

# 2nd Crop of Poppy Cultivation Underway in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - Second crop of poppy has been ready for cultivation in southern Helmand province, an official said on Tuesday. Director counternarcotics Lal Mohammad Azizi told Pajhwok Afghan News that farmers used to cultivate opium in fall season only but they had cultivated opium even in spring season too. "The poppy has been even ready for cultivation," he added. The government had a strategy to control opium crop for fall season, Aziz said, adding that "I don't know the exact production of opium but insecurity and smuggling will rise if the cultivation cannot be controlled. Sangin, Musa Qala, Kajaki, Nawzad, Baghran, Washir and Grishak are southern districts of the province. A driver Mohammad Nabi expressed his views about the cultivation and said... (More on P4)... (19)



## Dyncorp Workers Killed by Bomb were Afghan Army Trainers

KABUL - Three DynCorp International employees who were killed by a car bomb in Kabul last weekend all worked on a program to train the Afghan Army and police, the company said. The suicide attack outside a hospital on a busy residential street had targeted the Dyncorp workers, although it also killed nine Afghan civilians and wounded more than 60 others. Two of the U.S. men killed -- Richard McEvoy, 57, and Barry Sutton, 46 -- were from the state of Georgia, while the third, Corey Dodge, 40, was from Maine, the company said. McEvoy was a retired U.S. Army colonel who joined the company in 2008. He managed a largely U.S.-funded program to advise and mentor Afghanistan's police and army, which the other two also worked on. "These men...were making a difference on behalf of their country," said Lou Von Thaeer, chief executive officer of DynCorp International. DynCorp is the biggest U.S. contractor in Afghanistan, winning \$2.8 billion in contracts between 2002 and 2013. (Reuters)

## Afghan Forces Raid Home of Former Taliban Commander

JALALABAD - Afghan Special Forces in eastern Nangarhar province raided the home of Taliban commander who had joined peace process, and detained six suspects, officials said Tuesday. Nangarhar police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashraqui told Pajhwok Afghan News that Special Forces launched operation in HazaraNaw area of Mohmand Dara district last night. The operation was conducted on a house where six people equipped with weap-



ons were arrested, he said, adding that the detainees were under investigations. However, a resident of the district Saifur Rahman said the operation was launched on his house. He said that three of his family members including children were in... (More on P4)... (22)

## Construction Work on Kandahar City Bypass Road Launched

KANDAHAR CITY - Construction work on a three-kilometre bypass road began in the capital of southern Kandahar province on Tuesday, an official said. The road stretches from the second inter-section to the Hindu Square of Kandahar City, linking it with Kabul, Herat and Spin Boldak highways, according to the mayor. Governor Dr. Humayun Azizi, Mayor Qazi Mohammad Omar, provincial council members and other officials attended the launching ceremony. Omar told Pajhwok Afghan News the three-kilometre, having 10-metre width, would cost \$3 mil-

lion. The Kandahar Municipality is funding the project, with a six-month timeline. He promised 20,000 square kilometres roads in the city, currently in bad shape, would be repaired and asphalted. Governor Aziz described the bypass road, travelled by heavy trucks, as an important scheme. Its construction was a long-standing public demand, the governor said. He directed the municipality to focus on the road's quality, something echoed by Provincial Council Deputy Chairman Haji Abdul Qayyum, who vowed ... (More on P4)... (23)

## Zabul Lawmaker Escapes Unhurt in Taliban's Ambush



QALAT - Wolesi Jirga or lower house of parliament member Hamidullah Tokhi escaped unhurt in Taliban's attack in southern Zabul province on Tuesday, but one of his guards was killed and two others wounded, an official said. Governor Spokesman Gul Islam Syal told Pajhwok Afghan News the attack was carried out in the limits of Shah-i-Safa district on Zabul-Kandahar road. The lawmaker's son Abdul Wasi confirmed his father survived Taliban's ambush, but one of his bodyguards had been killed and two others wounded in gunfire. The injured, he said were instantly shifted to the hospital who were said to be in stable condition. Taliban have yet to comment on the incident. (Pajhwok)

