

(1) India Assists...

The first installment of US\$ 1 million was disbursed to ARCS in August 2015. With this assistance, from September 2015 to August 2016, a total of 471 Afghan children, covering age group from as young as 4 months to 18/19 years, have been treated at Artemis, Fortis and Max Hospitals in New Delhi, India.

India also provides financial, technical and training support to the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health in Kabul. This assistance would continue for a further period of four years and many more needy Afghan children and their families would benefit from this. (PR)

(2) Governor Assesses...

said Hayatollah Hayat, the governor of Helmand province. Hayat said that the Afghan security forces have however, so far foiled ISI's attempt to relocate the council (Quetta Shura) to Helmand province.

According to Hayat, the move by the ISI comes amid a surge in international pressure on Pakistan.

"International pressure has increased on Pakistan. Therefore Pakistan thinks that Helmand at this juncture is the best place for members of the Quetta Shura, hence Pakistan is trying to transfer Quetta Shura to Helmand, but we are preventing it," said Hayat.

In the wake of recent battles that have shattered the calm in Helmand, a number of residents in the volatile region have pushed government to take the battle in Helmand seriously. (Tolnews)

(3) Progress Continues...

News they were strengthening support for "soft" interventions to complement investments in "hard" infrastructure.

Under the CAREC Transport Sector Work Plan (2015-2017), efforts were being made to improve road safety, share best practices on road asset management, develop a regional strategy for railways and facilitate cross-border transport.

He claimed concrete progress made in 2015 toward the goals included the endorsement by CAREC ministers of the "Commitment to Road Safety" and the inauguration of the CAREC Railway Working Group.

Trade facilitation Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) project includes development of the National Single Window in the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan and construction of two border crossing points.

The border crossing point in Tajikistan is scheduled for completion in June 2016, while construction in the Kyrgyz Republic will start in May 2016. ADB is processing a similar project for Mongolia and is looking forward to launching RIBS in other CAREC member countries.

The bank is promoting cooperation

in sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures in CAREC, and a Common Agenda for the modernization of SPS has been developed and approved by the 14th CAREC Ministerial Conference in Mongolia last year. A \$15.0 million loan to Mongolia to upgrade SPS measures for trade facilitation was approved in November 2015.

Energy ADB continues to support national and regional energy security and trade to facilitate consultative process of policy dialogue and negotiations. Financing will be focused on resolving the issue of aging assets in generation and transmission, trade, clean energy development, energy efficiency and new technology.

It facilitated dialogue and training to introduce innovation and leapfrogging of new technology projects in CAREC countries to tackle climate change and plan for lower carbon future.

This translated into the 2016-2020 strategy and specific actions in the work plan geared towards more innovation, efficient regulation, new technology adoption and added value for the members, which senior officials endorsed and ministers approved in September 2015.

ADB is implementing technical assistance to assess capacity and willingness of CAREC countries to finance power infrastructure development from their own resources, and examine other potential sources of financing for both national and cross-border projects.

It is also providing capacity development activities and knowledge sharing program to CAREC countries to enhance their institutional capacity. (Pajhwok)

(4) Iran Regards...

on the necessity of fighting this phenomenon, IRNA reported.

Zarif said "We don't believe in good or bad terrorism and it is necessary to fight against all of extremist and Takfiri groups".

The top Iranian diplomat said the issue of security is an important issue for both Tehran and Kabul and urged the two sides' authorities to hold constant consultation in this regard.

Rabbani pointed to the importance of Iran's southeastern port city of Chabahar for Afghanistan and said it can play an important role in prosperity and development of his country.

The Afghan official also thanked Leader of Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei for issuing permit for education of Afghan children living in Iran.

On Sunday, the Afghan foreign minister held talks with Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani.

During the meeting, Iranian speaker warned of the threat of terrorism in the region, saying Afghanistan must not turn into a haven for terrorists, Press TV reported.

"Afghanistan must not be allowed to

become a backyard for terrorists and an effective campaign against terrorism in Afghanistan requires political stability," Larijani said. (Agencies)

"Improvement of health services in Kandahar is the main goal of my trip," she said, adding she had invited health officials from Helmand, Uruzgan, Zabul and Nimroz provinces to discussions on their problems.

"We are trying to boost cooperation among private and government healthcare centers," Tariq said, confirming private institutes had problems offering health services, but the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) would resolve them.

She criticised the poor quality of drugs and the way they were imported, saying most of medicine was smuggled to Afghanistan due to its unmanned borders with the several countries.

