

Projects worth \$5m to be Launched in Paktika Next Solar Year

SHARANA - As many as 300 different projects would be carried out at a cost of \$5 million in southeastern Paktika province next Afghan year, which begins on March 22, the provincial rural development director said on Monday. NajibullahMujahid told Pajhwok Afghan News during an interview that the projects would be implemented under the National Solidarity Programme (NSP) in Sharana, the provincial capital, and a number of districts through local councils and in cooperation with residents. It merits a mention here that projects have been halted in Paktika



under the NSP over the past few years for unknown reasons. But Mujahid said 300 projects, including bridges, retaining walls, drinking water schemes, playgrounds, pavement of streets and others would be launched under the NSP next solar year in the province. "The implementation of these projects will resolve problems of many people and the government is trying to launch several other projects in Paktika," the official said. But residents said Paktika was deprived of its due share in NSP projects and the new projects under the programme ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Syedabad Mosque Shelling: Sobs & Shock Persist

MAIDAN SHAHAR - Two months after the shelling of a mosque in Syedabad attack by Afghan troops, affected residents remain in a state of shock and demand harsh punishments for the killers of civilians. On Dec. 4, nine people -- most of them children -- were killed when a mortar shell fired by Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers hit a mosque in the Otarayo of central Maidan Wardak province. The victims were aged between 9 and 22 years. Haji Mohammad Gul, who lost a son and three grandsons to the shelling, called the children "newly sprouted roses" that withered on the fateful day. Sobs choked his voice as Gul spoke of the innocent children killed in the ANA shelling. He slammed the incident as a barbarian act, a horrible dream that would always remain etched on his memory. "I was 30 ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Zaranj Bakeries Closed in Protest Against Bread Imports

ZARANJ CITY - More than 200 bakeries have been closed in Zaranj city, the capital of western Nimroz province, after a huge amount of bread was imported from neighbouring Iran to the city. Mohammad Nazar, one of the protesting owners of a bakery in Zaranj, said that hundred breads had been imported from Zabol city of Iran to Nimroz, badly harming their business. He told Pajhwok Afghan News they could not earn enough to even pay salaries to bakery workers and pay rent of the shop after the huge imports. "All bakery owners have decided to close shops in protest and we would continue



our protest until our problem is resolved," he said. MohammadNabi, who imports bread from Iran, said they had more customers because they provided the food on low price. He said the bread they imported from Iran was 1,250

grams and sold for 30 afghanis while 800 grams of the bread baked in Zaranj city was sold for 40 afghanis. Najibullah, a resident of Zaranj city, said the government was silent over closing bakeries by owners. ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

2 Kabul Roads Inaugurated after Reconstruction

KABUL - Reconstruction work on two roads in Kart-i-Seh and Kart-i-Char areas of capital Kabul has been completed and the roads were inaugurated on Monday. Kabul acting mayor Mohammad AslamAkrami said the 5 and 3 kilometers roads took 22 months to be reconstructed. The roads cost \$4.5 million paid by the World Bank (WB) under the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF). A 15 and four-metre wide footpaths have also been constructed besides flower pots, railings, lights and traffic signs as part of the project, Akrami said. Mohammad Khan, the first deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO), who ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Intelligence Agents Apprehend Suspected Terrorists in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel have detained four people, including a teacher and a prayer leader, on charges of terrorism in the central province of Logar, officials said on Monday. The four were captured during an overnight operation in Khadar Bazar and Darwesh villages on the outskirts of Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital, the governor's spokesman said. Saleem Saleh told Pajhwok Afghan News the prayer



leader of Darwesh village, Mir Khalil, and Logar DarulUloom teacher Qar-i-Shamsur Rahman were among the detainees, who were taken to Kabul for interrogation. "Both Mir Khalil and Shamsur Rahman are my cousins who have no hand in terrorist activities. In fact, they are government employees," said a resident of Darwesh ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

4 Afghan Citizens Detained in Charsaddaon Terror Charges

PESHAWAR - Four Afghan citizens, suspected of involvement in terrorism, have been detained in Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, police said. The detainees, allegedly spying for a foreign intelligence network, are said to be linked to a recent attack on the Bacha Khan University

in Charsadda district. At least 31 people were killed in the brazen assault. At least 21 others were hailed in raids in different areas of the district on Sunday. The four Afghans have been identified as Khan Agha, Noor Agha, RahimullahandKhanimullah. One police official told Pajhwok Afghan

