

Illegal Armed Commander Under Security Forces Siege

KUNDUZ - Local security officials on Saturday said a notorious illegal commander Nawidak has been besieged in a private hospital by Afghan forces in Taloqan, the capital of northern Takhar province. Takhar police spokesman, Khalil Asir, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the commander had engaged in an armed fight with Afghan National Army (ANA) forces in Khanabad district of Kunduz on Friday. He said that one fighter of Nawidak was wounded during the fight and he was brought to a private hospital, Mawlana Hospital in Taloqan. Nawidak who is also in the hospital is besieged ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Paktika Residents Protest Civilian Deaths in Raid

SHARAN - The residents of Gomal district of southeastern Paktia province have stated protest against the joint raid of foreign and Afghan forces that killed seven civilians and wounded five others. Bangal, one of the protestors told Pajhwok Afghan News that several houses and motorcycles were destroyed besides the killing of ordinary and innocent people. The angry protester who chanted the slogans "Death on America & Long Live Islam" claimed that US a hurdle to peace and it never wanted a peaceful Afghanistan. Adam Khan, another protester, said the victims of the airstrike were civilians. The protesters demanded investigation into the incident and punishment for the



perpetrators. Pajhwok tried to contact governor office for comment but failed. (Pajhwok)

Lawmakers Claim Arrest of Top IEC Official Over Bribery

KABUL - Some Wolesi Jirga members on Saturday claimed the arrest of Obaidullah Niyazi, the operational director of the Independent Election Commission (IEC), by the National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel over alleged bribery. Mirbat Khan Mangal, a lawmaker from Khost province, during Wolesi Jirga session ...*(More on P4)...(10)*



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB), now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Supply and Installation of Video Conferencing Equipment for DAB Head Office - Ref# DAB/97ICB/G-26** Bidding will be conducted through the **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** procedures specified in the World Bank Guideline.

A complete set of **Bidding Document in English** may be obtained by interested bidders by downloading the same from the DAB and NPA website www.npa.gov.af, www.dab.gov.af. In case of problem in downloading from website, interested bidders may contact to Procurement Department, 2nd Floor, Da Afghanistan Bank, Pashtonian Watt, and Kabul, Afghanistan.

Bids must be delivered to the address above at or before **14:00 Hrs. (local time) on 2nd January, 2019** Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected.

Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address above at **14:10 Hrs. (Local time)**, on the same day.

All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security** of the amount shall be; **14,500USD (Fourteen Thousand and five hundred US Dollar or any other currency equivalent to the amount)**.

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Subject: Notification of Intention to Award for Energy Supply Improvement Investment Program, Project management and project Implementation Consultants. Ref. No: NPA/DABS/Cs/1221/QCBS

Please be informed that the procurement process for the subject assignment has been completed. **Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS)** now intends to enter into a Contract at the total value of **US\$ 12,052,924.73** (twelve million fifty two thousand and nine hundred twenty four point seven three USD) inclusive of Indirect Local Taxes with the successful consultant, namely: **M/s Vision RI Connexion Services Private Limited (India)** in association with **State Helps Consultancy Services Co.** who obtained the highest combined Technical and Financial score. The Firms or any individual who want debriefing on any issue related to this procurement may request so in writing within 7 days from the date of issue of this award Notice to DABS. Protest shall not be accepted beyond the deadline. Protest must be addressed in writing to Procurement Directorate of Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat located at 6th floor Dehmazang HQ, Kabul Afghanistan. This notice doesn't constitute a contract, until deadline completion stipulated herein and completion of further processes.

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



- Family members could be upset over different frustrating events in their lives, and these moods could spill over to you. Today it would be best to leave them alone to work things out in their own way. They aren't likely to respond to sympathy. Take this opportunity to tend to some of your concerns that you may have postponed.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Unguarded words on the part of a younger person might lead to upset. If the words are directed at you, don't take them seriously. The person doesn't know any better. If the words are directed at someone else, don't be tempted to lash out at the person who said them. Correct him or her gently. Either way, keep it to yourself and then forget it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



- Profligate spending over the past week or two may have you feeling less confident about your money situation today, Gemini. Perhaps you've lent some money to a friend and you doubt their ability to repay. Or maybe you fell for a sales pitch that you now regret. Correct the situation if you can. If you can't, simply learn from the experience and put it behind you.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your ambition and will to succeed may be at war with your feelings today, Cancer. Perhaps you've been working so hard that you aren't spending enough time with friends and family - and they miss you. Children and young people may be very much on your mind. Perhaps you doubt your ability to fulfill your responsibilities.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Today, Leo, you might uncharacteristically decide to sequester yourself away from the world. Perhaps you're tired or feeling a bit under the weather and only wish to kick back and read a good book. That's fine. Everyone needs a little solitude from time to time. The only concern here is that if you stay too secluded, you might miss an important communication.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



