

# Firewood, Sugar Prices up, Diesel Down in Kabul



KABUL - The prices of firewood and sugar have increased while that of diesel dipped during the outgoing week in the capital Kabul, market source said Saturday. Abdul Hadi, a worker at Wazir Abad Fuel Station in

Kabul, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the price of one liter of diesel decreased from 48 Afghanis to 47 Afghanis while the same amount of petrol remain unchanged at 46afs. Haji Hassan, a firewood seller in Charahi Shaheed

area of Kabul, said that the price of 560 kilograms of unpeeled oak increased from 7,200afs to 8,000afs Afghanis and the same quantity of cedar from 7,000afs to 7,500afs. He linked hike in firewood price to high demand. ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## ALP Man Who Killed Wife, Mother-in-Law Shot Dead

TALOQAN - An Afghan Local Police (ALP) member was killed inside a hospital after he had allegedly killed his wife and mother-in-law in northeastern Takhar province, an official said Saturday. Provincial police spokesman, Maj. Abdul Khalil Aseer, told Pajhwok Afghan News the slain ALP member had gunned down his wife and mother-in-law in Mogholan area of Khwaja Bahauddin district late on Friday. He said the killer was fleeing when police shot him injured. He was then shifted to hospital in the district center. But an uncle of the slain girl, also an ALP member, entered the hospital ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Tribal Elder Among 2 Gunned Down in Logar



PUL-I-ALAM - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead a tribal elder and a villager in the Mohammad Agha district of central Logar province, an official said on Saturday.

Governor spokesman Saleem Saleh told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened Friday evening in the Qandaraio locality. He said tribal elder Haji Sher Ali and another man Alam Khan were targeted by unknown armed men when they came out of the Mosque. He alleged the involvement of militants in the incident and added that police have launched investigation. ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Militants' Ambush in Farah Leaves Three Policemen Dead



KABUL - At least three police force members and a contractor lost their lives in an ambush by the Taliban militants in Poshtrud district in Farah province, local officials said Saturday.

Nasir Mehri, spokesman for Farah governor, said the incident took place on Friday when the police force members were on their way to the center of the province. A local resident said the Taliban fighters had army uniforms and after stopping the police vehicle, they opened fire on them. Taliban has not commented on the report. Local officials have not provided details in this respect. (Tolonews)

## Taliban Attempts to Maintain Drugs Production Amid Heavy Airstrikes

KABUL - The Taliban group in Afghanistan has stepped up efforts to shift tactics in a bid to maintain drugs production amid heavy airstrikes as part of a new campaign launched by the Afghan and US forces in southern Helmand province. The provincial government media office in a statement said the Taliban group has instructed its fighters to reconsider their strategy in maintaining the drugs production and smuggling. The statement further added that a



letter of the group has been obtained from Kajaki district which instructs the group's fighters to build drugs production facilities in places where they could not be spotted from the air. This comes as the commander of the NATO-led Resolute Support Mission and the US forces in Afghanistan Gen. John Nicholson said last week that ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## NDS Foils Suicide Attak in Ghor

KABUL - Intelligence forces have arrested a Taliban would-be suicide bomber in western Ghor province, National Directorate of Security (NDS) said on Saturday. A statement from NDS received by Pajhwok Afghan News, said the would-be suicide bomber named Asadullah aka Sadaqat Maihan, was trained for suicide bombing across the Durand Line. The detainee confessed he was involved in several terrorist

activities and was directed by Mullah Nik Mohammad, a Taliban commander to carry out a suicide attack, the source said. The statement said that the would-be suicide attacker wore a suicide vest and planned to carry out attack in Ghor province. However, he was arrested by NDS personnel before reaching to his goal. NDS did not provide information about the date of the detention. (Pajhwok)

## Explosion in Kabul City Leaves Four Wounded

KABUL - A spokesman for the Kabul police commandment Basir Mujahid said the incident took place in the vicinity of the 1st police district of the city in Bagh-e-Qazir area. He said a magnetic bomb planted in a container belonging to the security forces went off at around 11:30 am local time, leaving three people wounded. However, another security official said at least four people were wounded in the explosion and one of them is in a critical condition.

No individual or group has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident. This comes as the anti-government armed militant groups have been attempting to carry out terrorist attacks in the key cities of the country, including capital Kabul amid mounting pressure on them in the battlefield. At least eighteen people were killed and several others were wounded after a suicide bomber detonated his explosives in Kabul city last month. (KP)

## Foreign Forces Airstrikes Kill 12 Daesh Militants in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - At least 12 Daesh militants were killed and eight others were wounded in two airstrikes in Nangarhar province, local officials said Saturday. One of the airstrikes targeted the Daesh militants' hideout in Wazir Tangi area in Khogyani district where four insurgents were killed and eight others were wounded, said Attaullah Khogyani, spokesman for Nangarhar governor. Khogyani said eight Daesh fighters were killed a separate air-



strike by foreign forces in Achin district in the province. He did not provide more details in this respect. (Tolonews)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



**Aries** There's no simple way to get from here to there today, yet you will probably try anyhow. Unfortunately, you may lack the determination to stick with your plan long enough to see if it really works. But even if you are persistent, you might be shocked to discover you're heading off in the wrong direction.

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



**Taurus** You might feel as if your intentions are being blocked but you can't determine who is standing in your way. Taking a formal position on a matter may not be in your best self-interest because your views change often today. The Gemini Full Moon flies through your 2nd House of Core Values, allowing you to work your way back to the source of your beliefs.

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



**Gemini** Waves of uncertainty come crashing on the shores of your consciousness today. Naturally, the Full Moon in your sign intensifies your feelings, adding to the complexity of relationships, especially since trickster Mercury turns retrograde in your 7th House of Others. Although your adaptability usually enables you to go with the prevailing currents, you're reluctant to say yes to anything now.

