

# Number of Girls Increases in Nangarhar Schools

JALALABAD - Figures by the education directorate of Nangarhar show that the number of girls in Nangarhar schools has increased by 10 percent this year.

Hasibullah Shinwari, head of Nangarhar education department, said their assessments show that currently 250,000 girls are attending schools in the province.

"Around 800,000 students go to schools in Nangarhar, of whom 250,000 are girls which make 30 percent of the students. This year, the number of girls who attend schools has increased by 10 percent," said Shinwari.



A number of schoolgirls said that currently families are applying less limits on girls... (More on P4)... (10)

## Hockey Series Open: Afghans Suffer 3rd Defeat in a Row

KABUL - Afghanistan have suffered their third defeat in a row in a match of the Hockey Series Open at the National Stadium in Lahore, organisers said.

Nepal came out off the blocks quickly and went ahead within three minutes to take lead over Afghanistan, with Roman Rana scoring a goal with a reverse flat push from the top of the circle.

The second and third goals resulted from penalty corners, with Sagar Acharya flicking high into the nets. In the last quarter, the fourth was scored by Rajendra Karki, who received a good pass, beat the advancing goalkeeper and pushed the ball into the nets.

Afghanistan earned three of their four penalty corners in dying moments of the game, but failed to convert them into goals. Gaps were visible in the defence of the Afghans, who have lost their previous matches to Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. (Pajhwok)



## Works Minister Satisfies MP's on Budget Spending



KABUL - Public Works Minister Yama Yari on Saturday convinced Wolesi Jirga or lower house members about his ministry's budget spending during the outgoing fiscal year. The Wolesi Jirga on December 17 decided to summon ministers of public works, justice, counternarcotics, transport and telecommunications and IT for spending less than 70 percent of their development budget in 1396 fiscal year. Yama Yari, who received the vote of confidence from the Wolesi Jirga last year in December appeared before the lawmakers today. ... (More on P4)... (11)

## Interest In Islamic Banking 'Growing In Afghanistan'



KABUL - Officials from Kabul-based banks - which provide Islamic banking services - said the number of their customers who are willing to be provided Islamic banking services is growing and that this makes them optimistic to further develop the sector in Afghanistan.

"The number of our customers has increased and the amount of their deposits have also increased. I am optimistic in this regard," said Saleem Rahimi, Marketing Officer in the Islamic Bank of Afghanistan (IBA). Officials from Afghanistan Banks Association said many banks in the country are prepared to offer Islamic banking services. ... (More on P4)... (12)

### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB)

For

#### Construction of Diversion Tunnel of Farah' Bakhshabad Dam

IFB No: NPA/MEW/97/W-2350/ICB

National Procurement Authority (NPA) on behalf of Ministry of Energy and Water invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Construction of Diversion Tunnel of Farah' Bakhshabad Dam**, IFB No: NPA/MEW/97/W-2350/ICB.

Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the Afghanistan procurement law and Procedure, and are open to all bidders from Eligible Sources/Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.

Interested eligible bidders may download bid document in English version from NPA Website: [www.npa.gov.af](http://www.npa.gov.af) or obtain by email from address: [shekiba.hajizada@aop.gov.af](mailto:shekiba.hajizada@aop.gov.af) copy to: [Zabihulrahman.Rahmani@aop.gov.af](mailto:Zabihulrahman.Rahmani@aop.gov.af), [naweed\\_kochay@yahoo.com](mailto:naweed_kochay@yahoo.com), [ramin.noori123@gmail.com](mailto:ramin.noori123@gmail.com) or receive by flash memory at the address given below from 08:00 AM to 04:00 PM on any working day from Saturday to Wednesday. On Thursday from 08:00 AM to 03:00 PM.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security (Bank Guarantee) mentioned as below in USD or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency

Bid Security (USD) or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.	Valid as per below
500,000 USD	28 Days Beyond Bid Validity Period ( June 30, 2019)

A pre-bid Meeting will be held on **January 9, 2019, 10.00 AM (Local Time)** at below Address:

Address: MEW, Procurement Directorate 4floor, Darul Aman Road, Kabul

Attention: Mr. Ramin Noori

Email: [ramin.noori123@gmail.com](mailto:ramin.noori123@gmail.com),

Telephone: 0749569070

Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **10.00 AM (local time) on 1397/11/13 – February 2, 2019**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids are not being opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person.

The address referred to above is:

Address: **Administrative Office of the President, National Procurement Authority (NPA), NPA Building, 1<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pashtunistan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan**

Attention: **Shekiba Hajizada, Procurement Specialist**

Email: [Shekiba.hajizada@aop.gov.af](mailto:Shekiba.hajizada@aop.gov.af)

Telephone: **+93-020-2147557 or +93-0791045627**

## Outlook Horoscope

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



Be careful about the way your words come across to others, Aries. You might not realize how much other people's feelings are affected until it's too late. Consider backing off for a while and taking a break from your normal performance. Practice your lines at home. You may be in a bit of a funk, but the good news is that you will snap out of it very soon.

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



Initiate a deep, meaningful conversation with someone you've lost touch with, Taurus. It could be that a long and ugly point of contention is on the brink of resolution. All you need to do is make the first move. There's a great deal of heart-felt, loving energy in the air that will help you foster a sensitive, tender approach. Find a connection with

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your transmission may be stuck in reverse today, Gemini. This doesn't mean you can't be productive. You may need to change your approach. Carefully assess a situation before you proceed. Someone may be trying to cross you. Be smart about your rebuttal. Head-on combat isn't the best approach. Try reasoning. You may discover that there are pieces of the puzzle you didn't know about.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Things should go well for you today, Cancer. There's an added serenity in the air that will help calm your nerves. There's no need to make things more complicated than necessary. The answers to things are actually quite simple. Everything you want is probably right at your fingertips. You don't need to go far to find what you seek.