## Takhar Pistachio Yield Increases TwoFold this Year

TALUQAN - The residents of Farkhar district in northern Takhar province on Tuesday recorded the pistachio yield two-fold this year compared to the previous year. Mukhtar, the resident of Khurmab locality, told Pajhwok Afghan News the pistachio crop was satisfactory this year. The area is rugged with no plains to grow other products, he said, adding that pistachio trees are the only source of their income. According to Mukhtar, every farmer collected 70 to 420 kilograms of pistachio but last year nobody could get more than 175 kilograms of the dry fruit. Haji Nasrullah, the resident of Ardishan locality, also confirmed there was bumper production of pistachio this year. He said before civil war there was more trees of pistachio, but during in... (More on P4)... (20)



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## Mother, Son Killed for Refusing to Feed Taliban

KABUL - Taliban insurgents killed a woman and her son on Monday after they refused to provide insurgents with food in central Maidan Wardak province. Head of Wardak CID police Mohammad Ayoub confirmed the incident and said the Taliban had asked residents in Chak district to feed them three times a day. Ayoub said in addition to killing the woman and her son, the insurgents also torched the homes of several families who also refused to help the fighters. "Taliban burned the homes when they got a negative response to their call for food and shelter," Colonel Ayoub said. However, following the incident, pro... (More on P4)... (21)



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## Rocket Attack Inflicts Heavy Financial Losses in Pul-I-Khumri

PUL-I-KHUMRI - A rocket fired from unknown direction landed in Pul-i-Khumri City, the capital of northern Baghlan province, which inflicted heavy financial losses on public property, an official said on Tuesday. The rocket hit the populated locality at around 10: 00 pm Monday night,

which also inflicted financial losses. Col. Abdul Bashir Rashid, Baghlan police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that no one suffered casualties in the rocket attack but it caused huge financial losses. Abdul Hakim, a resident of the locality, said it was a... (More on P4)... (24)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

**Aries** You're known for being quick to react when something goes awry and you don't always take the time to consider anyone else's perspective. However, today's traditional Capricorn Moon is moving through your 10th House of Public Responsibility, requiring you to be on your best behavior. Proceed carefully instead of shooting from the hip.

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

The big pieces of the puzzle may appear to fall into place today, but, unfortunately, you still won't feel completely at ease. It's comforting if your life has settled down sufficiently for you to have some time to relax, but you might think you're missing something important now. Fortunately, the Sun and Moon are harmonizing in practical earth signs, minimizing extraneous distractions.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's wise to graciously accept the generous support of your closest friends and family, for they supply the solid foundation that you might lack on your own today. The assistance you need now isn't financial or physical; you just want to know that others have faith in you and believe in your dreams. But don't sit around waiting for someone to ride to your rescue; ask for help and you shall receive.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

People may want to lean on your shoulder because you have a tender spot for those in need. Rather than feeling like you are required to fix anything today, you're content with simply listening to their hopes and dreams. Your compassion is sweet, but now it's essential to fulfill your obligations and address your own needs, too.

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

Stick to your daily routine as closely as possible, even if you're tempted to shake things up today. Nevertheless, you still must remain flexible when handling changing circumstances because unexpected events may pull you off schedule now. Don't be overly judgmental when responding to someone's emotional drama.

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

You may have a pressing need to tell someone exactly how you feel, especially if you're motivated by a romantic attraction. You would prefer to let your love light shine all the time, but often you turn it down low for the sake of efficiency. However, the emotional Moon brightens your 5th House of Self-Expression today, so speak your mind freely if given the chance. Instead of waiting for a better time to acknowledge your desires, let your heart be your guide.

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

In theory, you might prefer to hide away at home today, far away from the hustle and bustle of the real world. Unfortunately, your idealized mini-retreat may not be such a great idea because you still have to go to work or run errands. Fulfilling your commitments is an admirable goal, but your spiritual well-being is important, too. It's not always easy to balance your inner needs with your outer responsibilities.

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

You really want to do something memorable with your friends today, but are hesitant to add anything else to your packed schedule. The earthy Capricorn Moon emphasizes your 3rd House of Immediate Environment, encouraging you to adopt a practical approach to managing your life now. If your day is already full, you may be resistant to the idea of doing more.

