

More Uplift Projects Completed in Nimroz, Badakhshan

FAIZABAD/ZARANJ - A number of development projects, including construction of a high school, in northeastern Badakhshan and graveling of a road in southwestern Nimroz provinces have been completed, officials said on Saturday. The uplift projects, which would benefit thousands of families, were funded by the World Bank (WB) and the German government.

The three storey Aljihad Girls' High School had been completed at a cost of 32 million afghanis provided by the WB in Badakhshan. Education Director Sayed Shamsullah Shams told Pajhwok Afghan News the building had 25 classrooms, admin room and two computer labs. He said still 60 percent schools of the province were without ...*(More on P4)...(14)*



New Hostel Building Opens at Nangarhar Varsity



JALALABAD - A newly-constructed hostel building with the capacity to accommodate 1200 students was inaugurated at the university in eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday. The four-storey structure that cost \$2.5 million has four blocks and 130 rooms. The building was put into service on Saturday when Counternarcotics Minister Salamat Azimi and provincial officials jointly inaugurated it.

In this regard, Azimi told a press conference that the United States had provided Nangarhar \$10 million in reward for winning the poppy-free province status in 2013. She said the hostel building was one of the projects which had been initiated using the American aid. Besides the new hostel building, the Nangarhar University has other hostel facilities, but these structures are said to be lacking modern facilities. Governor Salim Khan Kunduzi told Pajhwok Afghan News on the sidelines of the hostel's inauguration ceremony that the new building was direly needed.

Vice-chancellor Nasir Kamawal said the new hostel building had been built on contemporary standards. He said the new building resolved many problems the students faced earlier. He urged the provincial government to address the issue of electricity in the new hostel. He said the new building had the capacity to accommodate 1200 students, but it lacked electricity for which he was trying to resolve. Governor Kunduzi said they had prepared other programmes for the university's reconstruction, but did not explain them. Aimal Hashmi, an engineer with the Counternarcotics Ministry who monitored the project, said the structure had 96 rooms for residing, 16 for study and some others for holding conferences. He said they had been monitoring activities of the construction company involved. He said some changes to the building design were brought in consultation with them because the design ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

4 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Faryab Military Operation

MAIMAN - At least four Taliban insurgents including two Uzbekistanis were killed in a military operation in northern Faryab province on Friday, local officials said.



In addition, 11 other insurgents were arrested. The operation was conducted in ChaharShanbeh area of Qaisar district of the province to clear the insurgents. Four Taliban insurgents were killed, a commander of the Afghan National Army (ANA) 209 Shaheen Corps, Ghulam Haidar Haidar said.

Provincial Police Chief, Subhan Qullbrahimi said that a number of security check posts will be established to ensure security on the Ghormach and Qaisar highway. He said that the "Taliban insurgents were not able ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Over 50 Militants Join Peace Process in Faryab



MAIMANA - "My conscience does not anymore allow me to continue fighting that's why I along with my colleagues have decided to join peace process and shun violence," the group leader of 35 militants Mullah Arif who formally joined the government-initiated peace process in northeastern Faryab province said. Arif told Pajhwok Afghan News he was motivated by 1st vice-president Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum who came to Faryab to encourage militants to shun insurgency and take part in nation and country's building.

Atif who fought three years against the government acknowledged he was not feeling inner satisfaction while fighting Afghan forces. Massoud Ahmad Massoud, deputy head of Islamic Movement Party, said that 35 militants along with their weapons while 20 others without weapons from Kaftarkhana and Khwaja Gawhar areas of Qaisar district joined peace process.

Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum last week said that around 1,000 militants in Dawlatabad, Pashtoonkot, Almar, Qaisar and Ghormach districts had plan to surrender weapons and join peace process.

Taliban, however, did not comment on the development in Faryab. *(Pajhwok)*

14 Militants Dead, 12 Injured in Kandahar, Wardak Violence

MAIDAN CITY/KANDAHAR CITY - At least 14 militants were killed and nine others wounded in southern Kandahar and central Maidan provinces in different security incidents, officials said on Saturday.

