

Drug Addiction, Immigration Linked to Unemployment

KABUL - Widespread joblessness in the northern province of Sar-i-Pul has forced youth to seek refuge in drug addiction, committing crime and leaving the country in droves, reveals a survey conducted by Pajhwok Afghan News. Level of unemployment A Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) survey conducted in 2012 found nearly eight percent of eligible people jobless in the province, but the numbers have increased in the past three years. He has no updated information, but on the basis of local data, the population of the province was at least 560,000, CSO provincial head Luqmani



told this news agency. Up to 80 percent of youth remain jobless in the winter season, but they find work in Sar-i-Pul and other provinces like Jawzjan and Balkh provinces in the summer, Siyad District Development Council (DDC) Chairman Faiz Mohammad says. Unemployment is a serious issue in Sar-i-Pul and other provinces, address a resident of Tarkhoj area of Balkhab district, Hameedullah who graduated from the Law and Political Science Faculty two years ago. For instance, he adds, 18 positions were recently announced by Rehabilitation Centre for Drug Addicts... (More on P4)...(14)

Taliban Plunge Faryab into Darkness after Clash

MAIMANA - Taliban insurgents have cut off cables carrying electricity from Turkmenistan to northwestern Faryab province following a clash with security forces. Police Chief Col. Syed Aqa Andarabi told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash in Khawaj Subz Posh district left seven insurgents dead and 10 others wounded. Another three Taliban were killed on Sunday evening when they wanted to harass passengers traveling on a highway, he said. He said during the clash the Taliban cut off cables supplying electricity to Maimana, the provincial capital, Dawlatabad, Sherin Tash, Khawaja Sabz Posh and Pashtonkot districts. The blackout has created many problems to residents. Abdul Jamil, a resident of 1st municipality district, said: "There no is electricity and we travel to far away areas to charge our cell phones." In the ongoing solar year, electricity supply to Faryab had been many times suspended, with officials blaming it on Taliban for their sabotage acts. Maj... (More on P4)...(15)

8 Insurgents Killed in Helmand Airstrike

KABUL - At least eight insurgents were killed in an Afghan security forces airstrike in southern Helmand province on Sunday night, the provincial governor's media office said in a statement. The airstrike took place in Nad Ali district of the province after the Afghan Air Force carried out the attack on insurgents which resulted in the death of eight including the group's leader, according to the statement. However, the statement did not provide more details about the airstrike. This comes after insurgents recently increased



their attacks in different parts of Helmand and started clashing with the local security forces. (Tolonews)

Injured Suicide Blast Victim Dies

KABUL - A 17-year-old boy wounded in last week's suicide bombing in Deh Mazang area in Kabul has died in hospital from his injuries. The victim, Jalal, recently graduated from high school and was preparing for his university entrance exam. Jalal's family said that he had wanted to become an engineer and to participate in Afghanistan's reconstruction. He was also an ardent cricket player and had recently been admitted to the Afghanistan Cricket Academy. Jalal's family argues that the National Unity Government (NUG) must prevent terrorist attacks. Jalal was wounded one week ago in a suicide attack on a Public Order and Border Forces base in Deh Mazang area of Kabul city... (More on P4)...(16)

Taliban Claim Downing ANA Copter, Killing 18 Soldiers

KABUL - An Afghan National Army (ANA) helicopter made an emergency landing in Deh Sabz district of Kabul on Monday due to technical issues, security officials said. The district police chief, Col. Nangialai, told Pajhwok Afghan News the ANA copter landed at around 3:00pm near the teachers' township area. He said an explosion caused by a planted landmine happened in the area at the time of landing, but no causality had been reported. Brig. Gen. Mohammad Radmanish, deputy spokesman for



the Ministry of Defence (MoD), confirmed the emergency landing and said no one onboard had suffered casualty. But the Taliban claimed they shot down the ANA copter, killing 18 soldiers onboard. They said the copter used to make landings in the same area on a daily basis and this time they targeted the aircraft during its landing. (Pajhwok)

