

Gathering Asks Governor, His Deputy to Resign

solve the crises. Azhand said the governor and his deputy had been set Friday a deadline to resign; otherwise they would shut doors of the governor's office. He said members of cultural societies, influential figures, youth and students representatives and elders attended today's gathering and they were united in their call for the dismissal of the governor and his deputy. Provincial council member Muallvi Mohammad Ishaq Amiri said the two officials had been using government machinery for their personal activities. He alleged under their leadership, Ghor could not progress and the law and order situation did not improve. Fazal Haq Ihsan, the provincial council head, said most issues remained unresolved and even complicated under the

incumbent governor. A recent survey shows corruption has drastically increased in some government departments of the province. Conducted by a strategic planning team, the survey carried out in Firozkoh, the provincial capital, Lal wa Sarjangan, Dawlat Yar and Dolina districts took 45 days to complete. It ranks Ghor first in administrative corruption. It found and placed on number one the court of appeals, education, attorney's office, police, public health, municipality, justice and agriculture sectors in corruption. The survey found less corrupt and listed on number two position departments including Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Services Commission (IARCSC), Rural Rehabilitation and Develop-



ment (RRD), the Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) and the Economy Department. Ranked third include Independent Election Commission (IEC), the Governor's Office, Directorate of Hariroad River Zone, Labour and Social Affairs Depart-

ment and Hajj and Religious Affairs. But deputy governor Mohammad Amin Tokhi rejected the allegations against him. He said people should register their complaints with the departments concerned and wait until the departments ended their investigations. About the survey, Govern-

nor Syed Anwar Rahmati said every government employee tried to make money, but his administration had launched efforts to do away with corruption and other such anomalies. He said bribes and illegal transfer of money from one hand to another had

Work on Building Dam Kicked-Off: Governor

KHOST CITY - The construction work on a dam to irrigate farmlands in Ismail Khail and Mandozzi districts of southeastern Khost province has been launched, an official said Tuesday. Governor Abdul Jabbar Naimi told Pajhwok Afghan News the dam was 70 metres long, which would take 13 months to complete. The project, he said cost 11 million afghanis financed by the World Bank and it would help irrigate around 2,500



acres of land, he said. "This dam is very important for irrigation purposes and the residents have been long demanding its construction," he added. Haji Ahmad Gul, a tribal elder from Ismail Khail district, said that a previously built of stones dam had been damaged by floods that ... (More on P4)... (18)

Attack on Police Station Kills 5, Taliban Claim Responsibility

KUNDUZ CITY - A total of five persons, presumably Taliban insurgents, were killed and one police sustained injuries as a group of gunmen stormed a police station in Kunduz provincial capital Kunduz city on Tuesday. Police spokesman in the province Sayyed Sarwar Hussaine said "A five-member armed group equipped with suicide vests and assault rifles attacked a police station at 10:30 a.m. local time today but all were killed

within 20 minutes either in their blasts or in police gun shots." Going into details, the officer said that first a suicide bomber wearing police uniform blew himself up next to the gate of police station compound after police identified him and ordered him to stop, enabling three others to enter the compound but police in quick reaction shot them dead on the spot. The fifth attacker riding an explosive laden-car exploded his car outside

the police station, killing himself on the spot and damaged some houses and shops at nearby, Hussaine further said. He also said that only one police constable sustained injuries in the fire-fight which lasted for 20 minutes. Meantime, eye witnesses said that four police had been injured in the violent incident. Taliban militants fighting the government have claimed of responsibility for the attack. ... (More on P4)... (19)