She said drugs were imported through trucks that were not equipped with refrigerators and pharmacists did not keep them in a standard temperature. This affected the quality of medicine, she explained.

However, she warned her ministry planned to check the quality of medicine and set up a laboratory in Kandahar to analyse drugs and food items. Governor Dr. Hamayun Azizi said there were still many problems in the health sector and only 40 percent of two million residents had access to healthcare services. (Pajhwok)

(6) Ghazni Police...

as yet. MoI spokesman Sedique Sediqui confirmed Amerkhel's resignation and said the ministry had not yet decided Amerkhel's fate. He said Amerkhel was bound to discharge his duty as police chief until the MoI took a decision.

Amerkhel refused to talk to the media about what prompted his resignation. He had earlier alleged that the MoI was unjust in decisions and promotions were sold against money in the ministry.

He had also said that the MoI, the National Security Council and the Presidential Palace had politicised the police which was no longer a neutral force. (Pajhwok)

(7) Ghani Inaugurates ...

open Bamiyan Airport, where he will deliver a speech a few hours later. Meanwhile, a number of civil society activists in Bamiyan staged a protest, demanding a change in the TUTAP power project route from Salang Pass to Bamiyan province.

One of the protestors, Hussain Dad Ahmadi claimed Afghan forces prevented them from staging the demonstration and detained a number of people who planned the protest. (Pajhwok)

Nimatullah Noorzai, the Chapparhar district chief, refused to talk to the media and said he would provide information to the provincial officials. (Pajhwok)

(8) Iran Calls ...

"The Iranian parliament supports enhancement of parliamentary cooperation

with the Afghan parliament." Larijani also cited the spread of terrorism in the region, stressing measures to keep Afghanistan from becoming a safe haven for terrorists once again.

"Effective fight against terrorism in Afghanistan needs political stability," the Iranian speaker remarked.

Rabbani arrived in Tehran on Sunday to hold talks with senior officials on ways to improve cooperation between the two nations. (Pajhwok)

(9) Official Defends ...

investigation into the Kabul Bank embezzlement case.

In reference to government's anti-corruption drive, Wasiq said that major corruption cases have been tackled under the National Unity Government (NUG) including the reopening of the Kabul Bank corruption case and corruption regarding fuel contracts in security institutions.

He said that government will attend the Brussels Summit on Afghanistan in October having made tangible gains, something analysts seem to be skeptical about.

These remarks come amid growing skepticism among political and economic commentators over what they believe has been a failed attempt by the present system to address the issue of corruption and recuperate stolen money from Kabul Bank.

"The Kabul Bank (case) is an important achievement by the national unity government. Because it managed to finalize all issues related to Kabul Bank. The court as well as the attorney general have finalized certain issues and data related to debtors," said Abdul Wahid Khurasani, chairman of the Kabul Bank Clearance Department.

According to Khurasani, the Afghan government has recuperated nearly \$446 million USD of the \$987 million USD stolen from the bank.

"Despite the fact that there is war ... the government will attend the Brussels Summit having made major gains," said Wasiq. (Tolnews)

(10) Drone Strikes...

ministries officials had visited the district to assess the security situation there.

Relatives of security personnel besieged in Janikhel had protested in northern Baghlan province, closing the Kabul-North highway. (Pajhwok)

(11) 76 Taliban...

were holding a meeting in the mosque (Spin Jumaat) when came under attack from ground and air forces. The airstrikes completely destroyed the mosque the Taliban had gathered in. A resident, who declined to be named, said dozens of militants had arrived from Haska Mena and Kot districts to the Spin Jumaat area.

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(12) Taliban Gunmen...

efforts were being made to rescue them as soon as possible.

Ahmadullah, a resident of Gizab district, said the Taliban had established a check post on the Gizab highway checking anyone travelling on the road. He said he was going home from university on vacations to Gizab when Taliban gunmen seized him and released him after spending two days captivity. The Taliban have said nothing about the incident so far. (Pajhwok)

(13) Media Condemns ...

Meanwhile, NAI has condemned the violence against journalists in Bamiyan, stating it is against freedom of press. The organization has called on Bamiyan's governor to respond to the people about the issue.

Ghani meanwhile arrived in central Bamiyan earlier in the day to inaugurate the main provincial airport and the Maidan Shahr-Bamiyan highway. Vice-President Sarwar Danish, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Mohaqiq, some cabinet members and foreign diplomats also attended the ceremony.

