

# Abdullah Says NUG Has Failed to Fulfill Some Commitments

KABUL - Abdullah introduces new Parwan governor, says NUG has failed to fulfill some promises but that they are working hard to address this. Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah said on Sunday in Parwan province that the National Unity Government (NUG) has failed to fulfill some commitments made to the nation and that is why the gap between government and the people has increased.

Abdullah, who was accompanied by a number of MPs, was in Parwan to introduce the new provincial governor, Fazluddin Ayar.

He said although the NUG has failed to implement promises made to the people, they were still trying to do their best to address people's demands.

"Let's tell the truth to the Afghan people and confess to our inabilities and shortcomings. At this time Afghan people are being killed; I would like to tell the people that we failed to do for you what we hoped to do," said Abdullah.

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## Ban on Mining Taking a Toll on Marble Industry

KABUL - A Kabul businessman says he has invested \$10 million USD in a marble processing factory but that it is not operational due to the lack of raw material.

The shortage of locally mined marble has brought a number of processing factories to a standstill, one factory owner, Ali Erfan, claims.

He said there is a lack of raw marble which is proving to be a huge challenge for him.



Erfan, who owns Natural Company, said he invested at least \$10 million USD in two marble processing firms in Kabul and said he is running at a loss.

He said the equipment he has was imported from Italy.

"Despite insecurity, I invested a lot of money; but now I cannot work because there is a shortage of raw material," Erfan said.

He said they need 800,000 square meters of raw marble to make the company viable and at this level, there would be jobs for 200 people.

"We can provide job opportunities for 200 people at the two companies and we hope to start within the next three months," he said.

The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum meanwhile admits marble factories are facing problems - especially as no contracts have been issued to mining companies.

The ministry's spokesman, Abdulqadeer Mutfi, said contracts will be issued in the near future for the stone to be extracted.

"Government has outlined a clear mechanism for the country's mines. The mechanisms will remove all problems in contracts," Mutfi said.

Factory owners claim that illegal mining will increase if contracts are not issued by government soon. *(Tolonews)*

## Experts Skeptical about Pakistan's Counter-Terrorism Stance

KABUL - Officials have said that about half of Afghanistan's demands to Pakistan have been agreed to but details were not provided.

Officials from Afghanistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) on Sunday said the Pakistani delegation agreed to about 50 percent of Afghanistan's demands in Saturday's talks.

However no details were provided on what the demands were that were agreed upon.

The demands as a whole called for practical measures to be im-



plemented to fight militants and to eliminate all insurgent safe havens in Pakistan, said MoFA spokesman Sibghat Ahmadi.

"Our program is a calendar-based and ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

## Kabul Municipality to Step up Tax Collection Process

KABUL - Kabul mayor said they will cancel the licenses of associations in the city if they fail to pay their taxes.

The Kabul Municipality says taxes for all associations will be collected regularly and for those that fail to pay, their licenses will be revoked.

Speaking after a meeting on Saturday, the acting mayor of Kabul, Abdullah Habibzai, said: "The goal of today's meeting is to sign an MoU between the Ministry of Finance and the Municipality of Kabul to clean up and cancel the licenses of associations, subject to their tax clearance."

According to him, 136,000 associations operate in Kabul. He said the municipality is trying to collect the revenue transparently.

Habibzai said in order to implement the agreement between the finance ministry and Kabul municipality, they will create a city police force to protect them while they collect the taxes.

"We will use city police to implement this agreement. This police force will be hired or will be those ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

## Nearly 100 Insurgents Killed in Afghan Operations: MoD

KABUL - The ministry of defense said the Afghan security forces have made a number of gains in fighting insurgents around the country.

At least one hundred insurgents were killed in the past 24 hours during Afghan forces' operations across the country, the Ministry of Defense said on Sunday.

Ministry spokesman Dawlat Waziri said that the insurgents were killed in Faryab, Kandahar, Ghazni, Nangarhar, Helmand, Maidan Wardak and Logar provinces.

