

Taxi Drivers Call to Ban Non-Custom Paid Cars

had 500 non-custom paid vehicles, he noted. Another taxi driver Mohammad Jan complained against influx in arrival of unregistered cars and urged the departments concerned to ban them. He said: "I pay taxes to the government from my hard-earned money from my taxi but ... (More on P4)...(15)

Militants Increase Cell Tower Shut Downs

KABUL - According to officials from the Afghanistan Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (ATRA), hundreds of towers around the country are facing security threats on account of a new strategy being employed ... (More on P4)...(16)

Ludin Wants 2nd Behsud Bridge Completed in-Time

JALALABAD - The acting governor of eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday asked the construction firm ... (More on P4)...(17)

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Project Name: - National Solidarity Project (NSDP-III)
Procurement of Pick Up Vehicles

IFB Number – MRRD/NSPIII/GD/1036 Date: February 08, 2015

1. The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has received Grant from the International Development Association toward the cost of National Solidarity Project (NSP-III), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Grant to payments under the Contract for Procurement of Pick Up Vehicles IFB No MRRD/NSPIII/GD/1036.

S.N No	Description	Qty	Consignee	Bid Security Amount (in AFN or equivalent)
1	Pick Up Vehicles	30 (Thirty)	National Solidarity Program HQ, Kabul	AFN 1,400,000.00

Bids will be evaluated on basis of price and compliance to our technical specification and the contract will be awarded to the successful bidder. Bidders must quote for the entire quantity. Bidders who have not quoted for full quantity will be treated as non-responsive.

2. The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply of Pick Up Vehicles.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits – May 2004, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Procurement Department, National Solidarity Program, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 9:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs on any working day from Saturday to Wednesday.

5. Qualifications requirements include:

(a) Financial Capability

The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence that it meets the following financial requirement(s):

Bidders shall include a letter from a reputed bank indicating their financial status which will indicate their ability to perform the contract of the magnitude equivalent to the quoted price.

(b) Experience and Technical Capacity

The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that it meets the following experience requirement(s):

- Bidders must provide evidence of having executed at least two contracts of similar or larger magnitude within the period of last five years.
- The bidder should be a manufacturer who must have manufactured, tested and

supplied the goods, similar to the type specified in the "Schedule of Requirements" up to at least 100% of the quantity indicated in Schedule of Requirements in any one of the last 3 years. Further, the bidder should be in continuous business of manufacturing products similar to that specified in the schedule of requirements during the last three years prior to bid opening. In case the bidder is not the manufacturer or producer of the goods it offers to supply and has submitted the bid in accordance with ITB clause 19.1 (a), the bid shall include the above information about the manufacturer whose goods has been offered.

- The bidder who is a manufacturer or manufacturer who provided authorization/dealership certificate/agreement to the bidder should furnish a brief write-up, backed with adequate data, explaining his available capacity and experience (both technical and commercial) for the manufacture and supply of the required goods within the specified time of completion after meeting all their current commitments.
- Spares Part and after sales services must be available in purchaser country or confirm that the bidder will establish the above services within 30 days of notification of award. If the bidder does not have the above services, then the contract will be signed only after providing evidence of establishing the spares part and after sales services in Afghanistan.

(c) The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that the Goods it offers meet the following usage requirement:

- Manufacturer's Authorization Letter.
- The bidder who is a manufacturer or manufacturer who provided authorization to the bidder should clearly confirm that all the facilities exist in his factory for inspection and testing and these will be made available to the purchaser or his representative for inspection.
- Confirm the quoted product meets the traffic regulations of Afghanistan.

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained free of charge by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below or sending an e-mail to the address below. The Bidding Documents will be sent by electronic mail.

7. A pre-bidding conference shall be held on 23rd, February 2015 at: 14:00 Hrs Time Kabul, Afghanistan.

Conference Hall, Building 'B', National Solidarity Program, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Tashkilat Street, Darulaman Road, Kabul, Afghanistan.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **14:00 Hrs (local time) on 28th, March 2015**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **14:00 Hrs (local time) on 28th, March 2015**. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of the amount mentioned in Para 1 above or equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

9. The address referred to above is:

National Solidarity Program, Building B, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Tashkilat Road, Darul-Aman, Kabul - Afghanistan

