70pc Increase Registered in Nangarhar Industrial Activity

JALALABAD - As many as 30 new factories have been established at Sheikh Misri Industrial Zone of eastern Nangarhar province during the past six months, increasing industrial activity by 70 percent.

Nangarhar governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News said Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) Nangarhar chapter head Shir Alam Amlawal, ACCI's provincial executive director Dr. Shamsul Haq Mujahid, Afghanistan Industrialist Union's head Haji Tor Malang and some other businessmen called on Governor Gulab Mangal on Thursday.

The traders said currently about 50 factories were operational in the Shaikh Misri Industrial Park and 30 of the factories were set up in the past six months, said Khogyani.

The governor was told that a total of 2,433 factories were functional in Nangarhar, employing 10,000 individuals. The industrial activity has been developing and increasing day by day.

ACCI officials thanked Governor Mangal for helping them in resolving issues concerning the industrial park. The ACCI members also asked the governor for more practical steps in some other ...(More on P4)...(16)

8 Taliban Killed in Uruzgan Clash: Police Chief

TIRINKOT - Eight Taliban militants were killed after they stormed a security post in the capital of central Uruzgan province, an official said on Friday.

The rebels attacked a security post in Sola area of Tirinkot yesterday, sparking a gun-battle with security forces, in which eight attackers were killed, Uruzgan police chief Brig. Gen. Ghulam Farooq Sangarai told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said the dead rebels included one commander. Three dead bodies of the attackers remained on the scene, the police chief added.

Meanwhile, security officials said an operation was ongoing in Kotwal area of the provincial capital. The offensive is aimed at driving the Taliban from the area. (Pajhwok)

8 ANA Soldiers Killed, 15 Injured in Balkh Attack

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - At least eight Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed and 15 others wounded after armed militants stormed their base in northern Balkh province on Friday, officials said.

The attackers, including a suicide bomber, came in two ranger pickup vehicles in the Afghan military uniform and stormed the ANA's Shaheen Military Corps base in Mazar-i-Sharif after one of the assailants blew himself up at the facility's gate.

One of the security officials who talked to Pajhwok Afghan News eight soldiers had been killed and 15 others wounded in the coordinated attack.

But Ministry of Defence spokesman Dawlat Waziri said initial information showed one ANA soldier had been killed and five others wounded. He also confirmed the attackers were in two pick up vehicles and wore military uniform.

He said the attack happened when the troops were offering Friday's prayers. Waziri said security forces had captured one suicide bomber alive with his suicide belt.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. Their spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid in an email said the fighters killed and wounded a number of soldiers in the attack. He said a car bomb attack at the military's base entrance allowed other attackers to enter the compound. (Pajhwok)

57 Garden Projects Implemented on Rain-Fed Land in Takhar

TALOQAN - National Horticulture and Livestock Project (NHLP) officials in the northeastern region of the country say 57 garden projects worth 50 million afghanis have been implemented on rain-fed land in Takhar province.

Mohammad Ghulam Mullahkhel, NHLP head for the northeastern region, told Pajhwok Afghan News that digging up wells and extracting water through solar energy were part of the projects executed in Takhar.

"We implemented 57 projects for establishing gardens on rain-fed lands over the past two years. These projects have significantly changed people's lives. Economic stability and improving farmer skills in horticulture is the goal of this programme," he added.

Each project covered five to 25 acres of land planted with fruit trees and cultivated with wheat and other crops, according to Mullahkhel, who revealed 25 more such projects worth 25 million afghanis would be executed in the next two years.

Najibullah, a resident of Sarayang area of Taloqan, the provincial capital, said the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation ...(More on P4)...(17)

Cinema, Theatre Attracting More Women in Herat

HERAT CITY - As their participation in field of arts steadily grows, more and more women in western Herat province are evincing a keen interest in writing, direction, acting and films.

According to officials, over 30 women are actively associated with theatre and cinema in the province Faridoon Fakoor, head of the Herat Theater, said women had made achievements in the field in recent years.

While the females' work as great, he said: "Women's greater participation shows we produce quality work such as Zaban-i-Zarkari, Facebook.com and other movies."

Fakoor added the role of women in cinema and theatre provided a great platform for future generations. He sought support from the government for the promotion of cinema and arts.

He believed social problems and ways of their solution could be better highlighted by cinema and theatre, given their popularity in the country.

