

MEC Report Lists Reasons Behind Corruption in MoMP

KABUL - The Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC) in a report has listed 'a defiant anti-corruption campaign', political interferences, foreign meddling as main reasons behind corruption vulnerabilities at the Ministry of Mining and Petroleum (MoMP). In addition, the MEC findings identify weak handling of contracts and political influence in decision making process among factors contributing to corruption in the ministry.

The MEC report says illegal mining, inadequate salaries, weak mining audit, revenue collection, illegal interference of local officials in revenue collection and their involvement in illegal mining are other problems of the ministry.

Making the report, the MEC interviewed 266 experts and evaluated 66 contracts from October 2017 till July 2018 in Kabul, Parwan, Pan-



...jshir, Balkh, Nangarhar, Badakhshah, Samangan, Herat and Kandahar provinces. ...*(More on P4)...(10)*



2 People Arrested Over Migrants Trafficking in Nimroz

ZARANJ - Two people have been detained in connection of illegal trafficking of migrants from Afghanistan to abroad in southwestern Nimroz province, officials said Tuesday.

Col. Abdul Raqib Mubariz, provincial police chief told Pajhwok Afghan News that two men who were trafficking Afghan migrants illegally from Nimroz to Pakistan and then to Iran arrested.

He said that three vehicles belonged to the traffickers also seized by police. Police stopped illegal trafficking of around 200 Afghan migrants and brought them back to Zaranj, the provincial capital, he said.

All those who planned to migrate from the country with the involvement of the two traffickers were advised not to be deceived by the traffickers, he said. Ahmad, a resident of Zaranj city said that migrants' traffickers had open movements in the city and in hotels but police did not arrest them.

"More than a thousand youths leave the country on daily basis due to problems in the country, some of them reach to their interested areas but some others are deported," he said.

An official of the refugees and repatriation department of Nimroz who wished not to be named, said, "We agree that hundreds of people leave the country through Nimroz, but the same number of refugees are deported by Iran on daily basis."

The source added that it was difficult to prevent people from migrating through Nimroz as the province had long borders ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

10 Taliban, 6 Policemen Killed in Herat Attack

HERAT - At least 10 Taliban and six policemen have been killed and eight rebels and 10 policemen wounded during a clash in western Herat province, officials said Tuesday.

Abdul Ahad Walizada, Herat police spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban militants stormed a public order police post in Zaman Abad ara of Pashtoon Zarghon district on Monday night.

He said that six policemen were killed and 10 others wounded in the attack.

Ten Taliban militants were also killed and eight others wounded in Afghan forces retaliatory action, Walizada



...added. However, the Taliban did not comment yet about the incident. *(Pajhwok)*

US Citizens Warned of Attacks in Afghanistan

KABUL - Afghanistan's National Defense and Security Forces have received the final delivery of Silvershield units from Australia, a media report said on Tuesday.

Silvershield units are vehicle-mounted systems that provide life-saving protection against radio-controlled improvised explosive devices (IED), said Defence Connect.

The units would boost the confidence of Australia's Afghan partners operating in highly dangerous situations, hoped Minister for Defence Christo-

pher Pyne. He added: "Over 15,000 Silvershield systems have now been delivered to Afghanistan for training and initial rollout, with deliveries now complete."

The Afghan forces have been provided with more than 200,000 individual and vehicle mounted Redwing systems over the past three years

The device jams radio signals that trigger the IED explosions, and has proven to be a lifesaver on the battlefield. *(Pajhwok)*

Villages Not Aware of Kabul Voting Controversy

KABUL - At the height of the controversy following the parliamentary elections in Kabul, there are people in villages far away from the capital who are unaware of the events around the election process.

When people in some villages on the outskirts of the capital heard the Independent Electoral Complaints Commission (IECC) invalidated all votes of Kabul parliamentary elections, they thought it was the end of the brawl and elections would be

held in Kabul again.

In this report, TOLONews reporter Tamim Hamid has tried to discover what people in villages think and know about the elections in the northern regions of the capital.

Abdul Habib, 42, is a farmer who lives alongside his eight-member family in a village 25 kilometers from Kabul.

Although he does not know more about the controversy following the parliamentary elections, he has expectations from parliament. "Here, ...*(More on P4)...(12)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



A solid grounding is apt to be extremely important to you today, Aries. Hearts may be broken or won, depending on how well you play your cards. Keep in mind that the slow and steady contender is most likely going to win this race. All the talk in the world will get you nowhere. Today is about quality and action.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Regardless of how much the storm seems to be raging out of control, you will be able to handle it, Taurus. Have confidence in your grounded nature. There's a reason why you take the time to address the details and carefully plan your moves. Today is one day when you will see the rewards of your diligent actions, especially in love, beauty.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Hold on to your hat, Gemini, and be ready for some action. You're coming to a critical point in your emotional cycle when your heart feels heavy. You may feel pinned down by a huge weight, like you're being sucked into quicksand. Grab a branch and pull yourself out. Rise above the current situation with the help of a lofty perspective.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