A quarrel over money could interfere with a friendship today, Virgo. Perhaps someone hasn't repaid a loan and the lender now needs it. Perhaps a member of your household is unable to pay their share of the bills. Don't let yourself get drawn into quarrels or recriminations. Work something out with your friend if possible. Money isn't worth throwing away a friendship and leaving a gap in your life.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Spiritual and metaphysical studies may take up a lot of your time today, Libra. You might want to dig into the world's major religions or try to make it through works about spiritualism or the occult. If you want to, this is the day to do it because your concentration is very strong, although it will be necessary to take a lot of breaks!

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



- You might long for a vacation today, Scorpio, and you could toy with the idea of a journey by air. Your mind may turn to spiritual places such as India, Egypt, Israel, or Ireland as you wonder how it would feel to stand in the sacred places in those countries. Don't just toy with the idea. You're probably overdue for a vacation, and such a trip would suit your mystical nature.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Someone you've known for a long time may move away or otherwise vanish from your life. He or she may move to a distant state. You'll probably stay in touch by phone or email, but it will never be the same, at least not for a long time. You will feel better if you meet some new people. They will come your way today, possibly through humanitarian group activities.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



There might be some tension between you and your romantic partner that might have you feeling a bit depressed. The key to patching this up is honest communication. Remember that honest doesn't necessarily mean brutal. Confrontations now can only widen the rift. Tell your partner how you feel, Capricorn, but don't cast blame for anything. Share a little.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

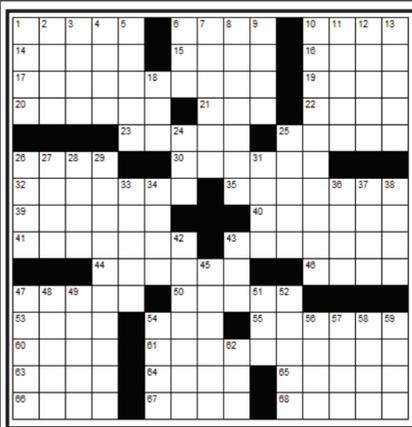


Today your biorhythms may be a little low, Aquarius, so you aren't likely to be feeling very sociable. You're more likely to want to bury your nose in your projects instead of being your usual outgoing self. This is OK, but take care that you aren't so reclusive that you miss receiving some sincere compliments. That can make a big difference in the way you feel!

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



- An electrifying attraction to someone you may have just met could cause your mind to dwell on sex and romance today, Pisces. If you can, set up a romantic evening with a love partner. If this isn't possible, go to an emotional play or movie that moves you to tears. Movies may be of particular interest to you today, since you might be reading about how they're made.



Across

1. Body, 6. Money owed, 10. Nobleman, 14. Offish, 15. Beige, 16. Chimney channel, 17. Inclined, 18. Tibia, 19. Dossier, 20. Stiffness, 22. Always, 23. An aromatic ointment, 24. Exit, 26. Physiques, 30. 2,000 pounds, 31. 54 in Roman numerals, 32. Not odd, 33. Nestling hawk, 35. Rental agreement, 39. Get worse, 41. Scammer, 43. Complain, 44. Genuine, 46. Daughter of Zeus and Demeter, 47. Water barrier, 49. Alien Life Form 50. Visual organs, 51. Scant, 54. Skidded, 56. The thin fibrous bark, 57. Independent, 63. Eager, 64. Sketched, 65. Tropical vine, 66. Start over, 67. Brute, 68. German iris, 69. Biblical garden, 70. Make (one's way), 71. Relaxes, ,

Down

1. After-bath powder, 2. Margarine, 3. A soft sheepskin leather, 4. A short musical composition, 5. Frequently, 6. Type of warship, 7. Spiny ant eater, 8. Invigoration, 9. Burrow 10. Become bubbly, 11. Alert, 12. Governs 13. Lascivious looks, 21. Satisfies 25. Aquatic respiratory organ, 26. Large mass of ice, 27. Not under, 28. Sandwich shop, 29. Showy bloom, 34. Passed through the esophagus, 36. Greeting at sea, 37. Arid, 38. Historical periods, 40. Legumes 42. Spritlike, 45. Not western, 48. Field, 51. Look at with fixed eyes, 52. Beeped, 53. Any animal with no feet, 55. Painful grief, 58. Desire, 59. Bog 60. Paddles, 61. Module, 62. Back talk, ,

Yesterday's Solution

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