Newsthe Afghan nationals were arrested in Mandani area and shifted to an undisclosed location for interrogation. Kalashnikovs, pistol-sand SIMS were recovered from them. Fake Pakistani identity cards from the men, the police official said, adding a key suspect -- Naveed Khan -- was being hunted. (Pajhwok)

Newborn Baby Boy Goes Missing from Ghanzi Hospital

GHAZNI CITY - A newborn has gone missing from the civil hospital in southern Ghazni province and family of the two-day-old says they would not go home in central MaidanWardak province until the baby

is found. The family from Jaghatu district of MaidanWardak province said the baby went missing soon after his mother delivered him in the civil hospital in Ghazni City a day earlier. A close relative of the

missing newborn, Mohammad Rahim, told Pajhwok Afghan News they brought the pregnant woman a day earlier to the hospital and her baby disappeared soon after his birth. ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

2 Policemen, Civilian Injured in Pul-I-Alam Bombing

PUL-I-ALAM - Two policemen and a civilian were injured as a result of a remote-controlled bomb blast in Pul-i-Alam, the capital of central Logar province, an official said on Monday. A police vehicle, parked in front of the New Kabul Bank branch, was hit by the bomb at around 12:30pm, the governor's spokesman, Saleem Saleh, told Pajhwok Afghan News. Two policemen and a civilian were injured in the blast. They were rushed to hospital, he said.No one has so far been detained in connection with the explosion. All the injured were brought to the Pul-i-Alam Civil Hospitalin stable condition, said hospital director AshiqullahMajidi. A shopkeeper in the area, Zubair, said they were having lunch when the heavy explosion occurred.No militant group has so far claimed responsibility for the attack. (Pajhwok)

Father was Family's Spinal Cord: Ex-Balkh Attorney's Son

MAZARI-I-SHARIF - The killing of a prosecutor in a suicide attack on the attorney office in northern Balkh province has negatively af-

ected his family, his son complains. On April 9, 2015, a group of suicide bombers attacked the office of appellant court prosecutor, killing 18

people and injured 67 others. A seven hours clash followed. The 70 years old Abdul KhaliqLalpurwal, ex-head of the ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You want to share your emotional needs today, but filtering out the less acceptable feelings seems like a safer bet for everyone involved. Complex dynamics keep secrets in the dark -- either by you or from you. Nevertheless, you can resist the inclination to stay quiet for the sake of convenience if your cause is justified. And if you intuitively sense that you don't have all of the facts.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Everyone's unreasonable demands are pulling you in one too many directions and you simply can't do everything being asked of you today. You prefer saying yes to each person, but reality has a different agenda for you. Instead of wasting energy trying to overcome that which can't be changed, concentrate on those things that matter the most. The tides will shift soon enough.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your tendency to be logical in your thinking often subdues the desires of your heart, but being objective is not going to cut it today. Although you've been known to sweet-talk someone into doing exactly what you want, you might be taking yourself too seriously to turn on the charm now. Your irrational needs have a life of their own, but rather than trying to act on your current emotions, just sink into them for a while.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're motivated to set clear boundaries in your relationship world today. Unfortunately, you may still be enchanted by the hazy territory between friendship and romantic love, even if the other person isn't aware of your intense feelings. Emotional undercurrents stir up plenty of confusion now, so focus on your long-range goals to guide your life path.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Interpersonal tension lingers as you struggle to control your feelings in a family conflict. However, burying what's in your heart only adds to your current frustration. Although it may sound impossible, try to engage your emotions fully today while remaining detached from the outcome. Take every opportunity to express your opinions in real time, but stay completely open to whatever may happen.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're not your normal rational self now and the expression of your emotions could tilt your day in an unexpected direction. Regardless of the current circumstances, observe how your intuition isn't necessarily supported by your logical analysis today. This internal conflict can be stressful, but no final decisions must be made yet. Acknowledging the differences between your thoughts and your feelings minimizes your anxiety and empowers you to ultimately.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're eager to defend someone's right to express their artistic freedom today; in fact, it might even be your own. However, you're attracted to the idea of innovation even if others don't particularly appreciate the results. Although you're not necessarily inclined to compromise now, you don't have to bend over backward to make your point. Relying on your legendary charm enhances your chances of being heard.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

