

4 Marble, Talc Stones Processing Factories Launched in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Four factories to process talc and marble stones with a total investment of \$6 million were inaugurated on Tuesday in eastern Nangarhar province. The factories located in lower Shiekh Misri Industrial Park in Surkh Rod district are owned by local businessmen. Nangarhar talc stone association head Haji Mohammad Wali during the inauguration ceremony told Pajhwok Afghan News that nearly \$1.5 million was invested in each of the factories. He said another six more factories would also be completed and start working in the next



four days. Haji Wali said each factory employed 150 people and with establishment of the six more factories, hundreds of people would find jobs. Mohammad Wali said he had been making efforts to turn Nangarhar into an industrial province and asked the government to provide him with sufficient land, resolve electricity issue and assure him of security. Nangarhar governor Salim Khan Kunduzi, happiness over the investment, said the talc and marble processing factories... (More on P4)...(16)

'Taliban Take Hostage, Kill 4 Civilians in Helmand'

LASHKARGAH - Taliban militants have recently started targeting civilians under different pretexts in southern Helmand province, residents and officials said on Tuesday. Dozens of angry protesters brought the bodies of two young people killed by Taliban militants after taking them hostage on the Helmand-Kandahar highway and placed the corpses in front of the governor's house here on Tuesday. An elderly participant of the protest, Abdul Mo-

hammad, told Pajhwok Afghan News that his son and his three friends had been killed by Taliban militants in Nahr Saraj district of Helmand. "My son was 15 years old, he was innocent and would assist me in masonry, but Taliban killed him and his three other friends and dumped their bodies on the road," he said. He said they brought two bodies of the victims to the governor's house in Lashkargah in protest and buried the two others in their... (More on P4)...(17)

Shawak District Chief Jailed over Bribery Charge

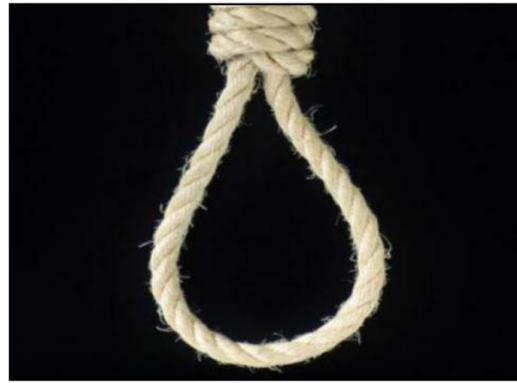
GARDEZ - The Appellate Court in southeastern Paktika province has sentenced the administrative chief of Shawak district to three years in jail for accepting 19,000 Pakistani rupees in bribe, an official said on Tuesday. Chief prosecutor Ajmal Arab told Pajhwok Afghan News that Sarwar Andekhman, the district chief, had received 19,000 rupees in bribe in a legal case and the court awarded him three years imprisonment. Andekhman, however,



refused to accept the court verdict and asked the judge to reverse it. Andekhman has been serving as district chief for the past three years. As many as 10 officials had been detained over corruption charges last year in Paktika. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Execute 6 Including 5 Security Personnel in Farah

FARAH CITY - The Taliban have executed six people, including five security personnel, in the Bakwa district of western Farah province, an official said on Tuesday. Deputy police chief, Col. Mohammad Ghaus Malyar, told Pajhwok Afghan News public executions took place in the Juma Bazaar area of Bakwa on Monday afternoon. He said three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and two policemen, who were seized from a car, were among the victims. The sixth person hanged is yet to be identified. Security forces have arrived



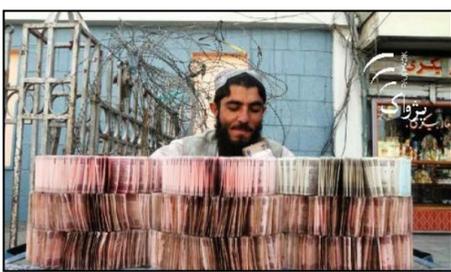
in the area to shift bodies of their colleagues. But the Taliban are yet to comment on the incident. (Pajhwok)

