

94 Projects Completed in Logar Province

KABUL - National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD/NSP) on Sunday said that 94 uplift projects worth Afs136,961,000 completed in the districts of Baraki Barak, Charkh, Kharwar, Khoshi, Muhammad Aqha, Azra and in a number of areas related to Pul-e-Alam the center of Logar province in the presence of MRRD Minister Eng. Nasir Ahmad Durrani. According to NSP Provincial Manager in Logar province, these de-



velopment projects encompass the construction of irrigation canals 2,677 meters in length, 16 community centers, 2,233 meters of protection walls, 5,010 meters of retaining walls, 106 culverts, irrigation reservoirs, 235 meters of a community center's surrounding walls, 10 water reservoirs, micro hydro power stations, extension of a 66.5-kilometer water supply network, concreting over a 16,846-meter sidewalk, gravelling 7,000 meters of rural roads and excavation of a 761-meter underground canal (Kariz) and 176 wells ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Senior Iranian Commander Killed in Syria

TEHRAN - A 'senior commander' of Afghan group of mercenaries dispatched by the Iranian regime to Syria to fight for Bashar al-Assad has been killed in Aleppo. Tasnim News Agency said Hossein Fardaei of the Afghan Fatimiyoun Brigade was killed on December 10 in Syria. Meanwhile another state-run news agency reported that Hossein Dadahmadi from Afghanistan who was 'recently' killed in Syria will be buried in city of Kashan, state-run Fars News Agency reported. The Iranian regime's forces including members of Revolutionary Guards, Bassij and mercenary groups from Afghanistan and Pakistan have suffered many casualties while fighting for Bashar al-Assad. For the regime in Tehran, the cost of the involvement in Syria is being felt inside Iran, as many of those killed in Syria have been buried in Iran during the past two weeks. State-run 'Mashregh' daily published a poster identifying ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Leader of Turkistan Islamic Movement Killed in Afghanistan

KABUL - Leader of Turkistan Islamic Movement, Ossman Qazi, has been killed in clashes with the Taliban militants in the province of Zabul, Southern Afghanistan, Taliban said. "The body of Ossman Qazi, who had joined the ISIL and was fighting against the followers of the Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar



Mansoor, was found in Zabul province," Akhtar Mansoor faction of the Taliban tweeted on its page. Taliban released pictures of the Ossman Qazi's dead body on its ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Stoning Victim's Parents Continue to Seek Justice

KABUL - It has been two months since a group of armed men stoned an Afghan teenage girl to death, but the ordeal for her family is far from over as they accuse security institutions of not having arrested the culprits. Rukhshana, a 19-year-old girl from Ghor, was stoned to death allegedly by Taliban militants after she reportedly ran off with a man. Her family has meanwhile warned



it will commit mass suicide if something is not done soon to arrest those responsible for her death. The family says those responsible for her death are in the Feroz Koh area of the province. "If government does not come up with solid action and meet our demands for justice, I will bring the rest of my children to ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

ANSF Kill 8 ISIS Affiliates in Nangarhar Province

JALALABAD - At least eight Daesh (ISIS/ISIL) members were killed during clashes with Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) in eastern Nangarhar province. The clashes took place when ANSF attacked Daesh (ISIS) hideouts in Achin district of the province. A senior border police in the east of the country told BNA, 8 Daesh affiliates were killed during the clashes. He added, the Daesh affiliates targeted by Afghan security forces, while they were involved on terrorist and destructive activities in the district. It has been said, there were no harms among civilians and security forces following the clashes. *(Agencies)*



An Afghan woman walks past a beauty salon and dress shop in Kabul, Afghanistan, Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015. *(AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)*



An Afghan boy rides a donkey on the outskirts of Kabul on Sunday, December 13, 2015. *(AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may be annoyed if circumstances don't go your way today, requiring you to jump in and handle an unexpected crisis. Although a twist in the plot isn't normally enough to stop you in your tracks, you are ready to call off the battle now so you can catch your breath. Intuitively, you know there are many ways to measure progress and not all of them matter.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It seems as if you're spinning around in circles without getting much done today. Thankfully, you can still meet your commitments as long as you don't throw in the towel too soon. Whether you're out running errands or just working around the house, concentrate on one task at a time. You may surprise yourself with how much you finish if you make a commitment to focus.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are more than ready for the hectic pace of life to settle down today, but instead, you seem to face one irritating problem after another. Even if you can minimize the complications, your natural curiosity drives you to seek answers to an ever-growing list of questions. But your obsession for more information is an obstacle to your success. Fortunately, you can easily break this frustrating pattern once you realize.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You don't always like other people making decisions for you, but someone's interference might come as a welcome relief today. Take your cues from a trustworthy friend since he or she will steer you in the right direction. Unfortunately, your unfulfilled dreams could negatively influence your choices if you rely on your own instincts now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