Meanwhile, some actors said they were committed to their work, just like men, despite a whole host challenges and problems. Aneta Sarshar, one of the actresses, ...(More on P4)...(18)

Commander Among 4 Taliban Killed in Laghman Blast

MEHTARLAM - A commander was among four Taliban militants killed in a blast caused by their own bomb along a river in eastern Laghman province, the governor's house said on Friday.

The militants were planting a roadside bomb in Hakim Abad area on the eastern edge of the Alingar River last night when the device went off accidently, killing four, the governor's house said in a statement.

The blast killed a notorious Taliban commander Ejazul Haq aka Omari along with his three friends, the statement said, adding the slain rebels were aiming to target security forces.

The remaining dead insurgents were identified as Imran, Nadim and Manaf. Another two insurgents were wounded in the explosion. The statement said Omari was a bomb making expert.

Separately, a civilian was injured on Friday morning in a roadside blast in Omarzai Qasaban area of Mehtarlam, the provincial capital. (Pajhwok)

Need for Peace Highlighted At Poetry Session in Laghman

MEHTARLAM - An annual poetry session, attended by dozens of poets and writers, has been organised in eastern Laghman province, officials said on Thursday.

Poets from different provinces took part in the overnight session, which was arranged with the cooperation of the Information and Culture Department and culturists. The governor's spokesman, Sarhadi Zwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News Governor Abdul Jabbar Naeemi, presidential advisor Lalpacha Azmoon, Nangarhar University chancellor and other local officials participated in the poetry session.

Poets presented their views on the need for national unity, patriotism, education and protection of the national interest. They received long rounds of applause from participants.

Governor Naeemi, who warmly welcomed the participants to the session, urged poets and intellectuals to continue using their pen and play a proactive role in promoting peace and stability. (Pajhwok)

Alleged Suicide Bomber Captured in Paktika

KABUL - Intelligence operatives have detained an alleged would-be suicide bomber in the Yusafkhel district of southeastern Paktika province, an official said on Friday.

The attacker was apprehended on Thursday by the provincial National Directorate of Security personnel before he could reach his target, the governor's spokesman, Mohammad Rahman Ayaz, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

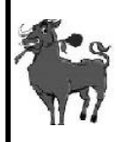
An explosives-filled jacket wrapped around his body was also recovered from the detainee who was currently being interrogated, Ayaz said. There has been no word from the Taliban about the capture of the suicide bomber in Paktika. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You might start your day with the greatest of intentions only to run into a wall that stops you dead in your tracks. Your initial reaction is to do an end run around the obstacle, but it turns out to be more substantial than you thought. Your fallback strategy takes longer to execute but is more reliable now than other flashier approaches. Methodical hard work enables you to overcome nearly any impediment to success.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You wish you could take it easy today, but you have prior commitments you want to honor. Although you might rather carve out some time for rest and relaxation, you're fully capable of delaying satisfaction in the name of productivity. Nevertheless, your acceptance of the present situation still can turn to resentment if you see others make their exit.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's as if a new power plant came online today and all the electricity is being delivered to your door. Suddenly, you possess a seemingly inexhaustible supply of energy as physical Mars recharges your sign. But you might not have a stable enough infrastructure to handle the upgrade. Exercising self-discipline is your most effective strategy now; saying no gives you time to reinforce your foundation. The harder you work for something.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Working long hours isn't very much fun, yet it may lead to personal satisfaction when you reflect on the minor sacrifices you made in the name of success. In fact, meeting deadlines can be turned into a game that you actually win today. But instead of crossing one item at a time off your list, make optimal use of enterprising Mars by jumping all around on your agenda.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're eager to slip away from work early so you can hang out with your friends today. But you're afraid that you might get caught and the results won't be pretty. Further analysis of the situation doesn't help; reconsidering your options is useless now because your heart still says do it while your brain says no. There's almost nothing so urgent it's worth losing your credibility.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You have plenty of fresh ideas about how to further your career objectives. However, your innovative thoughts come quickly in clusters today, like schools of fish, making them nearly impossible to record. Your desire to capture a transitory moment could turn into an obsession now, making you emotionally unavailable to those close to you. Nevertheless, your current isolation is most likely a product of your own decisions.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your efforts at work might seem rather ineffectual today, but you probably are making more of an impact than you realize. Austere Saturn is blocking your key planet Venus, preventing you from experiencing the joy that is present in your life. Just because you're not as connected to people now doesn't mean the gulf is permanent or even real. It helps to employ the Golden Rule: treat others as you wish to be treated.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You may be bitten by a playful bug, leaving you with a repetitive happy tune in your head today. Your key planet Mars flies into breezy Gemini, enticing you to overcome your caution and assume a more flirtatious attitude with life in general. Simultaneously, a heavy Venus-Saturn square weighs on your heart.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Rigid expectations can prove to be your downfall in a relationship now. Thankfully, a friend or lover might teach you something very important about the benefits of flexibility. But this may not be an easy lesson while contentious Mars is camped out in your 7th House of Others. Resist the urge to overreact and erect boundaries; your walls protect your heart but they also keep those you love at a distance.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