Kidnapper Awarded Death Sentence in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - A primary court in eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday sentenced a man to death over kidnapping charges, the governor's house said on Tuesday. The punishment was awarded during an open hearing in line with the court's internal and external security charge sheet, the government's house said in a statement. Judges Mufti Mohammad Wazir and Fazal Haq Qazawatmand co-chaired the court session in which the defence lawyer presented his arguments in the defence of his client. After hearing from all the sides, the court finally awarded capital punishment to the kidnapper in line with article 395 of the criminal law. The verdict comes amid increasing incidents of kidnapping in Nangarhar. (Pajhwok)

Rupee Usage in Kandahar Hits Extreme Low

KANDAHAR - After the imposition of a ban on domestic transactions in the Pakistani currency, currently almost all traders and common people use the Afghan currency in southern Kandahar province. Moneychangers, traders and Afghanistan central bank officials say daily trade deals are only done in the afghani in Kandahar. About two weeks ago, a ban on the usage of Pakistani currency was announced in Kandahar,



resulting in a dramatic increase in the value of the afghani against the Pakistani rupee and the American dollar. Within no time, the afghani appreciated against the rupee and 1000 Pakistani rupees were exchanged for 549 afghanis only. But now the rupee has regained its position against the... (More on P4)...(18)

Waziristan Refugees Slam Pakistan for 'Spreading Lies'

WAZIRISTAN - Thousands of Afghan refugees in Khost province, who recently returned from north Waziristan, have said that Pakistan's military intelligence agency (ISI) has been issuing false propaganda against Afghanistan and its people. About ten thousand families are living in a refugee camp in Gurbuz district in Khost, which borders Pakistan, after fleeing Waziristan following the launch of Zarbe Azb military operation in Pakistan in late 2014. According to one return refugee, Amir Khan: "There was propaganda in Pakistan that said the Afghan people and their government are infidels and Jihad should be carried out against them." Another refugee said that now, after living in Afghanistan, they realize that all these claims by Pakistan's intelligence agency are false and politically... (More on P4)...(19)

3 ANA Troops, As Many Rebels Dead in Laghman Clashes

MEHTARLAM - Three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and as many militants have been killed during two separate clashes in eastern Laghman province, an official said on Tuesday. Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News militants attacked security check-posts late on Monday in Mango and Sandro localities of Alingar district, sparking a gun battle that lasted few hours. The clash left three ANA soldiers and two attackers dead and another three attackers wounded, he added. Separately, security forces



backed by local uprising members attacked rebels in Dawlat Shah district early on Tuesday, killing one insurgent and wounding two others. Zwak said the ongoing insecurity had displaced as many as 800 families in the province. He said representatives of the displaced persons held a meeting with the governor and... (More on P4)...(20)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Sometimes you gung-ho Rams can't tell the difference between assertion and aggression. However, your steady persistence is rewarded today because it counterbalances the progressive Sun-Uranus trine which blasts you clear into the future. However, an odd mixture of strategic planning and impulsive reactions can positively influence your work and help you reach your professional goals.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Innovation and common sense work in tandem today. The Sun's harmonious trine to independent Uranus in your 12th House of Fantasy sets your imagination free. Out-of-the-box solutions to stubborn problems empower you to untangle knots in your progress or raise your awareness to new levels of understanding.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It requires courage to reveal your vulnerability, instead of just showing off the clever side of your personality. The bighearted Leo Sun, shining in your 3rd House of Communication, motivates you to take chances and talk about your feelings, especially now that it's forming a liberating trine to spontaneous Uranus. Honesty can sometimes be a double-edged sword, but it's easier to build a solid foundation when you come straight from your heart.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You can straddle the divide between caution and risk today by discovering and applying previously untapped talents and abilities. However, the creative Sun in your 2nd House of Self-Worth forms a supportive trine with Uranus, encouraging you to take chances in your professional life. This is your moment to shine now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Allow yourself as much freedom to dream as you can today. Temporarily letting go of responsibilities gives you the space you need to see your life in a fresh new light. The unconventional Sun-Uranus trine opens your mind, making this an ideal time to release your old self-image, making way for a more amazing version of you with a more adventurous future.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Although your thoughts are truly brilliant now, people may not be able to understand what you're saying unless you simplify your concepts. Instead of rushing ahead in a flurry of words, slow down and explain everything methodically. Although a thrilling Sun-Uranus trine opens doors that were previously locked, it's still up to you to be careful so you can make the most of this more permissive environment.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're hesitant to come out and say what's on your mind today because you're worried about people misunderstanding your intentions. Although you might send subtle signals of interest to someone so you won't be noticed by others, your actions may be more obvious than you think. Luckily, a stroke of genius suddenly reveals a way for you to break free of an unpleasant situation as the Sun trines rebellious Uranus in your 7th House of Others.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

