

# State Land in Nangarhar to be Retaken

JALALABAD - At least 3,000 acres of land close to the irrigation department in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, is occupied by grabbers, officials said on Tuesday.

Senior officials and other influential elements have been involved in occupying the state land. Eng. Ziarat Gul Rahil, director of irrigation, ac-



knowledgeed thousands of acres of government property had been occupied. But the authorities have been unable to vacate the land. "We have made repeated attempts to evict the grabbers but could not succeed," he said.

He asked the central government to direct the authorities concerned to help retake the land. Calling the occupation

of state land a major issue, provincial council members also demanded the government adopt a strict policy against usurpers.

Dr. Nasir Kamawal, deputy head of the provincial council, regretted government-owned land was being occupied on a daily basis. An effective plan was needed to prosecute the perpetrators, he believed. (Pajhwok)

## Land Dispute Leaves 2 Dead, 5 Injured

PUL-I-ALAM - Two people were killed and five others wounded during a clash in the Baraki Barak district of central Logar province on Tuesday, an official said.

The clash was triggered by a land dispute between nomadic Kuchis and residents of Khaki desert early in the morn-

ing, the district's administrative head said.

Eng. Mohammad Rahim told Pajhwok Afghan News that police had reached the area to end the fire exchange. He accused the Kuchis of encroaching on the land. Local tribal elder Haji Bismillah said one villager ... (More on P4)...(17)

## Boy Failed in School Exams Commits Suicide

HERAT - A 15-year-old boy has allegedly killed himself after failing school exams in western province of Herat, local officials said on Tuesday. The incident took place in Naw Abad locality of City Herat when Ghulam Yahya, student of seventh class, was found hanging in his room, said Abdul Rauf

Ahmad, a spokesman for Herat Police Chief. "After he was found hanging in his room, his parents took him to the hospital but unfortunately he died there," Ahmad said. He added the initial police investigations showed that the boy committed suicide because of failing final exams. (Tolonews)

## Women to Benefit from Agriculture Programme



MAIMANA - With the distribution of refined seeds and special tents for cultivating vegetables in the winter season, up to 3,000 women in northern Faryab province would benefit from the programme, officials said.

Director of Agriculture Asadullah Bahar told Pajhwok Afghan News the department distributed refined seeds of different vegetables along with plastic and grill among 50 women to establish tent farms.

to, eggplant, turnip, and other vegetables would be cultivated.

Nilofar expressed optimism that 3,000 women would benefit from these farms and would receive more agro related aid in the next step.

Fauzia, a resident of Maimana City, said that in the last seven months she could sell vegetables to her neighbors and in the market. They could

also use the byproducts like tomato sauce and sell it in the market, she added.

She said they were eleven members in her family and after the programme her financial situation had improved manifold.

Out of the 67 women who get training, at least 15 of them would be selected to attend seminars and then lead the farms. These ... (More on P4)...(14)

## 7 Militants Killed in Separate Military Raids

KABUL - At least seven insurgents were killed including two foreign nationals in separate military operations during the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said in a statement on Tuesday.

The Afghan National Army (ANA) forces conducted the operations in northern Kapisa and western Nimroz provinces where one ANA soldier was also killed in the raid, the statement noted. It added eight other in-

surgenents were also injured in the incident. According to MoD, the forces seized some weapons of insurgents and also defused 49 landmines.

The Taliban, however, have not yet commented in this regard.

These operations were conducted as the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) are going to assume the security responsibility of the entire country from January 1, 2015. (Tolonews)

GHAZNI CITY - A security operation wrapped up in the Andar district of southern Ghazni province following the killing of nine insurgents, as a separate search operation was launched in the Ab Band town on Tuesday, a military official said.

Nazifullah Sultani, the 203rd Thunder Military Corps third battalion spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News nine insurgents were killed

## Despite Iranian Curbs, Nimroz Revenue up

ZARANJ - The revenue of western Nimroz province has significantly increased, but officials on Monday complained the Iranian government had banned the entry of some transit trucks coming to the port.

Customs Director Wais Sultani told Pajhwok Afghan News his department was established two years ago with little facilities but efforts were being made to upgrade it to modern standards.

