

5,200 Dairy Farmers Receive Aid under NHLP

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - About 5,200 livestock farmers were given various items under the National Horticulture and Livestock Project (NHLP) in the north, an official said on Sunday.

NHLP in-charge in Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province, Fahim Jabari, told Pajhwok Afghan News the aid distribution among dairy farmers was part of the NHLP which would last until 2020.

He said every farmer was provided with 30 packages containing technical, medical and food items. However, farmers who received the aid expressed concern over some issues. A farmer from Deh-



dad district, Shafiullah, said there was a lack of forage for livestock because of cold weather condition. He pastures had been occupied in Balkh, rendering them unable to arrange hay or straw for their stock in winter. He expressed happiness over the aid but said the government should resolve farmers' fundamental issues. Balkh Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock Department head, Sirajuddin Mehraban, confirmed public pastures had been usurped by some strongmen in Balkh and they used the land for farming and had constructed homes on them. He termed NHLP a good attempt at resolving issues of farmers. (Pajhwok)

3 Killed, as Many Hurt in Faryab, Jwzjan Incidents

M I M A N A / S H E - BERGHAN - Two children and a judge have been killed in two separate traffic accidents and three children wounded in a mortar shell explosion in northern Faryab and Jwzjan provinces, officials said on Monday.

Sultan Sanjer, the chief for Andkhoi district of Faryab province, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Abdul Latif a judge for Khwaja Sabzposh district court was died when his vehicle crashed with a car on Shah Mardan-Andkhoi highway late on Sunday.

He said Latif one another person traveling with him were killed and two others injured in the incident.

Meanwhile, Khalid Mohammad, a 20 years old a university student in Faryab province was killed in another traffic accident late on Sunday.

Elsewhere, three children were injured in a mortar shell explosion in Jwzjan province. Mohammad Reza Ghafoori, governor's spokesman, said that the incident took place in Qoush-Tapa district when the children ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

ANA Soldiers among 12 Dead in Shindand Clash

HERAT CITY - Two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and 10 Taliban have been killed in the Shindand district of western Herat province, local officials said on Monday. However, Taliban claimed killing dozens of security personnel.

Governor Spokesman Jilani Farhad told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces drove away the Taliban attackers, who suffered heavy casualties from many villages of the district.

He did not provide information about Afghan forces



casualties, but said military operation by Afghan forces was underway in the district. Farhad said only 20 percent of Shindand was under Taliban control but added Afghan forces would launch an operation and retake full control ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Roadside Bombing Kills 4 Civilians: Official

KABUL - An Afghan official says at least four civilians were killed when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb in eastern Paktika province.

Abdul Raouf Massoud, the deputy provincial police chief, says two women and two children, all from a single family, died in the attack on Monday morning. Massoud says that another civilian was wounded in the blast, which took place in the district of Khoshamand. The family was en route to attend a memorial for a relative who died the previous day.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast in Paktika, but Taliban insurgents often use roadside bombs to target convoys of Afghan security forces across the country. Civilians are often victims of such roadside explosions. (AP)

Howls of Protest as Fuel Prices Jump in Takhar

TALOQAN - Residents of northern Takhar province say fuel prices have increased with the advent of winter, asking the government to keep the rates in check.

Government officials say a committee has been established to control fuel prices and check fleecing of consumers.

Ahmadullah, an inhabitant of Taloqan, the capital of Takhar, told Pajhwok Afghan News the prices of fuel jumped after a recent snowfall.



He said the price of per seven kilograms of firewood rose from 50 afghanis to 80 afghanis, a kilogram of liquefied gas from 60af to 80af and a litre of petrol from 45af to 50af.

The government had done nothing to control the prices and people ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Migrant Woman 'Hunted Down to Europe by Abusive Husband'

LONDON - Forced into marrying a man 25 years her senior after he had allegedly raped her, this 23-year-old Tajik woman from Kabul is now in a Greek camp for migrants.

But Lina, whose surname we have withheld, told the BBC that the abusive husband she ran away from is now following her, threatening to kill her for disobeying him.

Her story was corroborated by volunteers for a Spanish refugee charity.

Lina's husband is one step behind her and her two small children, having reached the Greek island of Lesbos shortly after she was transported to mainland Greece.

"I was raped by this man when I was 16. He has tortured me, abused me and left me without food for days," Lina says by telephone from inside one of the camp's hundreds of white caravan-style blocks, which she shares with her ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Displaced Families Receive Cash Aid in Paktika

SHARAN - Nearly 241 families who have been recently displaced by violence in Barmal, Sarobi and Urgun districts of southeastern Paktika province on Sunday distributed cash assistance, officials said.

Acting Refugee Department head Mohammad Saleem Qazi told Pajhwok Afghan News each family received 6,150 afghanis in Urgun, Sarobi, Omna and Barmal districts.