It's tricky to find a place where you are secure enough to openly share your current concerns. Interpersonal dynamics at home or at work may be tense these days and you aren't willing to walk on eggshells much longer. Thankfully, the stress begins to alleviate once you overcome the inertia of fear and demonstrate your vulnerability by voicing your truth.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

It seems as if the recent process has taken you as far as it can and something important is coming to an end. It's time to dream about your future possibilities now, even if the fantasy only satisfies you for a little while. You possess the potential to reach your goals if you communicate your vision in a manner that is understandable to others. But you still must allow the old cycle to come to its logical conclusion first.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

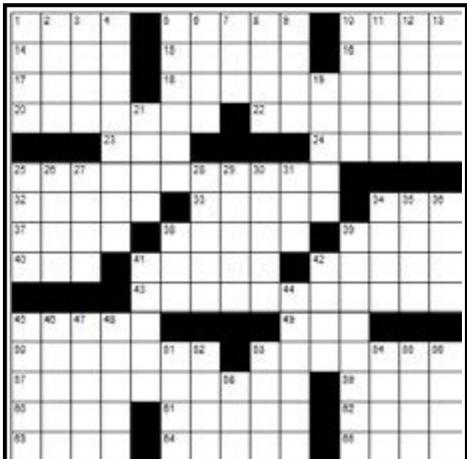
Your most fundamental ideas are tested today as you come into conflict with friends or associates who hold very different perspectives. You might resist whatever they say, or they could disagree with your point of view. Either way, it falls entirely on you to prevent the energy from getting stuck. The situation will resolve amicably if you listen without trying to prove yourself right.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Being a natural-born thinker, you are typically in touch with the greater purpose of your life. However, you still could question your own motives today as you wiggle out of an unpleasant spot. You may be asked to mediate a conflict, but your strong biases can affect which side you take. Nevertheless, it's wise to maintain a neutral position if you want to accomplish your original goals.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

An invigorating flourish of creativity originates from the recesses of your own imagination now. Luckily, you're quite comfortable swimming in the metaphysical dimensions of dreams, compassion and art. Nevertheless, you are driven to search for the underlying facts today, even if you're also drawn into the spiritual realms. Be certain to closely observe the difference between this world and other ones.



Across

1. Sort, 5. Bumbling, 10. Hairless, 14. Many millennia, 15. Offensively curious, 16. Diva's solo, 17. Piecrust ingredient, 18. Noria, 20. Long-legged spotted cat, 22. Carrying boats and supplies overland, 23. What we breathe, 24. S S S S, 25. Components, 32. Remedies, 33. Nozzle, 34. Tavern, 37. Barely managed, 38. Utilizing, 39. Cab, 40. Former North African ruler, 41. Armistice, 42. German iris, 43. Immeasurable, 45. Modulator demodulator, 49. Bite, 50. Overindulge, 53. Absolutely, 57. Outer region of the atmosphere, 59. Ardor, 60. Skidded, 61. Consumed, 62. Feudal worker, 63. Hefty volume, 64. Place, 65. Flower stalk.

Down

1. After-bath powder, 2. "Sure", 3. Minute opening, 4. Won over, 5. Not "outward", 6. Ark builder, 7. Eastern Standard Time, 8. Chick's sound, 9. Apprentice, 10. Thai currency units, 11. Districts, 12. Feudal lord, 13. Valleys, 19. Seize, 21. Fastens, 25. Frozen, 26. Microwave (slang), 27. Midway between white and black, 28. Put out, 29. Long stories, 30. A nine-piece musical group, 31. Pull, 34. Stinging remark, 35. Angle of a leafstalk, 36. Ascend, 38. A large vase, 39. Circus swings, 41. Occasions, 42. Leave out, 44. Have in mind, 45. Slightly wet, 46. Convex molding, 47. Jeans material, 48. Wear away, 51. Mimics, 52. Not this, 53. Urine component, 54. A musical pause, 55. Alley, 56. The original matter (cosmology), 58. French for "Summer".

Yesterday's Solution



acrid, advised, arrow, available, barf, blew, cant, champ, cone, contraction, dart, detail, drain, drift, flank, health, locomotion, lower, mien, month, nonsense, outlet, provoke, rapid, recant, reign, relay, spear, staid, taste, tavern, tease, timetable, trace.