E-mail: azizi@nspafghanistan.org Copied to: nazimi@nspafghanistan.org

Website: - www.ards.org.af (Interested bidders may download the bidding document from this website)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You try to please others today, but even your best intentions are not good enough if your behavior seems abrasive. Your emotions may run so deep now that it's healthier to err on the side of caution than to reveal your feelings to others. Although you can wait until tomorrow when everyone is less sensitive, you could begin to open up right away as long as you remember to move slowly.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Managing relationship dynamics is more complicated than you expect today. Although you might be able to tell there's a lot going on beneath the surface, finding your way through potentially explosive emotional landmines could be tricky business. Don't stick with an agenda that isn't working; instead, respond to each situation as it develops.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your underlying motives might not be as altruistic as they seem, even if you go out of your way to put others at ease now. However, there's nothing wrong with your desire to be admired by someone you like, especially since you're more productive when you feel appreciated. You fall into the communication flow when there's a healthy balance of give and take.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Even if you believe everything is unfolding naturally today, someone close to you may still think you're too controlling. But any manipulative behavior is probably motivated by your fear of someone taking advantage of you. However, there is some truth to both sides; if you can become comfortable with any outcome to the current situation, the need for power struggles dissipates.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You may obsess about what you're going to do today, but over-planning is likely a waste of time. You could misread the dynamics of a situation and make a faulty assumption by relying on wrong data. Or, perhaps, the circumstances might change without warning, turning your entire schedule upside down. It doesn't matter whether or not you were ever really in charge.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

There is no need to overreact if someone makes unreasonable demands of you today. Your best strategy is to push back with a firm but gentle touch. Mischievous Mercury is still backpedaling in your 6th House of Routine, so misunderstandings might easily creep into the picture if you respond too quickly. Take your time and consider the feelings of others before creating ripples that will spread on their own.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It might seem as if your friends are not being very supportive of your goals at first, but your worries could be unfounded. You may have too much on your mind and too many leftover chores weighing on your shoulders to be objective. But don't expect everyone to rush to your rescue now, just because you're under pressure. Luckily, sticking to your initial plan will actually help you handle your personal obligations on your own.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your energy reserve may be on empty today, making you feel rather frazzled if you can't establish a steady work pace. Something slipped just slightly out of alignment and it could take a conscious attitude adjustment on your part to snap your thinking back into place.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Saving your pennies isn't your idea of fun, but you wouldn't have to pay attention to your finances today if you took care of your personal business yesterday. You wish you could kick back and fantasize about the unrealized potential in your life and concoct long-term plans, but an immediate cash flow problem demands that you handle it right away. Don't put off the inevitable; the sooner you get started, the sooner you can return to manifesting your dreams.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You can't decide whether to push ahead more forcefully now or if it's smarter to temporarily retreat. Frustration sets in if you wish you took a different course of action. But what you do next might not matter so much; rest assured there isn't any right or wrong way to go from here. Either way, your path may be temporarily obscured. Your wisest strategy is to bide your time until you receive a clear sign from the universe that tells you which direction to take.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your dreams contain messages, whether you remember them as soon as you wake up or if they return as fragmented images throughout the day. However, it's wiser to proceed with caution because your fantasies seem so real that they can lead you on a wild goose chase. Don't just assume that you have enough information now to discern the difference between fact and fancy.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your intuition is operating on warp drive now, making you even more attuned to other dimensions. In fact, you might even feel as if you're living your life within a dream. However, something weird happens that wakes you up today, reminding you to be more practical when it comes to your priorities.

Across

1. Tortilla chip, 6. Balcony section, 10. Cushions or mats, 14. Perpendicular to the keel, 15. Nameless, 16. Found in some lotions, 17. Look closely, 18. Russian emperor, 19. Swing around, 20. A moderately quick tempo, 22. Informed, 23. Emanation, 24. Wiggle room, 30. Henpeck, 31. Chemist's workplace, 32. Violent disturbance, 33. Delight, 35. Noise, 39. Bad-mouth, 41. Cardigan, 43. Cubic meter, 44. Information, 46. Unusual, 47. S, 49. Disencumber, 50. Sailing ship, 51. Polished, 54. Dogfish, 56. Sourish, 57. A diplomat of the highest rank, 63. Unrestrained revelry, 64. Entice, 65. Climate, 66. Jump, 67. Scottish hillside, 68. Made of oak wood, 69. Feudal worker, 70. Cravings, 71. Inclination

Down

1. Nil, 2. Cain's brother, 3. Mobile phone, 4. Possess, 5. Alpha's opposite, 6. Passed sideways, 7. Performing, 8. Satyr, 9. Enlist, 10. Composition board, 11. Permit, 12. Birthing coach, 13. Squalid, 21. Steps of a ladder, 25. Alleviate, 26. Historical periods, 27. Enumerate, 28. Easy gait, 29. Mental representation, 34. Guesses, 36. Salt Lake state, 37. Roman emperor, 38. Sketched, 40. A musical pause 42. Gulleys, 45. High-spirited horse, 48. Worn, 51. Filched, 52. Female horses 53. Keyboard instrument, 55. Cravat, 58. Filly's mother, 59. Winglike, 60. Water barrier, 61. Por-tent, 62. Cleave

Yesterday's Solution

about, after, alley, arcade, better, brother, carry, cheek, clown, comma, daddy, dead, doctor, dress, garden, gypsy, herd, horse lane, loose, lonely, mare, mystery, never, people, pretty, , eel, roam, rucs, shade, shoulder, soldier, steal, stones, tear, think

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