He said the families faced many problems and were in need of assistance. He said



another 5000 displaced families also needed help. Shir Mohammad, a displaced person, said the latest aid would not resolve all their problems and they needed more cash assistance. (Pajhwok)



Afghans take part in a cleaning campaign on the International Volunteer Day in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan on Monday December 05, 2016. (Xinhua/Rahmat Alizadah)

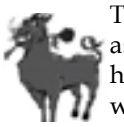
Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



On your mark, get set, go; it's time to hit the ground running. Progressive ideas are fueled by your characteristic vigor today, but there's a chance you might come on too strong if you don't choose your words wisely. Fortunately, the intellectual Aquarius Moon works in tandem with your opinionated ruler, Mars, giving you the opportunity to express yourself coolly as well as confidently.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Tensions are running high at work today, as everyone has their own ideas about how to move the group's agenda forward. The brilliant Aquarius Moon connects with ambitious Mars, setting a rather brisk pace for the day. Use this energy to be as productive as possible, and constructively throw in your two cents before you clock out.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Contrary to popular belief, you can't talk your way out of everything. Be careful that your words don't turn into weapons today as your conversations may gravitate toward touchy subjects like religion and politics. It can be difficult to let something go if your principles are on the line, but tempers blow over just as quickly as they flare if you don't throw fuel on the fire. Happily, the Moon drifts into whimsical Pisces later tonight.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



If you're wondering whether now is the right time to bring up the subject of money with a loved one, it probably is. Although it can be awkward to address financial problems, especially those involving debts or loans, it is important to confront the issues if you don't want your generosity to be taken for granted. Fortunately, you can summon the courage you need to sort out any concerns that surface today.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



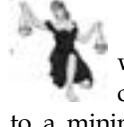
Friction is likely between you and your beloved right now, but keep in mind that it's not always about you. Instead of reacting defensively, make sure you listen as much as you speak. Conflict isn't required today, but sometimes expressing your emotions allows the energy to move forward to a more productive place.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Whether you like it or not, the weekend is over and it's back to work. There's a strong chance you'll encounter some dissension over the course of the day, and it's best to acknowledge it as soon as you can. It might be upsetting when someone rocks the boat, especially when you're used to your normal routine. However, this challenge could be just the push that's needed to make an improvement to your daily grind. Dealing with a conflict immediately, while logic is on your side.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



If you peacemakers of the zodiac had it your way, everyone would do their very best to compromise and collaborate so conflict is kept to a minimum. Unfortunately, this isn't the way the world works, and you must contend with discord now and again. You might be confronted with an issue that could cause some uncomfortable tension today, but if you say what you mean and mean what you say.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You may feel some internal conflict brewing deep beneath the surface, and it's wise to unpack it now rather than ignore or suppress it. The detached Aquarius Moon wanders through your psychological landscape today, encountering warrior Mars along the way.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



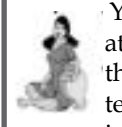
There's a need for speed as you race through your day, solving problems as you go. Issues might unexpectedly arrive this afternoon when impatient Mars runs into the eccentric Aquarius Moon, but this could serve as just the lightning bolt needed to take a brilliant idea to the next level. Resistance doesn't always slow you down; sometimes conflict resolution acts as a propelling force. Rather than ignoring the reality of the situation.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



It's not like you to get upset over every little thing, but expending some emotion on a peaceful resolution is more than worth it today. Warrior Mars becomes entangled with the objective Aquarius Moon in your 2nd House of Values, prompting you to wonder why everything means so much to you now. Call it how you see it in this moment, because being honest in your reasoning moves you in the right direction.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You're likely to feel energetic and ready to roll at the beginning of the day, so get the show on the road early and ride the momentum. Strategic Mars teams up with the Moon in your innovative sign, propelling you forward at a breakneck pace. There may be challenges ahead, but there are also opportunities to speak up about an unorthodox solution that will get the job done.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



It may feel as though time is rushing on like a river today, so dive in and don't fight the currents. It is wise, however, to be wary of rocks in the rapids. You could be in for somewhat of a bumpy ride this afternoon as something surfaces from your subconscious that you didn't realize was bothering you so much. But don't be discouraged; inner turmoil can often lead you to the breakthrough you need to create positive change.

Across

1. Stigma, 5. Dings, 10. Scoff at, 14. 1 less than 10, 15. Glorify, 16. Component of urine, 17. At the peak of, 18. Practices, 20. Beginning, 22. Saliva, 23. Help, 24. Loamy deposit, 25. Worrisome, 32. Fire residues, 33. Package holidays, 34. Obtain, 37. Skidded, 38. Disney mermaid, 39. Soft drink, 40. Cool, once, 41. Slop, 42. Not rural, 43. Classing, 45. Ancient Greek marketplace, 49. Mayday, 50. Cornice, 53. Stableboy, 57. Theater, 59. Relating to aircraft, 60. Midmonth date, 61. Sad song, 62. Falls behind, 63. Stringed instrument, 64. Glacial ridge, 65. Blackthorn.

Down

1. Catch, 2. Give as an example, 3. Again, 4. Echoed, 5. Mock, 6. Former lovers, 7. Greatest possible, 8. Foot digits, 9. Smack, 10. Zest, 11. Angry, 12. Chimes, 13. Relieves, 19. Streamlets, 21. Knights, 25. Short run, 26. Small island, 27. Transport commercially, 28. Stripes, 29. Dirties, 30. Combustible substances, 31. Website address, 34. Mongolian desert, 35. Dash, 36. A tart spicy quality, 38. Hole-making tool, 39. Gems, 41. Barely enough, 42. Flying saucers, 44. Chemical cousin, 45. Utilize, 46. Flashy, 47. Not younger, 48. Lift, 51. Cypher, 52. Anagram of "Sire", 53. Large, 54. Loyal (archaic), 55. Therefore, 56. Thorny flower, 58. Both.

Yesterday's Solution



alter, beyond, bind, bitter, bleak, bronze, build, cloud, combination, diner, door, enjoyment, force, haunt, hotel, hurry, instead, jello, laugh, leader, legal, load, lounge, lout, musical, noise, paint, plant, preparation, rage, ranges, rough

