

Methane Gas Explosion Kills 7 Miners in Samangan



AIBAK - At least seven miners have been killed in a methane explosion at a coalmine in remote Dara-i-Suf Bala district of northern Samangan province, an official said on Monday.

Ahmad Ali Hussaini, the district administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion happened in Dahan-i-Tor coalmine belonging to Mohammad Din on Sunday afternoon.

He said two of the dead miners were residents of neighboring Dara-i-Suf Payan district, two of Dara-i-Suf Bala, two of Sar-i-Pul province and one was resident of Balkh province.

Around 30 miners were working inside the mine pit when the explosion occurred, but the rest were rescued, Hussaini said. Most of coal mines in the area were being mined illegally, he concluded.

On April 9, six laborers were killed and a seventh injured as part of a coal mine collapsed in Dara-i-Suf Payan district. (Pajhwok)

2 New Polio Cases Surface in Restive Helmand Province

LASHKARGAH - Two new polio cases have surfaced in Washer and Nawzad districts of southern Helmand province, an official said on Monday.

Public Health Director Dr. Abdul Ahad Hazem told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban had earlier banned polio vaccination in the districts but the restriction was lifted recently.

In Nawzad district, it was the second positive case detected in recent months. A few months earlier a polio case had emerged in the same family.

Hazem said the Taliban had imposed the ban on polio vaccination in some areas of Helmand. He warned more positive cases would surface if the ban on vaccination was not lifted.

But Taliban spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi insisted polio vaccination was not banned. (More on P4)...(12)

ACB Announces Squad for ICC World Cup



KABU - The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) Selection Committee on Monday announced a 15-member squad for the ICC World Cup 2019.

The team was shortlisted from the 23-member contingent that took part in the training camp held in Potchefstroom in South Africa.

The line-up was picked up, considering the fitness and performance of players over the last six months.

The squad is as follows:

Gulbadin Naib (captain), Mohammad Shahzad (wk), Noor Ali Zadran, Hazratullah Zazai, Rahmat Shah, Asghar Afghan, Hashmatullah Shahidi, Najibullah Zadran, Samiullah

Shinwari, Mohammad Nabi, Rashid Khan, Dawlat Zadran, Aftab Alam, Hamid Hassan and Mujeebur Rahman.

The committee also announced that three players - Ikram Alikhel, Karim Janat and Syed Sherzad -- are reserve players.

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Man Who Killed 3 Cops for 2000 Rupees Held in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - A detained man has confessed to killing three policemen including an officer in return for only 2,000 Pakistani rupees in southern Ghazni province, an official said Sunday.

Mohammad Arif Noori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel arrested the alleged killer of three policemen from Mahajir Township late Saturday night.

He identified the detainee as Mohammad Khalid, a resident of Chak district, who was living in the Mahajir Township in Ghazni city, the provincial capital.

Noori said Khalid killed police officer Shahpoor Bakhtiar in the township a week back. Khalid confessed to his crimes and acknowledged he had previously killed two other policemen in the past.

He told his interrogators he received 500 rupees each for the two previous murders from his Taliban commander who gave him 1000 rupees for killing the police officer. (Pajhwok)

10 Captive Persons Freed from Taliban's Jail in Ghazni:



GHAZNI CITY - Nine Taliban have been killed and 10 captive persons released from their jail in southern Ghazni province during Special Forces raid, but the Taliban rejected the claim, an official said on Monday.

Governor spokesman Mohammad Arif Noori told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces conducted raid on Sunday night in the Lalize, Fathullah and Wali Kala areas of Qarabagh district.

During the raid security forces stormed

the Taliban prison and freed 10 prisoners. Five Taliban were also arrested.

According to Noori, security forces and civilians suffered no casualties during the raid. Niamatullah, the resident of locality, acknowledged the overnight raid and added one person was killed and one was arrested by security forces.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid rejected the claim and added security forces a prayer leader and two civilians were killed during the raid. (Pajhwok)

Over 30 Held in Connection with Different Offenses in Herat



HERAT CITY - More than 30 individuals have been arrested over the past 10 days for involvement in criminal activities in western Herat province, an official said on Monday.

Jilani Farhad, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the intelligence personnel held the suspects for subversive activities, target killings, kidnappings,

murder, corruption and other crimes.

Ten of the detainees were involved in organized crime, robberies and suicide bombings. Jilani Farhad said, adding a number of weapons and ammunition were also seized, he said.