It's as if a lightning rod is attracting unexpected events and encouraging radical behavior at work. Although this cosmic interference might normally be disturbing, the Sun's superconductive trine to electrifying Uranus is thrilling as it lights up your mind with original answers to existing questions.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Don't wait for someone else to rush in and save the day today. The dramatic Leo Sun's trine to radical Uranus calls for bold action that produces both emotional and financial rewards. Although you may be inspired by the vibrant Leo Sun's presence in your 9th House of Big Ideas, its awkward aspect to wounded Chiron leaves you uncertain about the value of your actions. Fortunately, your amazing ideas are the proof of the pudding if you trust in yourself.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

There is chemistry at work today if you're open to the spontaneity of the moment. Collaborating closely with a creative partner sparks contagious excitement and fascinating ideas while the willful Sun in your 8th House of Shared Resources trines brilliant Uranus. Make sure to record your conversations for future use or the genius of the moment could be lost into space forever.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You can take giant leaps over huge hurdles while the confident Sun in creative Leo forms a mind-opening trine with revolutionary Uranus. When you devote your heart and head to a cause, the obstacles you encounter are no match for the strength of your convictions. You're ready to carve out a unique path into the future that fully expresses your originality.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

It's as if you struggled up a mountain, arrived at the summit and now finally enjoy an unobstructed view of the future. Your illusions are shattered by lightning bolts of awareness that awaken you from a foggy sleep. You can suddenly see the truth and are eager to apply your newfound passion to making something wonderful happen. Although you feel the exhilaration of the radiant Sun's trine to wild Uranus.

Across

1. Moonshine, 6. Units of resistance, 10. Corridor, 14. Tally, 15. Defecate, 16. Chocolate cookie, 17. Killed, 18. Greek letter, 19. Blah, 20. Large salamander, 22. Pierce, 23. Senesce, 24. Shown (archaic), 26. Field day, 30. It masks an expletive, 32. Absurd, 33. They hold up goal nets, 37. A jaunty rhythm, 38. Sarcasm, 39. Sailing ship, 40. Observe, 42. Ancient Greek marketplace, 43. French for "Queen", 44. Intensify, 45. Divided, 47. Tavern, 48. Dwarf buffalo, 49. Long past, 56. Pear variety, 57. Many millennia, 58. A sudden forceful flow, 59. Fail to win, 60. Informed, 61. Double-reed instruments, 62. Barely managed, 63. Female sheep (plural), 64. Loans.

Down

1. Chop finely, 2. Leer at, 3. By mouth, 4. Cover with plaster, 5. Stinking nightshade, 6. Express a thought, 7. Cowl, 8. Bit of dust, 9. Not in a dense manner, 10. Miscellany, 11. Shot from a bow, 12. Gain knowledge, 13. Part of the outer ear, 21. It comes from a hen, 25. Cool, once, 26. Anagram of "Silo", 27. Pearly-shelled mussel, 28. Gangly, 29. Entwined, 30. Hard liquor, 31. Alley, 33. Smile, 34. Store, 35. Ripped, 36. An aquatic bird, 38. Start, 41. Japanese apricot, 42. Spray can, 44. Water barrier, 45. Large tropical American fish, 46. Sheriff's group, 47. Curves, 48. Competent, 50. Cat sound, 51. Infiltrator, 52. Country bumpkin, 53. Weightlifters pump this, 54. Matured, 55. Not more.

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