Man Trying to Deliver 400 SIM Cards to Taliban Detained

HERAT CITY - Police in western Herat province have captured an over alleged role in transferring the connections of different mobile companies to the Taliban. Ihsanullah Ulaumi, spokesman for the 705 police headquarters zone, told Pajhwok the individual was arrested red-handed at the airport when he wanted to shift 400 Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) cards of Roshan, MTN companies to the Taliban in the Bala Murghab district of northwestern Badghis province. He said the detained



individual belonged to Badghis and was tasked to transfer unregistered SIMs to the Taliban. The arrested individual confessed his crime, but did not want to speak in front of media, he said. (Pajhwok)

Three Wounded Army Comrades Share their Ordeal

KABUL - Three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers who had their legs blown off during clashes with insurgents in Kunduz and Helmand provinces have spoken of their ordeals. Sharing their stories on Monday, the three wounded veterans criticized government, in particular the Ministry of Defense (MoD), for not tackling their problems despite them having sacrificed their legs for the sake of national sovereignty, independence and security of the nation. Jawad is one of the wounded veterans who lost his legs during... (More on P4)...(17)

Taliban Execute Woman on Adultery Charges in Ghor

KABUL - Taliban militants have executed a woman on adultery charges in Dolina District of central Ghor province. Spokesperson for the governor of Ghor province said the execution was carried out based on the order of a desert-court of Taliban in Zanu village yesterday. According to Abdul Hai Khatibi, the man who is accused of the immoral relationship with deceased Zahra is also detained by Taliban. The accused is waiting for his sentence in the custody of Taliban. The militant group has not yet commented on the report. Ghor is one of the provinces of Afghanistan where some remote areas are either under the control of Taliban or not in government control. People in those areas refer to Taliban or local Shuras (councils) for their matters instead of government. In April last year, three civilians were shot dead in another... (More on P4)...(19)

My Children Ask Where is our Father, Says a Widow

KHOST CITY - A struggling to feed her children in the face of extreme poverty. Shakila, 35, told Pajhwok Afghan News she was originally from northern Baghlan province and was currently living in Khost City, the provincial capital, since four years. Her husband... (More on P4)...(18)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're itching to blast ahead and jump into something new now, but you'll be much better off in the long run if you start off slowly. However, you could become annoyed if you attempt to involve too many people in your personal dramas, instead of just continuing ahead at your own pace. The Aquarius New Moon jolts your 11th House of Long-Term Goals.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your unusual idea at work might surprise everyone today because making wild plans is often out of character for you. But the ingenious Aquarius New Moon invigorates your 10th House of Authority; even your most original thoughts might not seem crazy because you're probably more practical-minded than you realize. Thankfully, you have enough stamina to finish whatever you start.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Changing lanes in the middle of a project is nothing new for you whimsical Geminis. Glimpses of the future explode into your imagination as the Aquarius New Moon rattles your 9th House of Big Ideas, and you are excited to try an entirely new direction to reach a current goal. Although you're ready for a complete overhaul of your plans, no one else is swayed so easily.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Working with others becomes exponentially more complicated if they don't share your plans from the start. Although your associates might applaud your initiative today, they could still disagree with your priorities while the Aquarius New Moon shakes up the stuck energy in your 8th House of Shared Resources.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Distinguishing your outer world from your imagination today is much trickier than it sounds. The Aquarius New Moon activates your 7th House of Others while relationships continue to create emotional hotspots for you. Those closest to you become like warped mirrors in a carnival fun house, requiring you to separate what's really there from what you believe you see.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may feel unusually dependent on the predictability of your everyday routine now, but someone could upset the apple cart at work anyhow. Whatever stability you thought existed on the job is temporarily threatened by the Aquarian New Moon's presence in your 6th House of Employment. But rather than responding immediately by trying to put everything back in its proper place.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It's as if your self-expression has been restrained by a dam of social acceptability. Finally, your restrained river of creativity could burst today, rushing a flow of big ideas and original visions into your awareness. The eclectic Aquarius New Moon dances in your 5th House of Spontaneity, inspiring you to share your experiences in a manner that others can understand.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're tempted to spend too much energy resisting your connection to the past today as the Aquarius New Moon directs your attention to your 4th House of Personal Roots. However, your avoidance tactics might actually produce the exact opposite effect. Don't bother trying to escape from family dynamics now, even if you have no real-time contact with anyone at all.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your siblings or friends may play a more important role in your life these days because the rebellious Aquarian New Moon stirs up the energy in your 3rd House of Communication. You might even trick someone to act out your issues about dependency versus independence. However, it seems as if others don't know how close to get to you or how long to stay. But on further examination,