He said eight warehouses were built on 18 acres of land and 29,000 square metres land was concreted by the World Bank (WB) at a cost of \$2 millions. The merchandise, he said, was not kept in the open.

He said one of the facilities created was process-



ing imported goods in one day while at other ports the process took three days. Computerisation of the systems and installation of laboratories are other improvements.

Sultani hoped with the installation of a weight bridge the revenue of the customs department would further soar.

About 50 percent of imports, including fuel, fertilisers, plaster, cement, iron girder, food items

and dairy products, from Iran come through Nimroz.

The director complained the Iranian government had banned the transit trucks coming to the province. He said they had the capacity to allow 220 transit trucks per day to enter Nimroz but the Iranian authorities allowed only 150.

If more trucks are allowed, there would be a boost in the revenue. Last ... (More on P4)...(15)

## 9 Rebels Killed in Andar Offensive



and 11 others wounded as a result of the Operation Qudrat (dominion) in Andar, where most of areas were secured from possible threats.

He said the joint offensive came to a close a day earlier. It was carried out in Seydwal, Rahimkhel, Rashidkhel, Sultan Bagh, ... (More on P4)...(16)

## 7 Militants Killed in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - A would-be suicide bomber was among seven militants killed during separate incidents in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Maj. Hazrat Hussain Mashraqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place a number of Taliban including some commanders were killed when the bomb they were making exploded prematurely in Pachigram district. A would-

be suicide bomber was killed by police in Khogyani district in the morning, Mashraqiwal said. The attacker was driving an explosives-laden Mazda and planned to target a post of Afghan Local Police (ALP). He was gunned down by police before he could reach his target. Mohammad Takal, a local resident, confirmed the rebel was killed and the area cordoned off by police for a while. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You're often the one who waits until the absolute last minute and then squeaks in under the deadline.

But every moment counts now so make a concentrated effort to find your stride early in the day. The sooner you begin a project today, the longer you can sustain a high level of productivity.

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

You're so eager to finalize the planning for an upcoming adventure that you could create problems later on by rushing the process today. Fortunately, there aren't many limits on what is possible if you are methodical in your research prior to initiating action. There's no need to fear big thinking as long as you keep bringing your ideas down to earth.

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

You are very determined to get to the source of a feeling that has shaped your desires for a while.

But this compulsion is no lighthearted passing whim; you're committed to understanding your psyche no matter how long it takes. Although you could be motivated by irrational drives today, there's no reason to let go of anything that adds meaning to your life.

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

Your boss may be critical of your easygoing attitude at work today.

However, you're wise to listen to what you're told, even if you're tempted to ignore the advice.

Learning a lesson from someone who is a harsh taskmaster can be challenging because you might want to withdraw and avoid what feels like a personal attack.

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

Although you're tempted to escape into a lovely dreamworld now, you need to be more focused than ever when it comes to your work. Your unrestrained fantasies fuel your confidence, but they also act as distractions from the serious tasks at hand. You might not want to pay attention to so many details today, but overcoming your own resistance is the first step toward achieving your goals in the weeks ahead.

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

Establishing a methodical work pace is crucial now, for uneven progress sets you up for failure. Luckily, your perceptions are extremely sharp and you are able to accurately estimate the time and resources required to finish a task. Prioritizing your goals is a good place to start today. Once you have a practical strategy in mind, forge ahead with all the determination you can muster.

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

It feels uncommonly good to be so certain about your goals today. You have a strong sense of purpose and you know what needs to be done next. Luckily, encountering a minor setback or two won't prevent you from reaching your destination. Still, you must tread carefully or an emotional melodrama might lure you off your path. Avoid complex strategies; the simpler your plan now, the more you can trust your intuition.

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

Your ideas can be so outrageous now that it's impossible to tell if they are grounded in any semblance of reality.

Nevertheless, it's essential to distinguish between what is real and what is not. Set aside any unattainable goals so you can accomplish something tangible that has lasting value.

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

Applying the proper amount of control may be tricky business today, but overmanaging a situation could lead to an emotional quagmire. Taking a back seat now motivates others to play a more significant role in the decision-making process. Allowing your coworkers to share leadership responsibilities can make tough obstacles easier to overcome in the days ahead.

