

Cricket Stadium worth 62m Afs Inaugurated in Khost

KHOST CITY - A cricket stadium worth 62 million afghanis was inaugurated in the capital of southeastern Khost province on Friday. Addressing the inaugural ceremony, attended by thousands of people, the provincial governor said the stadium was built over 12.5 acres of land in a year and a half. Hukam Khan said the German government funded the stadium, with capacity for 5,000 people. He called for expanding the facility and construction of a mosque and a car park.



The participation of a large number of people in opening ceremony was reflective of a stable security environment in Khost City, he said, adding the war-weary people wanted prosperity. Atif Mashal, the Afghanistan Cricket Board chief, promised all possible efforts to expand the stadium and ensure elemental facilities for players. Following the inaugural event, the Afghan national squad played a friendly match against the U-19 team. The encounter was watched by thousands of spectators. (Pajhwok)

Deport Nilofar ASAP, Obama Admin Urged

KABUL - The Obama administration has been urged to deport Captain Nilofar Rahmani, the first fixed-wing Afghan woman pilot who has sought asylum in the United States. The call came in an open letter to President Barack Obama from a group of Afghan activists, who insisted the female pilot did not face any apparent threat in her home country. The White Assembly's Research Team said in the letter that Rahmani did not face any form of threats in Afghanistan, where she enjoyed appropriate security measures. The letter adds: "There are no threats or impediments to pilot discharging her duties safely in ... (More on P4)...(16)

Army Officer Among 4 Dead in Logar Accident

PUL-I-ALAM - An army officer was among four passengers killed and 10 others wounded in an accident in central Logar province on Thursday, an official said. A ranger pick-up vehicle of the Afghan National Army (ANA) collided with two vehicles in a hid village of Mohamad Agha district at around 11am, the district chief told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said four passengers, including a woman, and an ANA lieutenant, were killed and three soldiers were among 10 others ... (More on P4)...(17)

Afghan Refugees Turn to Prostitution Facing an Uncertain Fate in Greece

KABUL - Distressing reports have emerged regarding the uncertain fate of the Afghan migrants in Greece amid uncertain fate forcing the young Afghan refugees to turn to prostitution due to an uncertain fate as hundreds are stranded in eastern European countries. According to the reports, minor Afghan migrants find themselves caught up in illegal trades, including drugs, human trafficking and, most frequently, prostitution as efforts by the NGOs fail to resolve the issues of the ... (More on P4)...(18)

9 Men Gang Rape 15-Year-Old Girl

TALOQAN - Police on Thursday said they had arrested two suspects in connection with gang rape of a 15-year-old girl in northeastern Takhar province. Provincial police chief Brig. Gen. Noor Mohammad Hakimi told Pajhwok Afghan News the victim girl was a resident of northern Kunduz province. The girl had been brought to Takhar province three months ago and she wore men's dresses. "Police were aware of the matter and were searching ... (More on P4)...(14)

Naswar Sales on the Rise and So are Associated Hazards

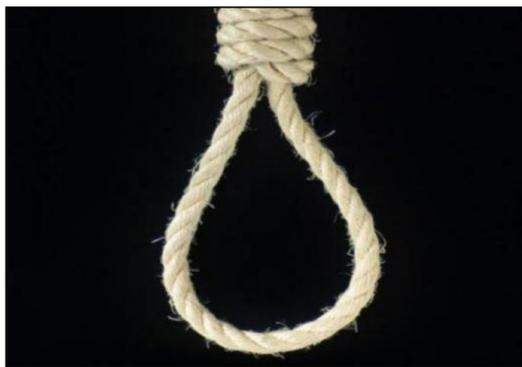
HERAT CITY - The use of powdered tobacco snuff, which causes gum cancer, is on the rise in western Herat province, an official said on Thursday. Ghulam Ghaus, 70, a resident of the provincial capital, has been addicted to and making the drug, locally known as naswar, over the past 20 years. ... (More on P4)...(19)

Police, Militants Suffer Casualties in Farah Firefight

FARAH CITY - Policemen and militants have suffered casualties during a clash in the Pushtrod district of western Farah province, local officials said on Friday. The casualties occurred at on Thursday night when a large number of Taliban stormed a police checkpoint in the Masawo Square area of the district. Mohammad Nasir Mehar, the governor's spokesman, ... (More on P4)...(20)