In a string of intense emotional dramas, the last thing you need is one more, Cancer. Unfortunately, it looks like you're going to get just that. Once again, an incredible romantic scenario is coming to a head, and your emotions are in turmoil. Hold still, wait for the hit, and then proceed. If you have the feeling that you're going to blow up at someone, simply walk away from the situation.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



- There's a great deal of grounding energy in your world today, Leo, which might work to smother your fire. Whatever happens, don't let the embers burn out. One of the assets you bring to the group is a strong dynamism that gives people the courage to change. Be a fighter in the ring. Remember that at the end of the day, you need only be satisfied with the performance.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Take pressing matters to the hilt today, Virgo, especially when it comes to romantic issues and emotional needs. You have all the data you need to make a valid point. You have a whole battalion of facts to back you up, so fire at will. Your feelings are strong and intense. Don't ignore them under any circumstances. Go with your gut instincts before you trust anything else.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



As you try to express your opinions today, you may have the feeling that someone is kicking sand in your face, Libra. Like a kid on the beach, you have nothing but the raw elements to use to defend yourself. Use one of your greatest gifts - the power of your mind - to combat the opposing force. Your ability to outsmart others will be your most powerful tool.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your boat is likely to be rocked today, Scorpio, to the point where you and all of your belongings could go overboard. Be prepared to swim ashore. Grounding and stability are the keys to maintaining a healthy attitude, especially when it comes to ever-fluctuating emotions. Issues regarding the home and people's possessions are likely to surface in a dramatic manner.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Calm down and get centered, Sagittarius. This is an extremely sensual day that's likely to pique your emotions. You're apt to receive input from each one of your senses, so keep these channels open and available for new information that's trying to break through. Don't be hasty. You're better off taking a reserved, receptive approach today.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Today is your day to shine in every way, Capricorn. There's a concentration of energy in your favor, so act boldly and without hesitation. Your emotions are leading the way, and your heart is barely a half a step behind. Follow these forces like the Pied Piper. Let this be the start of a wild ride on a whole new roller coaster of adventures.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

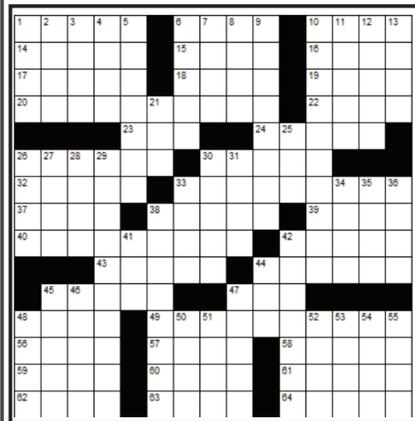


Your heart and emotions are on the same page, Aquarius, but they may not be on the page you want them to be. It could be that you're reminiscing about an event from the past. What was once a happy set of encounters now leaves you feeling like there are thorns in your side. Focus on the present and let the past become history.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Dec 12, 2018 - Let your sensual, nurturing instincts shine through, Pisces. Rely on your sixth sense. If things start to get rough, remember that you have the ability to keep your cool. Not only is this an extremely important tool but it's also essential to maintaining any sort of stability in the situation. Keep your footing at all times. Your sanity depends on it.



Across

1. A sudden forceful flow, 6. Algonquian Indian, 10. Early 20th-century art movement, 14. Whip, 15. Adult male sheep, 16. Former lovers, 17. Ancient Roman magistrate, 18. Module, 19. A lustrous fabric, 20. Tungsten ore, 22. Camp beds, 23. Gist, 24. Swelling under the skin, 26. High-pitched, screeching noise, 30. A tart fruit, 32. Hearing-related, 33. A soft quilt, 37. Jetty, 38. Egg-shaped, 39. Wings, 40. Invoice, 42. Genuflected, 43. Whiskers, 44. Votes that block a decision, 45. Amounts owed, 47. Tavern, 48. Storage cylinder, 49. Greeting, 56. Curdled soybean milk, 57. Weightlifters pump this, 58. A type of dance, 59. Norse god, 60. Pig sound, 61. Annoyed, 62. Delay or postpone, 63. Badgers, 64. Snouts,

Down

1. Distort, 2. Annul, 3. Agitate, 4. A deep wide chasm, 5. Continuing forever, 6. Fragment, 7. Hindu princess, 8. Send forth, 9. Prized, 10. Child or grandchild, 11. Adage, 12. Triangular formation, 13. Requests, 21. Arctic bird, 25. To make a fool of (archaic), 26. Exhausts, 27. Resign, 28. Component of urine, 29. Lacking wit or imagination, 30. Kings of the jungle, 31. Modify, 33. Always, 34. Margarine, 35. Welt, 36. Catches, 38. Leaving out, 41. "Dig in!", 42. Protein in hair and nails, 44. Big wine holder, 45. Thermionic tube, 46. Spritlike, 47. Berths, 48. "Cut that out!", 50. Diva's solo, 51. Not short, 52. Tropical tuber, 53. Writing fluids, 54. Curved molding, 55. Gestures of assent,

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CHAINS AVIATOR
STAMEN IDENTITE
OUT WEEPING QIN
FLAME THUS RIOT
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LOTS NAVY WILR
LANE DELL NODS
ALT CRULLER GEEE
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EMOTIVE RAISE
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