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

It's tempting to coast when the most significant things in life seem to be going your way. But it's more critical than ever to keep an eye on your future now because storm clouds could roll in at any moment. A two-prong strategy works best for you today. First, make the most out of the wonderful opportunities that knock at your door. Second, keep a sensible backup plan ready in case your imagined scenario doesn't live up to your expectations.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

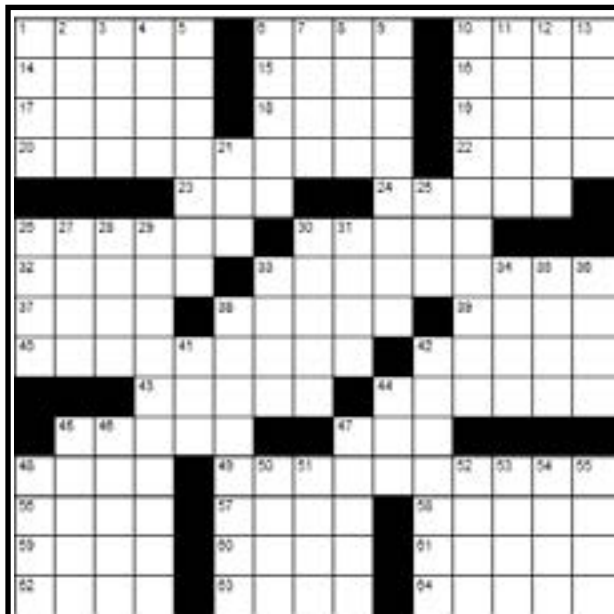
Your firm resolve to follow your current agenda is your sweet ticket to success. A perfect wave of cosmic energy is building, ready to carry you to your destination as the ambitious Capricorn Moon trines the opportunistic Sun-Jupiter conjunction. The only potential pitfall is your unwavering belief that you can scale any mountain in sight. But don't exhaust yourself trying to invent a new way to reach for the stars.

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

You might not tell the whole truth about your intentions because your desire for self-sufficiency prompts you to hide your deepest feelings. You don't have a compelling reason to show your vulnerability now, which could subdue the intensity of an emotional interaction. There's no right or wrong way to approach a situation as long as you keep your heart open and act with kindness.

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

You can rely on your peers to cheer you along your path today while the responsible Capricorn Moon hangs out in your 11th House of Social Networking. Your desires are pretty basic now and, thankfully, your cohorts will faithfully show up with the goods. Ironically, your friends may not be very demonstrative, but you still won't have any doubt about their love and support.



#### Across

- 1. Country house, 6. Cap, 10. Unwakaable state, 14. French farewell, 15. Deception, 16. By mouth, 17. Intended, 18. Send forth, 19. Anagram of "Tine", 20. Excusable, 22. Shower with love, 23. Detachable container, 24. Restricts, 26. Bigotry, 30. Supporting column, 32. Pain, 33. Most skittish, 37. Mongol hut, 38. To scour, 39. Leer at, 40. Inactive, 42. Scallion, 43. Condition, 44. A reddish brown, 45. Slats, 47. Not in, 48. Abominable Snowman, 49. Miscellany, 56. Acquire deservedly, 57. False god, 58. Ellipses, 59. Largest continent, 60. Not a single one, 61. 4-door car, 62. Make well, 63. Alumnus, 64. Exchange,

#### Down

- 1. Seductress, 2. Notion, 3. Teller of untruths, 4. Extend credit, 5. Postmortem, 6. Coming up, 7. Grooming tool, 8. Letters, etc., 9. Outside, 10. Circumstances, 11. Heavenly hunter, 12. Non-glossy photos, 13. Away from the wind, 21. French for "Name", 25. Antlered animal, 26. Beams, 27. Chills and fever, 28. An amount of firewood, 29. Enteric, 30. Steeple, 31. Conservative, 33. Three-handed card game, 34. Auspices, 35. Blackthorn, 36. Canvas dwelling, 38. Hoarding, 41. Greatest possible, 42. Frontier settlement, 44. Regret, 45. Rental agreement, 46. Courtyards, 47. Leered, 48. "Sure", 50. Smell, 51. Spanish lady, 52. Not under, 53. Early 20th-century art movement, 54. Happy, 55. Feudal worker,

#### Yesterday's Solution



affect, avenue, basin, bride, brink, charge, clean, darkness, deter, dough, flame, flight, heart, humps, inspiration, intense, kilt, media, mice, mills, muscle, neon, never propose, proud, quick, ramble, screen, scroll sleet, stark, suitans, trails, tune, vinyl, wildfire, will,