14 People Commit Suicide in 9 Months in Herat

HERAT CITY - Fourteen people, half of them women, committed suicide during the past nine months, registering a 50 percent increase, Zonal Hospital officials in western Herat province said on Thursday. Herat Zonal Hospital spokesman Mohammad Rafiq Sherzai told Pajhwok Afghan News the 14 people had hanged themselves to death in Herat in the past nine months of the current year compared to last year's seven of such cases in 10 months. He said statistics showed 50



percent increase in suicide cases compared to last year's cases. "Seven of those committing suicide were women and the seven others were men," Sherzai added. Residents of Herat city blame the extreme step on absence of job opportunities and family disputes. Wais Ahmadi, a resident, said, "Unfortunately our government is not concerned about the youth and joblessness is the reason that people commit suicide." Another resident said mostly uneducated and psychologically affected youth committed suicide. He said the government should make a ... (More on P4)...(15)

Taliban Destroying Bridges in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - Taliban militants have blown up another bridge, seventh, with explosives on the Helmand-Kandahar highway that remained blocked for a fourth day on Thursday, an official said. Afghan National Army's 215 Maiwand Military Corps spokesman Cap. Ahmad Shkil Tasal told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban blew up a newly-inaugurated bridge in Shandak Manda area of Greshk district on Wednesday. The same day, he said, another bridge was blown up in Wazir Manda area



by the Taliban. Security forces were in contact with the Public Works Department to reconstruct the destroyed bridge, but no practical action had so far taken, he said. Tasal said security problems had decreased and militants used to plant ... (More on P4)...(21)

3 Rebels Dead, 7 Wounded in Nangarhar Drone Strike

JALALABAD - Three Taliban militants have been killed and seven others wounded in a US drone strike in the Chaparhar district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Thursday. Nangarhar police spokesman Col. Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News the drone strike happened in the Gandi-Bagh area of the district on Wednesday night. Civilians suffered no casualties in the attack. Meanwhile, a notorious Taliban



commander was arrested during a joint operation by police and Afghan National Army (ANA) on the outskirts of the fourth police district of Jalalabad. Mashriqiwal said the detainee was ... (More on P4)...(22)

2 Afghan Migrants Killed in Serbia Car Crash

KABUL - Two Afghan migrants have been killed and 10 injured in a car crash on a highway in central Serbia, police said on Thursday. The crash occurred early Thursday near the town of Nis when the car crammed with the migrants hit a protective barrier on the highway. A suspected people smuggler who drove the car fled the scene of the crash. State TV quoted doctors from the emergency hospital in Nis as saying that the injured migrants included five children. Doctors said most of the injuries were severe and that one of the patients had to have both legs amputated. Thousands of migrants are stranded in Serbia looking for ways to reach EU countries which have sought to curb the influx. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Bizarre insights float in and out of your consciousness today and you're unsure what to make of it all. But there's no time to spend wondering what's going on while the practical Capricorn Moon is encouraging you to get to work, no questions asked. Although you might be eagerly looking forward to a more social weekend, you don't have the mental broadband yet to think about frivolous activities.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

There is a whimsical energy in the air today, and you might find yourself noticing quirky and unusual beauty in unlikely places. In the background of your imagination, you wonder if these happenings are divinely orchestrated or just the results of coincidence. Nevertheless, in your present reality, it's another day with unfinished tasks to complete.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

The universe is displaying its ironic sense of humor as it sprinkles strange incidents throughout the daily grind. Unexpected events seem too unlikely to be real and send you into fits of giggles. Enjoy these little nods from another dimension, but make sure you get your work done before you clock out for the weekend. Taking time to do nothing often brings everything into perspective.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

The impending New Year excitement is starkly contrasted by your obligatory daily tasks today. The dedicated Capricorn Moon anchors you to earth while ethereal influences waft through like scents on a breeze, tempting you to abandon your work to chase unicorns wherever they may lead. In fact, you might need to put on blinders so you can concentrate on your responsibilities.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

There's plenty to keep you busy today as your to-do list is fully populated with chores to complete. However, surreal Neptune enchants the noble Sun in your 6th House of Work, distracting you with fantastical daydreams. Luckily, the lingering monotony is no match for the mental meanderings that inspire your reveries as the day unfolds.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