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



**Cancer** Daydreams about slipping out of your current situation and into a new life can hijack your day. Although the restless Gemini Full Moon rattles your 12th House of Escapism, your delusions of morphing into a superhero are not connected with reality. Nevertheless, metamorphosis is unavoidable, and today's fantasies play a significant role in determining your future.

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



**Leo** You have plenty to say and you're eager to take every chance available to speak your mind. You could lose your power of discrimination today and accept every social opportunity that comes your way as the chatty Gemini Full Moon brightens your 11th House of Friends.

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



**Virgo** You wish to clarify your place in the world, but you seem to have multiple ideas about where you want to go. Although the dualistic Gemini Full Moon illuminates your 10th House of Public Life, its square to imaginative Neptune fuels your fantasies with outlandish images of fame and fortune. However, you might convince yourself that your success is hindered by your personal history or family responsibilities.

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



**Libra** It's easier to tell a tall tale today than to handle the truth. Your mind is racing through imaginative scenarios, but it's challenging to distinguish these inspirational flashes from your life as the mischievous Gemini Full Moon lights up your 9th House of Big Ideas. Instead of creating problems by bending reality to suit yourself or someone you love.

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



**Scorpio** Your visions of the future are easier to manage when you keep them to yourself. But today they escape your imagination and, somehow, install themselves into your life. Unfortunately, once others catch wind of your plans, you're accountable for your ideas and must be ready to explain them in a way that makes sense.

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



**Sagittarius** If you thought you were moving into the next phase of your life, think again. You are standing at the precipice of change, eager to jump into a new project or relationship. But the energy shifts at the very last moment today, halting your progress in its tracks. There's no reason to panic now, even if you start to slip backward. This weird time loop won't last long if you commit to practicing the art of observation.

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



**Capricorn** It may seem as if there is less of an emotional edge now, but you're still worried about the fallout from a recent family squabble. Although you may be moved to tell your story among friends, one of them could turn out to be less than trustworthy. But don't get too complacent because it's easier to nip a potential problem in the bud than to wait until it's blossomed.

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



**Aquarius** Although you wish to preserve your individuality, your friends are so important now that they take center stage. On the surface, your intent is straightforward, but in practice it's challenging to reconcile your needs with theirs. Nevertheless, living according to the Golden Rule supports fairness by giving others what you want in return.

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



**Pisces** You might be concerned about the inconsistent behavior of your friends today. However, it's not entirely clear whether or not your suspicions are based on the facts. You may even feel like the entire world is against you now that paranoid Pluto forms a contentious square with the independent Aries Moon in your 2nd House of Self-Esteem.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across clues: 1. Electrical pioneer, 6. 1/12th of a foot, 10. Apprehends, 14. Communion table, 15. Filly's mother, 16. Modify, 17. Purple shade, 18. Quarry, 19. Large town, 20. Imperilled, 22. Bobbin, 23. Emanation, 24. Pique, 26. Baroque composer, 30. Consume, 31. Sweet potato, 32. Unit of land, 33. Flower stalk, 35. Bloated, 39. To that, 41. Give forth, 43. Carved, 44. Start over, 46. Gloat, 47. Point, 49. Take in slowly, 50. Puppy sounds, 51. Inuit, 54. Stair, 56. Fluff, 57. Feelings of anxiety, 63. Bright thought, 64. Half a quart, 65. Australian "bear", 66. Beloved, 67. Behold, in old Rome, 68. SSSS, 69. Countercurrent, 70. Barely managed, 71. Accomplishments.

Down clues: 1. Docile, 2. Dash, 3. An upright in a wall, 4. Magma, 5. Rink, 6. A Roman general, 7. Provide commentary, 8. Algonquian Indian, 9. The best of times, 10. Conjuring up the dead, 11. French farewell, 12. Nibbles, 13. Pizazz, 21. Visitor, 25. Indian music, 26. Shower alternative, 27. Throb, 28. Team, 29. Inherited, 34. Contemplated, 36. Indian dress, 37. Cease, 38. Evergreens, 40. Biblical kingdom, 42. Broods, 45. Gist, 48. A small hairpiece, 51. Leave out, 52. Aligned, 53. Work dough, 55. Ending in a point, 58. Notch, 59. Schnozzola, 60. Alleviate, 61. Sleigh, 62. Back talk, ,

Yesterday's Solution grid with words: TEMPO, TWIG, DUMA, OCEAN, RAGA, ABEL, GRATIFYING, POWL, AUTHOR, VIE, DALE, NONNET, ARTSY, SHIPS, TRIBLE, TRIUMPH, DRAIDED, ASTRAL, ARMORY, BEARDED, ANTENNA, ELDEST, REED, FORAY, BEICH, ORALY, DAP, EASTIER, LITIT, ACTIONABLE, LESS, FLED, DRITLL, VLEEM, FETA, SISSY.

allot, alone, anger, apology, award, bribe, bridge, chai, chance, cheer, colt, count, crag, cram, crowd, decision, decoy, diary, duly, finest, graft, grass, guilt, hardly,, leash, main

Word search grid with words: H G Z C D I A M E S R U N, R R R H X E A L O N E B O, E A S A B Q O A N G E R I, G S O I F H J P Y U H I S, I S R N W T P O T O C D I, S B R H S A E L P S C G C, T Q Y E T T A O D L U E E, E D N H O U H G A W A R D, R I I D N S C Y U L O C T, F N A A T R U L Y I L R E, K Y M A R C O U N T L O C, A F K P X Y L D R A H T T, B E T O O H S C H A N C E