The president first inaugurated the Maidan Shahr-Bamiyan highway after his arrival and went on to open Bamiyan Airport. (Tolnews)

(14) Takhar's Hazar...

transferring their patients to the district center for treatment.

Residents of remote villages have to travel two to five hours to reach the district center, he said, identifying the lack of proper roads and healthcare centers main problems the villagers faced.

Baig said he had shared the problem with provincial officials several times, but failed to elicit a positive response. He said 90 percent of problems of local residents would be resolved if another healthcare center was established built in the district. Afghanistan Development Association (ADA), a non-governmental humanitarian organization that provides financial support to healthcare centers in Takhar, says there is only one healthcare center in Hazar Samuch district having 30 staff members.

ADA head Dr. Wali Mohammad Rasikh said they lacked resources to build another healthcare center in the district. (Pajhwok)

(15) Balkh Women...

of the bad men behave badly but others are well behaved." She however went on to say that most women get work from farmers and that they work hard. However, what will happen if something happens to them? Zahra asked.

In Afghanistan, women rarely go out to work but poverty and desperation is nowadays driving them from their homes to find work to feed their families. (Tolnews)

(16) Civilians Among ...

Gardna Mazar locality. The slain Taliban were the fighters of notorious Commander Mullah Mohammad operating in Shindand. (Pajhwok)

(17) Turkey, Israel ...

after Israeli navy forces raided an aid flotilla, killing 10 Turkish pro-Palestinian activists who tried to sail to the blockaded Gaza Strip.

Under the new normalization deal, Israel will pay out 20 million U.S. dollars to the bereaved and injured in compensation. (Xinhua)

(18) Trump Could ...

president and director of governance studies of the Brookings Institution, told Xinhua.

The ads not only reinforce points already made that Trump is rude and impolite, but also take this critique several steps further by labeling him a racist, West said.

For his part, Trump blasted the ads as untrue, while using social media to refute Clinton's attacks. (Xinhua)

(19) Iraq Asks ...

Iraqi Shiite politicians and militias have frequently made calls to expel Sabhan because he repeatedly called on the Iraqi government to exclude the Shiite Hashd Shaabi units from the military operations to free the predominantly Sunni provinces in order to avoid abuses against the Sunni residents. (Xinhua)

(20) Turkey Urges ...

Turkish army crossed into northern Syria and drove Islamic States militants out of the Syrian border town of Jarablus.

The other objective of the operation was believed to roll back recent advances by Syrian Kurdish forces in the region. (Xinhua)

(21) Life-Saving ..

of 70,000 insulin-vials is set arrive by sea in the coming weeks.

These will be distributed in southern parts of Yemen, a country which has been locked in a deadly civil war pitting pro-government forces and Houthis rebels since March 2015. (Xinhua)

(22) Kerry Says ...

minority Shi'ite Muslims, Christian priest, Hindu temples, bloggers and free-thinkers.

Before the wounds of the July 1 deadly terror attack at a Spanish restaurant in Dhaka, that left 22 people, including 18 foreigners and two police officers dead, had even begun to heal, Bangladesh suffered a fresh blow on July 7 when terrorists attacked Muslims' Eid prayers. (Xinhua)

(23) Russian Anti...