He claimed following the arrest of the criminals and terrorists, the security situation in Herat had improved. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Let your guard down today, Aries. Don't feel like you need to perform for anyone. Accept the notion that you're perfect the way you are. You don't have to prove your self-worth to anyone. Let your heart expand and your mind rest. Make sure the pure glow within you is lighting the path. Don't allow an artificial mask to block the reality of your true identity.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Reconnect with your self-worth today, Taurus, and say out loud, "I am awesome!" You're good at extending your heart to others and helping them with their issues. Now take some of that love and caring and focus it on you. Issues having to do with love and romance are of primary concern. You should take time to evaluate where you are at this stage and nourish this part of your being.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Stay at home tonight and cook a delicious meal for you and someone you love, Gemini. You will gravitate toward beauty, both tangible and intangible. In fact, it might be a good day to go shopping, as long as you can control the urge to overspend. Don't let your self-worth be equated with how many shiny toys you have. Splurge a bit, but try not to go overboard.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Today may seem like one of those days in which everyone but you has a perfect life, Cancer. Realize that no one has a perfect life. Everyone is plagued by demons of some sort. And it isn't wise to compare yourself to others anyway. The more you do, the more you simply set yourself up for failure. Find that sense of love and fulfillment within yourself.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Today may be serious, Leo, with clouds looming over your parade. Although the clouds are dark and threatening, that doesn't necessarily mean that rain will pour down. Things are about to climax in your life. Today's message is that you should find the beauty and sensuality in yourself and others and renew your enthusiasm and sensuality in each new day.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Today is a terrific day for you, Virgo. You have the chance to start over on many levels, especially romantic ones. Whether or not you're in a serious romantic relationship, you will find all your interactions with close friends and partners to be especially tender and meaningful. Strengthen your bond with the people around you and your inner core will be strengthened as a result.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Things are starting to lighten up for you, Libra, even though you may find your interactions quite heavy today. Don't run away from the feeling. More than likely it's a result of you or the other person consciously or unconsciously wanting to get closer and more intimate. Your sensitivity is heightened. Let yourself feel rather than think. It's a day for listening rather than talking.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Today is a terrific day to let your sensitive, caring nature shine through fully, Scorpio. Surprise someone with roses and a candlelit dinner. Take care of the amenities like music and wine. It's also an excellent time to go shopping for yourself or others. Let romance lead the way. Your inner core will be fueled by your sensual relations with others.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Turn over a new leaf with your loved ones today, Sagittarius. Infuse something new into the relationship. Add a new wave of tenderness and sensuality to the dynamic. If something annoys you about the relationship, don't confront it abrasively and cause the other person's defensive walls to go up. Be tactful and loving in your approach and you will get the same in return.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You're going to feel extra connected with the people around you today, Capricorn. Go out and have a good time with loved ones. You will experience the oneness that comes when people acknowledge that we are all part of a whole. This will resonate loud and clear in your core today and you will be extra sensitive and emotional about anything said to you, positive or negative.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

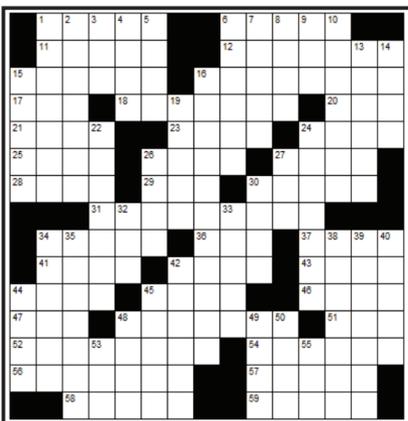


There's an Earthy weightiness to today. You could feel like your relationships are in a difficult situation, Aquarius. Don't worry, because the clouds are going to lighten up tremendously after today. Put in your hard work now and do any last minute planning you feel is necessary before you're off and running. The starting gate is about to open.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Today is a great day to make your big move, Pisces. If there's something in the love and romance department that you feel you need to act on, this is the day to do it. It's now or never. Approach all situations in a practical, caring manner. Plow forward with confidence and don't look back. Indulge in those things that give you pleasure. Get a massage or take a bubble bath tonight.



Across

- Little rascal, 6. Abreast, 11. Film, 12. Longhand, 15. Concrete, 16. Heaters, 17. An unskilled actor, 18. A British title of respect, 20. Tear, 21. By mouth, 23. "Do ___ others...", 24. Sacred, 25. Gambling game, 26. Neat, 27. Gown, 28. Countercurrent, 29. Arrive (abbrev.), 30. Delineated, 31. Backlog, 34. Mete, 36. Charged particle, 37. Transport commercially, 41. Chomp, 42. Anagram of "Sees", 43. Fee, 44. Risky, 45. Run away, 46. Harvard rival, 47. Consumed food, 48. Rumor, 51. Ribonucleic acid, 52. Necklaces, 54. Arrived, 56. Gist, 57. Tall woody plants, 58. Ceased, 59. Smells,

Down

- Besmirched, 2. Order, 3. "___ Maria", 4. Not yours, 5. Animal companions, 6. Edge, 7. Donkey, 8. Sea eagle, 9. An Old Testament king, 10. Germ, 13. Hidden, 14. Catch a glimpse of, 16. Asphyxiate, 16. Solicitation events, 19. A quantity of paper, 22. Allegiance, 24. Truthfulness, 26. Sourish, 27. 18-wheeler, 30. Alley, 32. Caviar, 33. Thorny flowers, 34. Wanes, 35. Permit, 38. One who accumulates things, 39. Sickness, 40. Beg, 42. Jubilant, 44. Sexual assault, 45. Fight with swords, 48. Paw, 49. Countertenor, 50. 36 inches, 53. Lair, 55. Prefix meaning "Modern"

Yesterday's Solution



alley, alone, attach, battle, behold, benefit, best, ease, compel, crush, drive, fault, final, frown, hovel, ignite, ignoble, journalist, luncheon, main, medium, modern, murky, paint, percentage, piece, pretty, prior, rile

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