It's business as usual today, although your brain may be a little jumbled. However, something in that tangle of thoughts flashes like a shiny coin on a dirty sidewalk. Whether it's the sudden glimmer of insight, a bright idea or just a particularly witty quip, moments like this seem to dot the landscape now. Make sure you finish your chores in a timely fashion so you're ready to move on to manifesting the next inspiration.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're longing to get out of the house and have a fun weekend, but there are affairs that must be tended to at home before you can escape with a clear conscience. Luckily, you may be in for a magical time but you can't be certain about where the current energy will take you when the Moon shifts into rebellious Aquarius, lighting up your 5th House of Romance like a disco ball.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

All you want is to get your work done today, but your thoughts seem difficult to articulate. There's also some brain fog to contend with as the willful Sun is watered down by misty Neptune. Fortunately, the weighty responsibilities of recent days are alleviated as the weekend's social events grow near.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your phone may buzz with invites from friends, but uncharacteristically you're not interested in anything beyond fulfilling your commitments now. Your brand of productivity and ambition is admirable, but there's also an exciting sense that something is different. The Moon's shift into your 3rd House of Distractions takes your mind off of work, freeing you to pursue more pleasurable activities.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

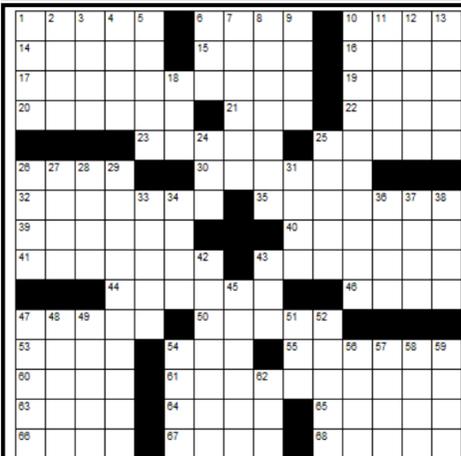
You are basking in your element today; there are so many things to do and you are methodically powering through them one at a time. Your spirits are high while the Moon is traveling in your sign, and even though distractions vie for your attention, you're single-mindedly focused on achieving your goals. Fortunately, you get a little break from work once the Moon shifts into Aquarius.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Envisioning the wonderful outcome from your ongoing commitment to your job is what consistently renews your drive to keep doing your very best. Unfortunately, some off-the-wall distractions may cause your thoughts to stray. Avoid making any financial decisions because the numbers don't seem as important as your desires now. Nevertheless, if you delay the need for exacting analysis.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You've been pushing hard and you're ready for a break today. You might find your mind wandering through strange dreamscapes sporadically during the day, thanks to an otherworldly interaction between trickster Mercury and artful Venus. Don't give up the pursuit of your goals because you're likely much closer to satisfaction than you realize. Keep your eye on the prize and your heart in the game.



Across
1. Ritual, 6. Sleep in a convenient place, 10. A temple (archaic), 14. Pee, 15. Iridescent gem, 16. Nile bird, 17. Profit oriented, 19. Catches, 20. Highly seasoned fatty sausage, 21. Abet, 22. Delight, 23. Tablet, 25. Ales, 26. Shocked reaction, 30. Bleep out, 32. Urge, 35. Total weight in tons, 39. A small skullcap, 40. The one who was attired in, 41. Inveigled, 43. Helps, 44. A short stretch of railroad track, 46. "___ we forget", 47. Battle, 50. Suite, 53. As just mentioned, 54. Damp, 55. Hard glossy coating, 60. Connects two points, 61. Devotee, 63. Natural satellite, 64. Cassava, 65. Contests, 66. Immediately, 67. Killed, 68. Tilt.

Down
1. Monotonous sounds, 2. District, 3. Engage in logrolling, 4. Ancient Peruvian, 5. League members, 6. Point, 7. Narcotic, 8. Prominent, 9. Toboggan, 10. Nail at the end of a finger, 11. Poplar tree, 12. Fertilizer ingredient, 13. SSSS, 18. Zero, 24. Card with one symbol, 25. Parts of a skeleton, 26. Scoff at, 27. So be it, 28. Petty quarrel, 29. Penetration, 31. Scatters seeds, 33. Allowed, 34. Sow, 36. Backside, 37. Obtains, 38. At one time (archaic), 42. Frightening, 43. Yore, 45. Become aware, 47. Movies, 48. Dimwit, 49. Columbus's birthplace, 51. Japanese apricot, 52. Kisses, 54. Methods, 56. A Freudian stage, 57. Mother, 58. Biblical garden, 59. Misplaced, 62. Bird call.

Yesterday's Solution
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