

(1) Indian, US...

to facilitate innovative and advanced opportunities in defense technology and trade cooperation. "To this end, the United States has agreed to elevate defense trade and technology sharing with India to a level commensurate with its closest allies and partners," the joint statement said.(Pajhwok)

(2) China Launches ...

The service is expected to run weekly by the end of this year, Xinhua reported. The northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif is a key commercial centre near the border with Uzbekistan. China had sent its first cargo train to Hairatan in Afghanistan on August 25. The train that left China's eastern city of Nantong is crossing the Alataw pass on the China-Kazakhstan border before heading into Uzbekistan towards Termez.(Agencies)

(3) Returning ...

been prepared in cooperation with some international organizations to help the returning families receive some essential aid and permanent accommodations in two stages. He said the plan had also been approved by the National Security Council (NSC). The program has been finalized by the technical committee of refugees department at MoRR and would be implemented in near future, Balkhi said. The plan would first begin from Nangarhar province.

"Under the plan, distribution of essential aid including food and other needed items, transport, temporary shelter, healthcare services and public awareness would take place in the first stage and permanent housing facilities in the second stage," he added. Participants of the meeting announced their preparation for implementation of the MoRR plan.(Pajhwok)

Wagah joint border of Pakistan-India has been full of ups and downs for Afghan businessmen to take through the goods to India. President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has announced in economy council session that Afghanistan's fresh fruits will be delivered by air to India and United Arab Emirates. Further he has stated that places will be determined for Afghanistan's fresh fruits in Hairatan and Aqina ports which are good alternatives for Pakistan route. Meanwhile Chamber of Commerce and Industry Spokesman Sayam Pesarlay said, " Afghanistan's fresh fruits are being rotten, Government

(4) Afghanistan's ...

of Afghanistan should act immediately to find the alternatives to save the tons of harvests of the country," Based on the estimation daily 60 containers full of Afghanistan's fresh fruits which were supposed to pass Spinboldak gate, Wagah port and reach to India was closed due to some problems by Pakistani officials. Economy expert Sayed Qeeias Sayedi said, " One of the things that the Government can do to save the fresh fruits is to take the fruits somehow to abroad, and adopt necessary measurements." Afghanistan fruits will be delivered soon by air to India and United Arab Emirates, officials in Afghanistan chamber of commerce and industry have demanded the Government to speed up the process and double the volumes of the fruits.(Agencies)

senior officials' meeting in Islamabad, where respective sector coordinating committees briefed participants on progress in the 4 sectors. During the Energy Sector Coordinating Committee meeting in Islamabad in April this year, Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Water and Power Omer Rasul, briefed the officials on CASA 1000.(Pajhwok)

(5) Afghanistan Integral...

to connect Central Asia to Pakistan. Similarly, ADB added, the 1,600-km TAPI pipeline would export up to 33 billion cubic meters of natural gas annually from Turkmenistan to Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India over a commercial operations period of 30 years. Although currently expected to exceed \$10 billion, the total project cost will be determined upon completion of the detailed design and arrangements for the procurement of long-lead items, construction and other services. Pradeep Srivastava, principal economist with ADB's Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, said that progress continued on the implementation of road and railway projects in Afghanistan along CAREC Corridors 3, 5, and 6 in the area of multimodal transport, the official said.

(6) UNICEF Donates ...

will be distributed to 16 provinces." He added the ambulances, each costing \$32,000, had been purchased by the UN agency for Afghanistan's health sector. The minister said backward provinces and health institutions, where ambulances were not available, would be given preference in distribution of the vehicles. The vehicles will be delivered to the Sarobi Hospital and Khwaja Musafir health institute in Kabul, health centres in Zabul, Khost, Paktia, Logar and Farah provinces. Mohibullah Furqani, member of Wolasi Jirga, stressed the need for distribution of health services and resources to the provinces on equality basis. He said backward provinces should be given priority.(Pajhwok)

(7) Official Urges...

of Iran and Afghanistan, Shamkhani said at a meeting with Afghan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani in Tehran on Monday. He also stressed the need for closer cooperation between Tehran and Kabul in the battle against drug smuggling, human trafficking and criminal gangs, as well as coordination on the issue of joint water resources. Shamkhani also highlighted the necessity for "active regional and international approaches" to uproot the causes of creation and spread of the terrorist groups, such as Daesh (ISIL), and their financial supporters.