Samim Khpalkwak, the spokesman for Kandahar province, told Pajhwok Afghan News that eleven militants were killed, six others wounded and huge cache of arms had been seized after intense



gun battle between rebels and security forces in Maroof district. He said wife of Taliban commander was killed when a Taliban commander was fixing the land mine in the same district. Separately, a civilian was killed and another ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Thousands Rally Against Pakistan's Meddling in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - More than 3,000 protestors on Saturday rallied against Pakistan's anti-Afghanistan policy in Sheberghan, the capital of northern Jawzjan province.

"If Pakistan continues supporting terrorists, I'm ready to take up arms and stand by my brothers in defending the country," declared Zulal, a woman participant of the protest. Women were proud of their brothers in the security forces defending their



homeland, she said, alleging: "Pakistan is arming the insurgents who destabilise our country by attacking our educational and cultural facilities." Chanting "death to Pakistan and Pakistan must bring change to its policy", the protestors warned of dire consequences if Islamabad continued with its vicious ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

NDS Seize Over 6,000 Kgs of Explosives

KABUL - The Afghan Intelligence - National Directorate of Security (NDS) thwarted deadly attack plot by the anti-government armed militant groups by confiscating a huge amount of explosives. A statement by NDS said around 7 tons of explosives were seized by NDS operatives shortly after it crossed into Paktika province from South Waziristan tribal region of Pakistan. The statement further added that the Haqqani terrorist network was looking to use the explosives to carry out deadly attack in Logar province. The terrorist had placed the explosives in a truck by covering them with

woods and were looking to transport them to Logar province through Orgun district, NDS added. The statement by NDS also added that a suspect identified as Sabir Gul son of Raees was also detained in connection to the transportation of the explosives. According to NDS, the type of explosives which Haqqani network wanted to transport to Logar province was that Ammonium Nitrate which is widely used by militants in suicide attacks and roadside bombings. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. *(KP)*

Bomb Blast Claims Eight Lives in Urozgan

TRINKUT - A powerful explosion has claimed eight lives in Khas Urozgan District of Urozgan province, a security official said on Friday. Toryalai, the district police chief said that three people were killed and six others wounded in the explosion. But a security official has told media on condition of anonymity that eight people were

killed in Khas Urozgan explosion. While talking to Azadi Radio on Friday the official said that those killed include two sons of Abdul Samad, commander of the local police in this district. According to the source, the explosive materials had been delivered closed to the house of Abdul Samad by Tali ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)

Although your day begins with high expectations, a series of unsettling events can hijack your agenda and diminish your productivity. Fortunately, you're able to prevent a downward spiral by concentrating on fulfilling your obligations rather than getting entangled in dramas that don't directly concern you. Surprisingly, you don't have to fix everything that seems to go wrong.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

Yesterday's annoying interference from others seems more like well-intentioned help today. However, a confrontation may be necessary to turn an adversary into an ally who is willing to stand up on your behalf. Be honest now; complications will only resurface if your long-term goals aren't compatible. Taking the necessary time to compare notes about your individual destinations keeps you on the

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

There are so many details to track that you must remain on your toes and do your best to keep your eye on the ball. Unfortunately, a restrictive Moon-Saturn conjunction suppresses your desire to juggle so many seemingly insignificant things today. However, your lack of attention to the minutiae makes them all the more important if your overall plan begins to unravel.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Attempting to draw a definitive line between the objective facts and your subjective feelings can be a challenging task today. Fuzzy Neptune casts a magic spell on you now that tricks you into believing the opposite of what's actually going on. Fortunately, your confusion dissipates when you recognize the temporarily imbalanced relationship between your head and your heart.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although you have a specific goal in mind, the route to satisfaction appears to be shrouded in fog. You might feel compelled to float in your own bubble of uncertainty today until you realize that it's best to discard your previous assumptions. But just when you're ready to loosen the reins, the clouds of illusion return to diminish your visibility and increase your self-doubt.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You are more apt to make a snap decision based on your gut feelings today as the watery Moon swims in the deep end with authoritative Saturn. But fully acknowledging your emotions is nearly impossible while nebulous Neptune is lurking around the edges of your awareness, creating a trepidation of the unknown. Hunker down and wait for your clarity to reemerge before doing something you might regret.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You can easily believe that nearly anything is true today, but you are wise enough not to share your experiences until later in the day. However, once you find a friendly audience you may not know when to stop talking because your judgment isn't very sharp now. You're likely to get into more trouble for what you reveal than for what you leave unsaid. The less you say, the better.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