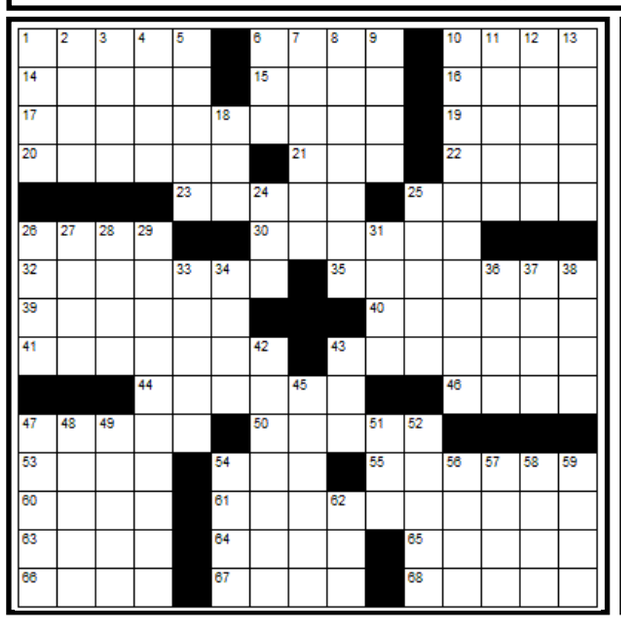
You're most content when you're in control of your environment, yet you tend to withdraw emotionally when you find yourself standing in the midst of uncertainty. Anxiety builds when your sensory input conflicts with the facts as you know them. You don't know what to do when you can't resolve the differences, so you often quit before you even start. Unfortunately, this is like a self-fulfilling prophesy.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

The further into your future you can imagine, the greater the chances for your success. However, your vision might be constricted now as naysaying Saturn blocks your view and frustrates your efforts to keep your eye on the distant prize. Instead of pushing up against an impenetrable barrier, exercise your strategic intelligence and temporarily halt your operation.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your emotions are subdued today but your actions are not. There is a disconnect between your desires and what you are willing to do to achieve satisfaction. Paradoxically, you seem to be spinning a lot of wheels, especially if you're unsure of what you want now. You might set a goal early in the day and head out in that direction, only to change your mind later.



Across

1. "Hogwash!", 6. "What a shame!", 10. Skedaddled, 14. Absurd, 15. Used to be, 16. Overhang, 17. Furnish with turrets, 19. Dogfish, 20. Daughter of Typhon (Greek my hology), 21. Very Important Person, 22. Cultivate, 23. "Omigosh!", 25. To terrify (archaic), 26. Cobblers' tools, 30. Whole, 32. Cur (archaic), 35. Hollywood hopeful, 39. Convict, 40. Personify, 41. Exhaust, 43. Male ruler of an empire, 44. Restitution, 46. Audition tape, 47. Drosses, 50. Panorama, 53. Astringent, 54. Snake-like fish, 55. Fit for farming, 60. Dry riverbed, 61. Rapacious, 63. Send forth, 64. Greek letter, 65. Girlfriends of gangsters, 66. A romantic meeting, 67. Hurried, 68. Anoint (archaic).

Down

1. Photos, 2. Break, 3. Chop finely, 4. Against, 5. Itty-bitty, 6. Hole-making tool, 7. Yeast or baking powder, 8. Creative persons, 9. Dribble, 10. Mollycoddle, 11. Female demon, 12. Iniquities, 13. Gave out 18. 61 in Roman numerals, 24. Hemp, 25. Granddad, 26. Corrosive, 27. Diminish, 28. Not stiff, 29. A cylinder in a cave, 31. Bit of gossip, 33. List components, 34. Celebration, 36. Wisdom, 37. Biblical kingdom, 38. Apprentice, 42. Enfold, 43. S, 45. Water down, 47. Cut wood, 48. Andean animal, 49. A financial examination, 51. Make lace, 52. Smell, 54. Auspices, 56. Soon, 57. Tree trunk, 58. Quiet time, 59. Being, 62. Little bit.

Yesterday's Solution

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