For his part, Rabbani expressed Afghanistan's determination to work with the friendly countries in the fight against extremism and terrorism. The top Afghan diplomat arrived in Tehran on Sunday for an official visit. He has already met with Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani and Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif.(Tasnim)

(8) Afghanistan, ...

poverty, hate speech, Islamophobia, a feeling of victimhood due to the suffering of Muslims from outside the region and "military operations by western governments in Afghanistan and Iraq." The western military intervention in the Middle East and perceived injustice related to it was also seen as one of many "pull" factors for ter-

rorists, with the report stating that many young terrorists are drawn to the search of "pure Islam," a sense of adventure and the "idealization of former fighters from Afghanistan and other conflicts."(Agencies)

(9) Council Concerned...

agreement and holding election is one of its main commitments; therefore we must have a transparent election," Trishtwal added. Meanwhile, a number of students said the discord between the two leaders will affect the morale of the people. Asadullah, a student said that the rift between the NUG leaders is a personal issue and one that can benefit them but this "has imposed a negative impact on the public's mind."

(10) Balkh Photo...

student at Balkh University. "It is a good opportunity to enhance friendship and cultural relations with Uzbekistan," said Sayed Sajad, another student from the university. Event organizers said they believe that boosting cultural ties between Afghanistan and Uzbekistan will bring the citizens of the two countries closer together.(Tolonews)

(11) Some Senior...

52 police in the district police headquarters, while some 400 illegal armed men equipped with heavy and light weapons operate here, police cannot take action against them," Haqju said. The Yangi Qala district chief did not name any former jihadi commander or government official who support the militias, but warned the gunmen would expand their activities if not controlled in-time. Residents say most parts of the district are under Taliban's control and illegal armed groups are a major cause of insecurity there. Eid Mohammad, a resident, said many people had joined Taliban ranks after being tortured by the illegal armed men.

(12) ACB Names...

Forces (ANDSF) besides contributing largely to civilian casualties. The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) in its latest report said the anti-government elements remain responsible for 60 percent of the civilian casualties with ground engagements continuing to cause the highest number of civilian casualties, followed by complex and suicide attacks and improved explosive devices (IEDs).(KP)

(13) Taliban Bomb...

Battalion of Public Order Police. "The route is opened for traffic and people can now use it," said Rahmuddin, a public order policeman. According to security forces a military operation has been launched to clear side roads in the area but due to the number of mines planted by insurgents, troops are moving forward slowly.

(14) Marjah-Lashkargah...

"We are developing our plan which is in the implementation phase," said Gen. Khalilurrahman Jawad, commander of the 5th Brigade of Public Order Police.(Tolonews)

(15) 4 Suicide...

Taliban insurgents have been attempting to scale large attacks in main cities of the country, including capital Kabul. The Taliban-led insurgency has

been rampant since the group announced its spring offensive earlier in April this year. The group has managed to carry out major attacks in key cities of the country since their spring offensive begun, including large attacks in Kabul city. On the other hand the Afghan security institutions launched a major annual operation to counter the Taliban-led annual spring offensive under the name of Shafaq operations. The annual offensive by the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) was launched as efforts failed to bring the Taliban group to negotiations table to resolve the ongoing conflict through reconciliation process.(KP)

(16) UN Seeks ...

change is proving catastrophic for many countries," Abbashar said in the statement issued in Nairobi. "This conference will be a crucial step toward the implementation of the Sendai Framework in Africa, thus paving the way for development planning and investment that take disaster and climate risks into account, and ultimately building a culture of safety and resilience," said Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, African Union Commissioner for Rural economy and agriculture. (Xinhua)

(17) Putin to Meet ...

in eastern Ukraine, in line with steps taken by the United States and the European Union. Russia and Japan have so far been unable to sign any peace treaty mainly due to their long-held dispute over four Pacific islands. (Xinhua)

(18) ADB Warns...