It bothers you to be tied to one predetermined course of action, but you're wise enough to acknowledge when something is for your own good. Swallow your pride and play the role expected of you today, especially if you want to be known as a person who follows through on your promises. Instead of rambling on about your dreams now, get busy with the work at hand.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Everyone seems to look to you for guidance because your practical outlook is exactly what they need now. Your friends and relatives beg for your assistance because they're doing everything they can to make up for previous inefficiency. You might be in the mood to enjoy a day of rest but, nevertheless, you are still likely to help the ones you love out of a sense of obligation. There is no point in begrudgingly doing what's expected of you.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Family responsibilities may interfere with your ability to participate in other activities today, but you can do it all if you manage your time thoughtfully. You know that your loyalty to those you love trumps all the other items on your daily wish list, so you won't likely run out before you've done your duty. Just remember that approval from others isn't the only thing that matters.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Establishing a steady rhythm today enables you to accomplish much more than you ever thought possible. Adhering to a set schedule works to your advantage, even if you're planning on a day of relaxation. No matter what, don't commit to more than is feasible, for the pressure you place on yourself will make you anxious. Thankfully, others appreciate your honesty even if it's awkward at first.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You appear to be a pillar of stability today, even in the face of uncertainty and unrest. Your current determination to meet your obligations may win the admiration of your family and friends. But it's not about how hard you work; it's about your uncharacteristic practicality. You don't need to conjure up any brilliant ideas or perform with great expertise. All you must do is stick to the acknowledged agenda the best you can now.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

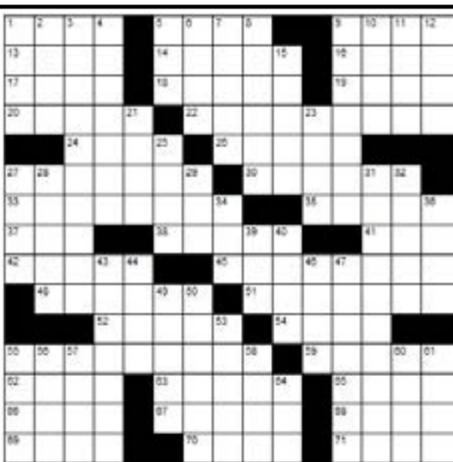
Although you may be known as the champion of responsibility, your current success comes from your skill at blending your competence with a disarming emotional vulnerability. People find you extremely approachable today and are more likely to share their feelings with you. In return, you find it easy to present your softer side without sacrificing your strength.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You might not understand all the nuances to your feelings today, but this doesn't mean that you should try to bury them. Although you're quite capable of hiding your frustrations, denying your emotions isn't a healthy strategy. It's always wise to be more conscious of your unexpressed needs before responding to any complex situation. As the anti-guru Krishnamurti proclaimed.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your assistance on an emotional cleanup team could be required today, especially if you are guilty of creating the original mess. Your recent declarations may have offended someone and now you must smooth over any feelings that were inadvertently hurt in the process. Thankfully, your determination to speak your mind with compassion sets a good example for everyone else to follow.



Across
1. Murre, 5. Yeses, 9. Sweater eater, 13. Male turkeys, 14. Triangular formation, 16. As well, 17. Vipers, 18. Enjoy, 19. Absorb written material, 20. Spiral, 22. Choosers, 24. Largest continent, 26. Egyptian peninsula, 27. Feeling, 30. Rye grass, 33. Equivocations, 35. Stars on stage, 37. Ear of corn, 38. SSSS, 41. Big fuss, 42. Small mountains, 45. Makeup, 48. Church official, 51. Any simple chemical, 52. Wall painting, 54. What we kiss with, 55. Fellow crewmembers, 59. Religious splinter groups, 62. Adriatic resort, 63. Domesticated, 65. Small slender gull, 66. Chocolate cookie, 67. Habituate, 68. Pearly-shelled mussel, 69. Withdraw gradually, 70. 3, 71. Put away.

Down
1. Salt Lake state, 2. Thorny flower, 3. Unappeasable, 4. Helps, 5. Commercials, 6. Not nays, 7. Santa's helpers, 8. Impassive, 9. Cocktail, 10. Margarine, 11. Russian emperor, 12. Boxes for bricks, 15. Stadium, 21. 13 in Roman numerals, 23. Credit or playing, 25. vera, 27. Engineering school, 28. Steer clear of, 29. N N N N, 31. Tending to vanish like vapor, 32. Burdened, 34. South southeast, 36. Classify, 39. Center of a storm, 40. Peddle, 43. Parody, 44. Pond gunk, 46. Wreaths, 47. Impulse, 49. Give a speech, 50. Floating in water, 53. Bushbaby, 55. Not fast, 56. Employ, 57. Notion, 58. Arid, 60. Threesome, 61. Winter precipitation, 64. Former North African ruler.

Yesterday's Solution

affable, atonement, audible, bean, beet, blame, breath, butter, curl, dense, dram, dream, elect, elementary, evening, factory, figure, fumble, hens, hire, lead, lenient, meekly, moon, offices, peace, profound, reckon, regret, salary, sleep.

LENIENT STRESS
FIGURE BTEEBPW
AFFABLE TVLREI
THINERTSEEEAF
OIBOGUEANMACT
NRPEBCDLIETET
EERTIBEANNHFM
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