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

Nothing is simple today with five planets crowded into your conscientious sign. You can feel the weight of the world sitting squarely on your shoulders and you're growing weary of supporting everyone around you. The good news is you don't have to accept the authoritative role that's being placed on you now. Demonstrate your wisdom by encouraging others to discover their own paths to success.

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

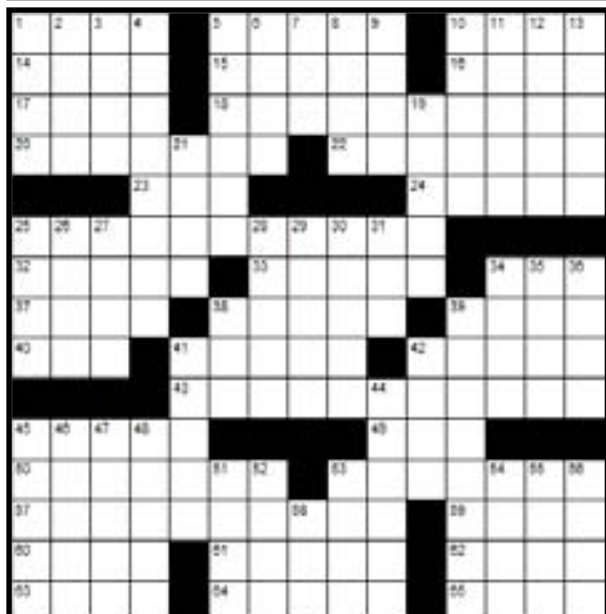
Your most memorable dreams are steering you toward practical solutions today as the pragmatic Capricorn Moon visits your 12th House of Imagination, bringing your fantasies down to earth.

But clinging to old assumptions could stand between you and any future success you might envision.

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

You long to dream about the distant horizon while the Moon moves through your 11th House of Long-Term Goals.

But there's no time now to relax and let your imagination take you on a magic carpet ride. Instead, be proactive and rebuild your life one concrete step at a time. Planning is only useful as long as you are willing to get to work right away.



**Across**

1. Hard punch, 5. Great fear, 10. British title, 14. Old stories, 15. A shoulder firearm, 16. Holly, 17. A Freudian stage, 18. Unmanly, 20. Vixen, 22. Physical, 23. Skirt's edge, 24. Iron, 25. Not accidental, 32. Unit of weight for gems, 33. Sidekick, 34. Gorilla, 37. Gave the once-over, 38. Prevaricators, 39. Render unconscious, 40. South southeast, 41. Verse writers, 42. A grasp of something, 43. Road illumination, 45. Demolish, 49. Unhappy, 50. It points north, 53. Spray can, 57. Obese, 59. Be dressed in, 60. Satisfactory, 61. Chills and fever, 62. Border, 63. Celebration, 64. Verse, 65. Beams

**Down**

1. Ho-hum, 2. Solitary, 3. By mouth, 4. A structure built over a well, 5. Imagined, 6. Break in friendly relations, 7. F. 8. Beers, 9. Audition tape, 10. Kuwaiti monetary unit, 11. Winged, 12. Anagram of "Smite", 13. Administrators, 19. Suggest 21. 1/100th of a dollar, 25. Frosts, 26. Negatives, 27. Tall woody plant, 28. Less friendly, 29. Give a speech, 30. Like the Vikings, 31. Autonomic nervous system, 34. "Smallest" particle, 35. A mixture of cellulose fibers, 36. Terminates, 38. A parcel of land, 39. Tail 41. "Hogwash!", 42. Winglike, 44. Sleeping sickness carrier, 45. Speak derisively, 46. Film, 47. Catkin, 48. Binge, 51. Char, 52. Audible exhale, 53. Throat-clearing sound, 54. Fizzy drink, 55. Unrestrained revelry, 56. Dregs

**Yesterday's Solution**

affair, alternate, array, author, avenue, better, chase, create, enjoy, entry, excellent, flourish, handle, inspire, level, modern, phenomenal, previous, retail, rile, sees, sequel, series, slot, stories, tales, threat, thrown, worth, writer, years