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

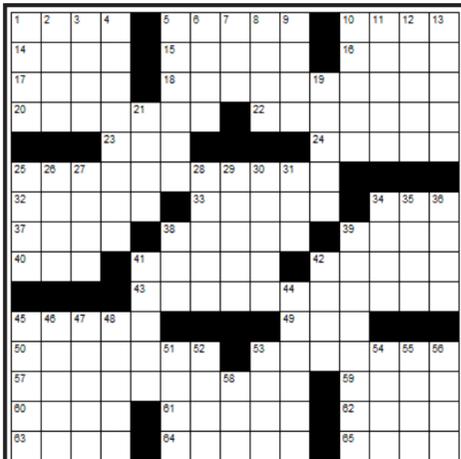
Working hard offers you a way to justify your competence to your associates while your above-average productivity boosts your self-esteem. However, you may not need to jump through too many hoops just to see how much others love you today while the Aquarius New Moon stimulates your 2nd House of Self-Worth. Don't waste time doubting your perceptions.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You are like a living lightning rod today, attracting dynamic storms everywhere you go. If the flash of light doesn't shock you awake, the thunderclap will open your eyes, revealing what's in your range of vision. For now, wherever you aim your thoughts, your mind immediately locks into that path. The Aquarius New Moon falls in your 1st House of Self.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

One minute everything is copasetic, but moments later your thoughts jump into a new realm while the Aquarius New Moon influences your 12th House of Imagination. It's as if someone changed the channels in your brain so fast that you don't even know what to think. You might feel as if you've been left in the dust without an easy way back to your starting point.



Across

- 1. Ale, 5. Verse writers, 10. Overtake, 14. Rant, 15. A drama set to music, 16. Countertop, 17. Colored part of an eye, 18. Video entertainment, 20. Invigorate, 22. A cowboy movie, 23. Put clothing on, 24. Tall and thin, 25. Next-to-last, 32. Chills and fever, 33. Unit of weight for gems, 34. Explosive, 37. Taps, 38. A nine-piece musical group, 39. Lion sound, 40. Commercial, 41. Line dance, 42. Relative magnitudes, 43. Compulsively, 45. Scatter, 49. Actress Lupino, 50. Queen of the jungle?, 53. Melancholy, 57. Desperate, 59. Cocoyam, 60. Consider, 61. Energize, 62. Start over, 63. Countercurrent, 64. Secret meeting, 65. Back talk.

Down

- 1. French cheese, 2. Acquire deservedly, 3. Wicked, 4. Ashes, 5. Strong, 6. Not closed, 7. Snake-like fish, 8. An old spelling of "True", 9. Rescue, 10. Noodles, 11. Extraterrestrial, 12. It delivers babies?, 13. Lad, 19. A small island, 21. Volumes (abbrev.), 25. Dad, 26. Quaint outburst, 27. Cashews and almonds, 28. Graphic symbols, 29. A skin disease, 30. Districts, 31. Make lace, 34. Carry, 35. Found on a finger, 36. "Iliad" city, 38. Wealthy person (British slang), 39. They lay waste, 41. Cringe, 42. Go on horseback, 44. Quiet, 45. Skid, 46. Clocked, 47. Lassoed, 48. Foe, 51. Sodium chloride, 52. Blend, 53. Nights before, 54. Bright thought, 55. Contributes, 56. Murmurs, 58. Old World vine.

Yesterday's Solution

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