the way in improving water security, followed by countries in East Asia. China, it says, took the biggest stride in improving water security since the last report in 2013. "Despite this progress," the report says, "enormous challenges in water security remain in Asia, home to half of the world's poorest people, and where water for agriculture continues to consume 80 percent of water resources. (Xinhua)

(19) China Launches...

broadcast from the scene in real time, without the need for traditional, heavy, expensive equipment. (Xinhua)

(20) Punjab Assembly...

asked 15 Supplementary Questions. The House deferred two Adjournment Motions (AMs) submitted by lawmakers belonging to PTI and PML on the encroachments in Okara city and poor conditions of provincial health establishments. (PPI)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Although you're in a playful mood today, you're secretly concerned your current joy won't last. The lively Leo Moon buzzes with excitement in your 5th House of Fun and Games, but you can't avoid your obligations while Mercury retrogrades through your 6th House of Employment. You know the power of the present moment and can make the most of your positive attitude.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You enjoy the consistency of your everyday routine. But one annoying distraction after another prevents you from settling into a regular daily schedule while mischievous Mercury backtracks through your 5th House of Spontaneity. Instead of adding to the frustration by denying your creative self-expression, have fun whenever the circumstances allow.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You wish you were free to pursue your creative dreams but you're not quite ready to sacrifice your current stability. Trickster Mercury has started a three-week remedial project in your 4th House of Family, burdening you with the task of managing household logistics. You might be overwhelmed with scheduling details and juggling your commitments in order to keep everyone and everything on track.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You might feel as if you're caught in a time loop, revisiting the same conversation again and again. Each time around, there are slightly different nuances that bring new issues to light. Mental Mercury's retrograde in your 3rd House of Communication is like your own personal Ground Hog Day, requiring you to go around and around until you finally get it right.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You're eager to present a show-and-tell today, but you won't be satisfied with a simple presentation. Although the dramatic Leo Moon fuels your enthusiasm, it's challenging to sustain it unless you know you're having a positive impact on your audience. You want to initiate a process that encourages people to do something meaningful.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You don't want everyone to know your business now; in fact, you might be happiest doing your thing behind the scenes instead of under the bright spotlight. Ironically, you would like recognition for your contribution to a project, but not while Mercury is retrograde in your perfectionist sign. If you use these days to work out the kinks in your routine, you'll be more confident when others can finally see you in your full glory.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your social life is on the move but you're not quite ready to roll with all the activity. You like the idea of mingling among friends, experiencing the bright lights and creating a memorable time. But Mercury's retrograde through your 12th House of Privacy pulls you away from large crowds and unnecessary chatter. You might feel conflicted because you need silence now to hear your own inner voice.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You hold your friends in high regards, but you also hold yourself to higher standards than anyone else. In fact, you might harbor regrets about your shortcomings in the public arena while analytical Mercury backtracks through your 11th House of Social Networking. Don't cry over spilled milk.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You are finally free to explore a wide variety of options for your future on your own terms. The fact of the matter is you were carrying a heap of responsibilities that had to be fulfilled before you could move on. However, you might be reconsidering a recent career decision, wondering if you acted in haste. Mercury's retrograde dance in your 10th House of Profession isn't meant to send you into a tailspin of self-doubt.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You may see your career as a game of skill and chance now. You're eager to play the next round as you establish new goals. But you might be wondering if your current trajectory is still the best one for you. Don't worry if answers are not forthcoming while intellectual Mercury backtracks through your 9th House of Higher Truth. Keep your eyes on the horizon; the details will gradually come into focus over the next few weeks.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Someone special may be putting on an unexpected show for you and you like what you see. But you don't necessarily have an agenda for any relationship now, whether it's business or personal. You prefer to gather information while interactive Mercury retrogrades through your 8th House of Deep Sharing for the next few weeks. Don't eliminate any possibilities yet.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You want to make your mark at work now by performing your duties in an exemplary manner. But it's not just about your actions because talkative Mercury's retrograde in your 7th House of Partnerships emphasizes the give and take of conversation. Ironically, your productivity is less important than your words today, assuming you're also willing to listen. It's so compelling to be understood that sometimes it's easy to forget to be understanding.

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