According to Waziri during the operations security forces notched up many achievements. ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

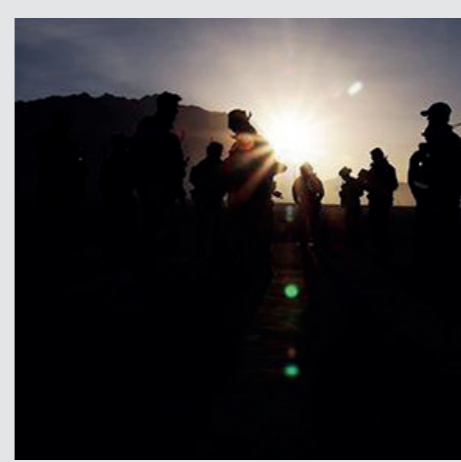


## 1 Police Killed, 6 Wounded in Farah Attack

FARAH CITY - One policeman has been killed and six others wounded in a clash in the Bala Bolok district of western Farah province, an official said on Sunday.

Deputy police chief Gen. Abdul Raziq Sherzad told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants stormed a security check-post in Farahrod area late on Saturday night.

He said one policeman was killed and six other wounded. The injured had been evacuated to the hospital and some were in critical condition. Taliban insurgents were also suffered casualties, he said, adding without going into details. There has been so far no word from Taliban in this regard. *(Pajhwok)*



### Outlook Horoscope

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



**Aries** You may believe everything is moving along according to plan when something happens out of the blue. Paradoxically, you could be the source of the unexpected event that jams the gears of progress. Unfortunately, you might try to blame someone else for the results of your actions, but the sooner you take responsibility.

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



**Taurus** You want to be fair-minded when trying to find the source of a current problem at work. Although your approach is fully above board, you might be accused of playing favorites today. Your efforts at diplomacy may soothe some ruffled feathers for a while, but attempting to see things from everyone's differing perspectives could backfire in the long run.

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



**Gemini** As much as you believe that your adaptable nature can overcome anyone's negativity, you may be in for two surprises. First, no matter how accepting you are of someone's opinion, they still seem to be your adversary now. Second, you are more judgmental than you think and everyone but you knows it. Instead of trying to get along with the whole group, examine your heart and speak your truth.

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



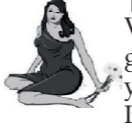
**Cancer** The accuracy of your perceptions may be called into question today. But instead of standing up to defend your position, you might just disappear behind your self-protective wall. You are strong enough to fend off nearly any attack; you just don't want to be pulled down into such an unnecessary conflict.

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



**Leo** Communication flows easily today between you and your close friends, but you prefer to avoid unnecessary intensity. However, your drama-free philosophy doesn't cast a wide enough net in which to play out all your dreams. Although you keep the more challenging ideas to yourself, you still attempt to express your most joyful feelings.

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



**Virgo** Your week appears to get off to a good start because you don't need to alter your core values to make progress at work. It's as if your job was made for you in this moment in time. Nevertheless, an underlying tension continues to build, especially if your coworkers are not following through with their duties. Although you could try to exert authority over others to force them to live up to their obligations, coercion only brings you unhappiness.

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



**Libra** You are quite proud of your ability to remain neutral in a complex situation. You are not lulled into complacency when everyone seems to be working together for a common cause. And you're not pulled off center if someone loses their temper. In fact, your coolness in a hotly charged emotional environment is exactly what's needed today.

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



**Scorpio** The tension between your inner and outer worlds is stretched to the max today as your good intentions meet someone's negative judgment. You don't understand why people think you're being overbearing when you're just letting them know how you feel. You might begrudgingly hold back your emotions, but could grow frustrated with the whole situation.

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



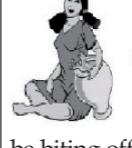
**Sagittarius** You could be the one who steps beyond the boundaries today. You can sign up for one activity, only to find yourself committed to something entirely different than you imagined. Unfortunately, your longing for where you want to be is louder than the satisfaction you derive from where you are now. Luckily, your peers seem to be supportive of your lofty ambitions, but you still might worry.