four military districts last Thursday to check their ability to "beef up forces" and "defend Russia's interests amid growing security threats." (Xinhua)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You may be so impatient that you could do something today you quickly regret. Although your intentions are honorable, superhero Mars squares the karmic Moon's Nodes, placing your behavior in conflict with your higher purpose. Whatever urgency you sense now is probably based more on your internal fears than on the external situation.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You put such a smooth spin on your words today that others are convinced by your stellar performance. People are likely to agree with you just because you sound agreeable to them. However, they might not support you in a pinch if they don't have the strength of their convictions. It's sweet to have people in your corner, but this kind of encouragement may be more dangerous than helpful.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You're at the end of your rope and don't know what you will do next. You know that big changes are in the air and you're ready to leap into the unknown. But instead of fretting about the logistics today, you are enjoying the excitement of the moment and the anticipation of the future. Follow your intuition but remember that your destination is not as close as it appears. Reassess the current circumstances and prepare for a longer journey.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You know the solution to a lingering problem, but you don't want to appear cocky to your friends or teachers. Nevertheless, your confidence builds now as everyone else's lags. It's not that you're feeding off other people's failures; it's just that you can see how your plan is an improvement over their more conservative approaches.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Keeping your feet on the ground isn't a very complicated order, yet it seems far from easy today. You're in a naturally optimistic state of mind, making it tricky to prevent your thoughts from inflating every project or idea. The lively Leo Moon reflects the power of your positive thinking while several planets in earthy Virgo are more practical in nature.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You are standing at a fork in the road with three planets hovering around the last degrees of your sign. New challenges are just around the corner, but time is already slowing down. Mischievous Mercury turns retrograde tomorrow and you will soon discover there is unfinished business that must be completed before you're free to step into the future. Don't fight against the current delays; resistance is futile.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your communication skills are so on point today that people will approve of your message even if you deliver the worst news possible. Clever Mercury kisses romantic Venus, casting a beautiful glow on your love life and heightening your senses. However, you're a bit shy now and might choose to keep some things private - even the best news. Nevertheless, your key planet Venus moves into your sign this evening.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You might feel as if you're a spinning top today; all is well as long as you stay in motion. However, your security becomes precarious when you start to slow down. Instead of clinging to the illusion of stability, embrace the uncertainty of the future because it contains the fruition of the seeds you're now planting.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



A sinking feeling in the pit of your stomach is a reminder that you only have a limited amount of time to finish up old business before it's too late. It's as if one foot is on the dock and the other in the boat; you can't hold onto the past for much longer. Unfortunately, there's nothing to be gained by nostalgically pining for the good old days when everything seemed more certain.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Putting a solid support network in place can make the difference between failure and success. But you must have a sustainable plan in mind for others to know where they fit into your big picture. Luckily, the cosmic energy is conspiring on your behalf now, giving you a perfect combination of visionary ambition, mental clarity and friendly charm. There's no time to waste; secure your resources.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You're anticipating a fabulous adventure that's about to unfold. Although the potential is great, you realize you're not quite ready to embark to points unknown. However, the conflict between your enthusiasm and your hesitation can shade your excitement with doubt. But there's no reason to worry now because you have more time than you realize to put everything in order before you start the next journey.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You may create a dramatic scene to make sure others notice what you are doing now. Ironically, it might take more time than you wish to reach your goals, but rest assured your current efforts are not wasted. Fortunately, you are able to clearly communicate your intentions at work today, enabling you to solidify the relationships that help you succeed. It's amazing how much you can accomplish when you don't care who gets the credit in the final analysis.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-63.

Across and Down crossword clues. Across: 1. Goad, 5. Divided into zones, 10. Fog, 14. Relating to aircraft, 15. African virus, 16. Reflected sound, 17. Meal in a shell, 18. Walker, 20. A province in ancient Greece, 22. Knickknack holder, 23. J, 24. Geeks, 25. Abashes, 32. A valley (British), 33. A mixture of sand and clay, 34. Not against, 37. Grooming tool, 38. African fungus, 39. Ancient marketplaces, 40. Estimated time of arrival, 41. Good-looker, 42. Of a pelvic bone, 43. In a story-like manner, 45. Optical maser, 49. Morning moisture, 50. Agree, 53. Like a jewel, 57. Disastrous, 59. Biblical garden, 60. Twin sister of Ares. Down: 1. Head, 2. Harvest, 3. Killer whale, 4. Doorpost, 5. Greek god of the west wind, 6. Compactly with, 7. A gesture of assent, 8. Away from the wind, 9. Not first, 10. Mix together, 11. Less friendly, 12. Pottery fragment, 13. Notes, 19. A Eurasian aromatic herb, 21. Anagram of "Crab", 25. Behold, in old Rome, 26. Debateable, 27. Python, 28. Winged, 29. Relating to audible sound, 30. Filled to excess, 31. Large flightless bird, 34. Thwart, 35. By mouth, 36. Risqué, 38. Small rounded bread, 39. Perfect, 41. Billiards bounce, 42. Bit of gossip, 44. Black Sea port, 45. Shoestrings, 46. 3-banded armadillo, 47. Divided, 48. Delete, 51. Contends, 52. French for "State", 53. White aquatic bird, 54. Notion, 55. Knows, 56. Terminates.

Yesterday's Solution crossword grid with words: across, appear, bride, broom, cannot, complain, cover, drain, employ, fence, ghost, giant, goose, hasp, hotel, hussy, important, impress, leer, money, other, party, people, place, pound, purpose, rave, rays, rumor, short, shown, step, subway, technology.

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