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



It might seem like someone has dumped a bucket of water on your head today, Leo. It seems like your fire is out to get you, Virgo, but more than likely this paranoia is a figment of your imagination. Don't get carried away with crazy scenarios that have no basis in reality. People may be acting irrationally, so don't be surprised if reason and logic are nowhere to be found.

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



Tension may run high today as things come to a great emotional climax. It might seem as if everyone is out to get you, Virgo, but more than likely this paranoia is a figment of your imagination. Don't get carried away with crazy scenarios that have no basis in reality. People may be acting irrationally, so don't be surprised if reason and logic are nowhere to be found.

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



More than likely you will be caught up in a wildly intense emotional drama if you aren't careful, Libra. Try to stay calm and collected. Find a quiet, solitary place where you can relax. Your energy is there, but it may be more reserved and subtle on a day like this. Be the stable oasis in the raging turmoil. Make peace with the people around you.

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



You will find strength in your inner reserves today, Scorpio. Don't hesitate to let your deepest thoughts shine through. Keep your antenna up. You will find that there's an electricity in the air that keeps people's emotions at peak level. Follow your instincts and keep in mind that this is probably your best defense against the challenges of the day. Rational thinking is overrated.

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



You may feel a bit sluggish today, Sagittarius. Your warrior spirit would rather stay home on the couch than get up and fight. This is fine. You may simply need a break from your quest for world domination. Remember that a good leader also takes the time to sit back and reflect on recent events in order to make better plans for the future.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your sensitivity is strong today, Capricorn. You will find that your perception of situations is right on target with the truth of the matter. Keep in mind that in order to be successful, you won't need to strong-arm anyone into doing what you want. More than likely you will be able to accomplish more just by tuning in to your receptive, gentle nature.

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

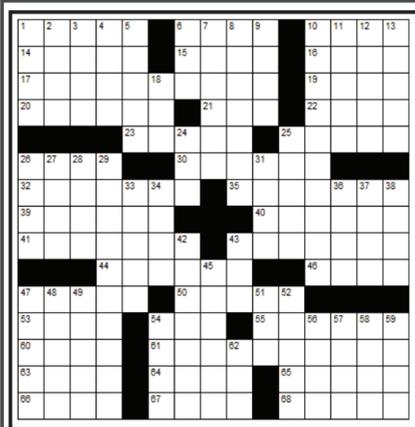


You may feel a bit confused today. It might seem as if the wind has suddenly been taken out of your sails. Don't get discouraged by the slow weightiness of the day. Take the opportunity to relax and recharge your batteries. Do a bit of inward reflection as opposed to outward movement. The most valuable lesson to learn is patience. Remind yourself of this throughout the day.

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



Today is an excellent day for you, Pisces. You will be a welcome addition to any crowd. Your delightful nature is at its most active. You have the unique capability to be aggressive about getting what you want without disturbing the flow of the energy around you. People respect and honor your sensitive, nurturing qualities. This will win the game for you.



### Across

1. Vomits, 6. Copied, 10. Drift, 14. Eskimo, 15. Malleable, 16. Small island, 17. Self-assurance, 19. Blacken, 20. Diner, 21. Pelt, 22. Lock openers, 23. Clairvoyants, 25. Feel, 26. Backside, 30. Palpebra, 32. Plunder, 35. Packing material, 39. "Stick" of frozen water, 40. An unnaturally frenzied woman, 41. Particulars, 43. Letter, 44. Rapids, 46. Observed, 47. Boxes lightly, 50. alia, 53. Wise men, 54. And so forth, 55. Small chin beard, 60. Iridescent gem, 61. Exhaustively, 63. A dog wags one, 64. Relating to aircraft, 65. Alcoholic, 66. Feudal worker, 67. Tall woody plant, 68. Incited,

### Down

1. A pale blue pigment, 2. Dwarf buffalo, 3. Litter's littlest, 4. A small high-pitched flute, 5. Mixes, 6. Reverence, 7. Fry in a pan, 8. Exempted, 9. One who colors cloth, 10. Evil, 11. Pale with fright, 12. Pares, 13. Brusque, 18. Coloring agent, 24. Startled cry, 25. Egyptian peninsula, 26. Dry, 27. Dash, 28. Hissy fit, 29. Squadron, 31. Chunk, 33. Assumed name, 34. Mobile phone, 36. Initial wager, 37. Storm, 38. Biblical garden, 42. Slide, 43. Eastern Standard Time, 45. French for "Again", 47. Clobbered, 48. Daddies, 49. Encore, 51. Conceit, 52. Awaken, 54. French for "State", 56. Aquiver, 57. Goon, 58. If not, 59. Gave the once-over, 62. Caviar,

### Yesterday's Solution

BARFIS APED WAFT  
TNUIT WAXY TISLE  
GONFIDENCE GHAR  
EATERY FUR KEYS  
ARISE EYETID  
RANSACK DUNNAGE  
ICICLE MAENAD  
DETAILED EPITISLE  
GALLIES SEEN  
SPARS INTER  
MAGI ETC GOATEE  
SPLA THOROUGHLY  
TAIL AERD SOUSE  
ESNE TREE EGGED  
attack, badger, battle  
beach, cavern, defer  
devastate, energy  
gesture, govern  
graduate, group, ladder  
lemon, locket, lover  
merge, music, perfor-  
mance, please, pouch  
power, preach rascal

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