Relying on your imagination to make a big decision isn't the simplest path to follow. In fact, others may criticize your irrational approach and suggest you should pay closer attention to the facts. But as far as you are concerned, no one truly understands your thought process. You're in the midst of a magical self-reinvention and have very little patience for anyone else's expectations.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)

Handling unfinished business during the day allows you to ride the new cycle of events that begins when the emotional Moon returns to your sign this afternoon. In the meantime, you must act responsibly by temporarily setting aside your dreams while you manage more practical matters. Don't be concerned if you're bored with the humdrum of your daily routine, since it won't last much longer.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

You love the idea of getting lost in your fantasies today, but you hate wasting all that time being unproductive. Unfortunately, you Goats often have such a strong connection with the mundane world that it's hard to leave it for a flight into your imagination. Nevertheless, you can cleverly employ a bit of word magic to justify guilt-free dream chasing now. Rather than thinking of it as escaping.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

You might not understand other people's behavior today because they are on a very different trajectory than you. They seem to be acting selfishly and don't appear to care about your feelings now. Although you may be angry at first, compassionate Neptune is in the picture, reminding you that there is a higher path to follow. When you place yourself in someone else's shoes.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

You want to take control of your day by making a schedule and keeping everything on track. However, your key planet Neptune is playing games with macho Mars today, muddying your intentions and confusing those around you. Although your friends and family might encourage you to do more, you may end up scattering your energy if you listen to their advice. Jumping to conclusions won't work in your favor now.

Across

1. Light gusts of air, 6. Dispatched, 10. Monster, 14. Deck, 15. Balm ingredient, 16. Blockage, 17. Featureless, 18. Finest, 19. Carryall, 20. Soothsayer, 22. Colored part of an eye, 23. Devil tree, 24. Fervent, 26. Wanes, 30. Poetic dusk, 31. Fitting, 32. Protective ditch, 33. Fortitude, 35. A loud sleeping sound, 39. Whole number, 41. It holds cigarette debris, 43. Backward-looking, 44. Sodium chloride, 46. Skin disease, 47. N N N N, 49. Regret, 50. Falls behind, 51. Vascular tissue in plants, 54. With competence, 56. Plunder, 57. Mating of related people, 63. Catch a glimpse of, 64. 53 in Roman numerals, 65. Eagle's nest, 66. Horn sound, 67. French for "State", 68. British biscuit, 69. Being, 70. Declare untrue,

Down

1. Dad, 2. Website addresses, 3. Male undergrad social club, 4. Reasonable, 5. Church council, 6. Traitors, 7. Chic, 8. Schnozzola, 9. Foursome, 10. Not oriental, 11. Menacing look, 12. Kino gum, 13. Excrete, 21. Feudal lord, 25. Hurry, 26. Arab chieftain, 27. Part of a skeleton, 28. Insulation, 29. Mental representation, 34. Healthfulness, 36. Killer whale, 37. Telephoned, 38. Visual organs, 40. Departed, 42. Inscribed pillar, 45. High-spirited horse, 48. Grinned, 51. Academy freshman, 52. Flexible tubes, 53. Runs, 55. It makes dough rise, 58. Anagram of "Tine", 59. A style of design, 60. Weightlifters pump this, 61. 3 times 3, 62. G G G G,

Yesterday's Solution

against, bother, change, charm, clinic, close, cream / deal, deposit, destiny, diner, donate, enough, eviction, expectation, folk, front, gage, hospital, lever, magic, mean, medic, people, post, prayer, promising, refine, sent, sneer, speck, stall, steak thank,

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