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



**Capricorn** Putting your best foot forward makes sense if you're serious about reaching your goals now. However, you're afraid of getting so far ahead that people can no longer follow you. It's more comfortable to be part of the pack today rather than leading it from out in front, even if that means you're not as effective. Fostering team spirit makes everyone a winner.

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

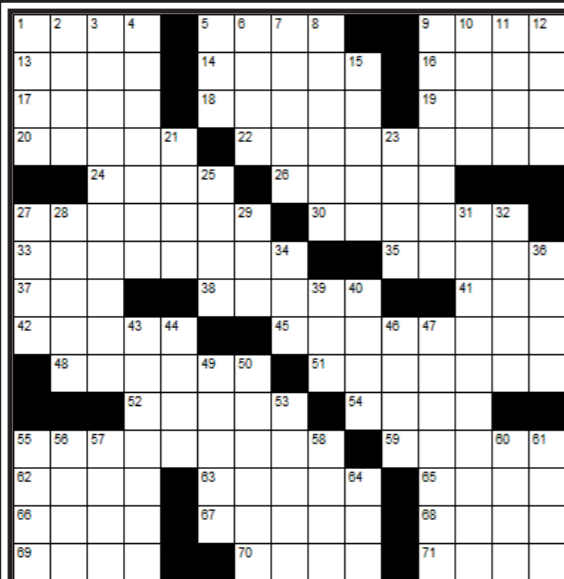


**Aquarius** You could be at a critical point in your vacation planning process. The scope of your vision has grown over recent days and now you're worried that you may be biting off more than you can chew. Although it may be foolish to cut back on your itinerary right away, hard decisions must be made. Be sure you have all the information you need to make important choices.

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



**Pisces** You're not afraid to go off on your own today because you think you can accomplish more when you're not encumbered by anyone else. Whether you believe no one will be able to keep up with you now or, perhaps, that others have different paths to the same goal, you are confident in your course and cannot wait to start. Just remember, a touch of humility allows you to remain emotionally accessible.



#### Across

1. Baby's bed, 5. "Oh my!", 9. Finest, 13. Connects two points, 14. Abominable snowmen, 16. Chocolate cookie, 17. Does something, 18. Consumed, 19. How old we are, 20. Sharpens, 22. Movie makers, 24. Violent disturbance, 26. Whipped or sour, 27. Defender, 30. Fleet, 33. A worshiper of idols, 35. Sound of contempt, 37. Policeman, 38. Cubic meter, 41. Japanese apricot, 42. The male reproductive cell, 45. Type of quail, 48. Manger, 51. Emptied, 52. Homeric epic, 54. Gumbo, 55. Conserves, 59. Prevent legally, 62. Not first, 63. Cut into cubes, 65. Desire, 66. Sea eagle, 67. Trap, 68. Lean, 69. Backwards, Reed", 70. Secluded valley, 71. Former lovers, ,

#### Down

1. Talon, 2. Wealthy, 3. Intruder, 4. Inhumane, 5. Yes to a sailor, 6. Its symbol is Pb, 7. Loft, 8. Mountain range, 9. Gondolier, 10. Therefore, 11. Clairvoyant, 12. Throw, 15. Contemptuous look, 21. Fizzy drink, 23. Cogs, 25. Chickadees, 27. Photos, 28. Assume, 29. Excluding, 31. Bondage mistress, 32. Mountain crest, 34. Confederate soldier, 36. Fastened, 39. 16 1/2 feet, 40. River of Spain, 43. Carouse, 44. Stubborn beast, 46. Rouse, 47. Hairy, 49. Fortifies, 50. Possessing, 53. Sticker, 55. Implored, 56. Unusual, 57. Feudal worker, 58. Arid, 60. Leer at, 61. Animal companions, 64. Lair, ,

#### Yesterday's Solution

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