800 More ANA Soldiers Get Training

KANDAHAR CITY - At least 800 fresh soldiers of Afghan National Army (ANA) completed rigorous training at the 205th Atal Military Corps training academy in southern Kandahar province on Tuesday. The newly trained soldiers were awarded certificates at a ceremony attended by Atal Military Corps Deputy Commander Brig. Gen. Sayyed Agha Sapi, Defence Ministry official Maj. Gen. Sardar Mohammad Abul Fazal and other security officials. Sapi told Pajhwok Afghan News the newly graduate officials would be dispatched to different areas of Kandahar and Zabul provinces aimed at improving law and order situation. The



training of ANA soldiers had been expedited in order to fill the security vacuum after the withdrawal of foreign forces. Sapi said the ANA soldiers were part of 205th Atal Military Corps who had conducted several clearing operation in southern part of the country. Maj. Gen. Abul Fazal said that special attention was paid to the equipment of armed forces. He told the graduates to follow rules and regulations and demonstrate in a professional way. "Being a soldier, you should not only ensure law and order but strive hard to win the hearts and minds of people," he noted. (Pajhwok)

1 Dead, Female PC Member among 6 Hurt in Blast

JALALABAD - One person was killed and six others, including provincial council (PC) female member Angeza Shinwari, wounded in a bomb blast in eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday, the civil hospital director said. Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, the

governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the target of the attack was Shinwari. Mohammad Ismail, an eyewitness, said the incident took place at around 1:30 pm on the outskirts of 2nd police district of provincial capital, Jalal

4 Insurgents Dead in Own Landmine Blast

PUL-I-ALAM - Four militants were killed when the landmine they were planting exploded in the Baraki Barak district of central Logar province on Tuesday, an official said. The incident took place early morning on main highway in the Pul-i-Jogi locality, District Chief Mohammad Rahim Amin told Pajhwok Af-

ghan News. He said mine planting experts Abdul Basir, Abdul Khaliq and Asmatullah were among the slain rebels. Security forces convoy was the target of the mine. Niazullah, a resident of the locality, said: "I heard a powerful blast and later found that militants were killed by the land mine they were planting." (Pajhwok)

Two Taliban Insurgents Killed

HERAT - At least two Taliban insurgents were killed and another arrested in an Afghan Special Forces operation in western Herat province on Monday night, local officials said. The operation was launched in Gozara district of the province to clear the area of insurgents. During the operation the forces also seized weapons, spokesman for the Special Forces Mahdi said. He added that there were no civilian and military casualties during the operation. However, the

Killer of ANA Soldiers Arrested

ASADABAD - National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel have arrested the killer of five Afghan National Army soldiers in eastern Kunar Province. A statement issued by the NDS states that Zahirullah who goes by the name of Omar Bilal was arrested from the jurisdiction Manogi District in Kunar Province. NDS statement adds that Zahirullah is a member of Qari Hamza group of the armed Taliban who had martyred five Afghan National Army soldiers. NDS statement further

adds that Zahirullah had recently stopped a civilian vehicle in which the soldiers were travelling and sprayed bullets on them. A video that was recorded by the insurgents while martyring the soldiers was also recovered from Zahirullah by NDS personnel. According to the statement, Zahirullah is currently in one of the captivity of NDS awaiting the decision of the judiciary departments. NDS statements usually do not contain the exact date and location of the in

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Managing your schedule is complicated today because seeing things in a clear light is nearly impossible. Although you want to get to the truth, you don't have the time or energy to pursue answers through endless analysis. It doesn't matter whether or not you even have a long-term plan; just set your goals high and do what you can to reach them.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You may be under the false illusion that people are giving you a hard time but, surprisingly, they rush to your rescue if you need their support. However, you must be open to graciously accept what others are offering now, or you could miss an opportunity to receive help over a rough spot. There's no reason to show your superiority, especially when your perspective is out of whack.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

No matter how determined you are to have a good time today, you're still likely to feel overwhelmed by all that's expected of you. Although you may have a plan in hand, sticking to it is no easy matter. The best bet is to just do whatever seems most important minute by minute along the way. Unfortunately, your time is running out. You can have fun another day; put your best foot forward now by finishing one task before beginning another.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Taking your mind off work may be tricky business these days, but your desires could drive you to distraction, whether or not they are convenient. Unfortunately, ignoring your feelings isn't a viable option now because they remain persistent, especially if you resist them. Surrendering to the inevitable is more sensible than trying to avoid it.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although you might not have an obvious reason to be more self-confident today, it feels as if you are being guided by a benevolent mysterious force. Nothing is gained by questioning whether or not this ethereal assistance is real, so just listen to your intuition with an open mind.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're not ready to trust your choices today because you think you're missing a piece of the puzzle, but gathering additional information isn't the answer, either. Nevertheless, you still may want to do more research or, at least seek out the benefit of other people's advice. Even if you're concerned about the current conflict between your head and your heart, it's time to take a risk and let your passion guide you.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Sharing your vision of the future is a powerful catalyst for your friends and associates today. However, no one is interested in receiving more data now, so spouting facts and figures to defend your fantasies is a waste of energy. If you attempt to coerce others to support your plans, they may end up making empty promises just to placate you.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

