic plan for therapy, 8. Relating to aircraft, 9. Twist or pull violently, 10. Indiscretion, 11. Detest, 12. Produce a literary work, 13. A nine-piece musical group, 21. Large African antelope, 25. Hubs, 26. Religious offshoot, 27. Farm equipment, 28. Feudal worker, 29. Disparagement, 34. Crossed, 36. Identical or fraternal, 37. Overhang, 38. Colors, 40. Sweeping story, 42. Drome, 45. Poetic rhythm, 48. Make less severe, 51. Skedaddles, 52. Quinine water, 53. Extreme, 55. Anagram of "Space", 58. Frailty, 59. Orange pekoe, 60. Colored part of an eye, 61. 3 times 3, 62. Obtains.

**Yesterday's Solution**

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EBONITE	LEGATES	
DEMOSIE	SAITRE	
STERILE	OTTOMAN	
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