There's no reason to add more stress to an already delicate situation, but your forthright response could be tough for someone to handle, anyway. On one hand, everything might seem more difficult than it has to be today. On the other hand, you're willing to follow an over-complicated plan because you have a very clear trajectory in mind, even if it's an unpopular one.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You want others to see you shining brightly in the best possible light today because you believe your actions are a source of inspiration. Luckily, you can keep far enough ahead of everyone else now that you appear to be a natural born leader. Fortunately, you don't have to do anything differently from what you have already done in the past.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

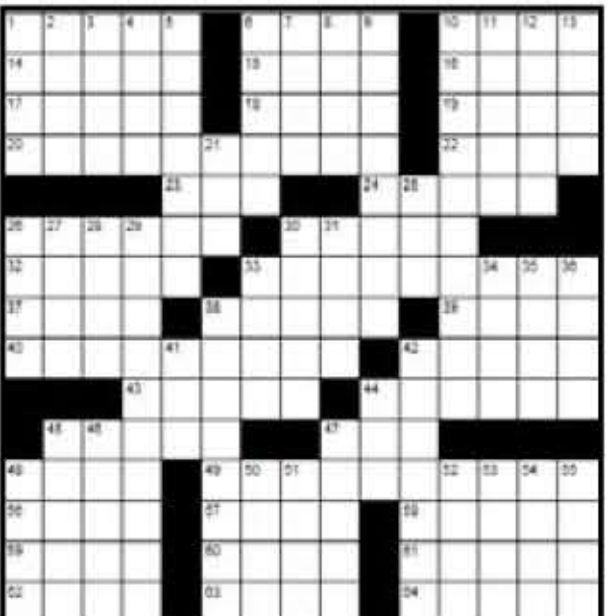
Calculating your options and weighing the various pros and cons to your ambitious plans is your top priority now. Naturally, you want to make the best choices, but the most sensible course of progress goes more complicated with the crosscurrents from other people's opinions. Even if your closest friends and allies are on your side, they might withdraw emotionally once they realize that there's little for them to do.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're anxious to assume a leadership position today because you intuitively know what needs to happen next. Unfortunately, those around you aren't so quick to relinquish their power now. Caution is advised; you can't just command an authoritative role in order to demonstrate your competence. Avoid direct confrontation at all costs; fortunately, you can use your ingenuity to find an indirect route to achieve your objectives.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Miracles aren't likely to happen out of the blue, even if you woke up anticipating something special today. Nevertheless, serious healing magic can suddenly unfold right before your eyes as long as you don't try to force anything on your own. Above all, don't push your perspective on anyone else. Swim like a Fish in a school and, for now, take the course of least resistance.



Across
 1. Ancient Athenian philosopher, 6. Gusted, 10. Mimics, 14. Broadcast, 15. 66 in Roman numerals, 16. Transport commercially, 17. Little, 18. Cut down, 19. Fizzy drink, 20. Not arrogant, 22. 1 1 1 1, 23. South southeast, 24. Mistake, 26. Edict, 30. Stalwart, 32. Laneway, 33. Amends, 37. Applications, 38. Death notices, 39. Decorative case, 40. Confuses, 42. Serpent, 43. Dirties, 44. Batter, 45. Slogan 47. Female sib, 48. Exploded star, 49. Unshackled, 56. Press, 57. Indian dress, 58. Avoid, 59. After-bath powder, 60. Untruths, 61. Cooktop, 62. Blackthorn, 63. The original matter (cosmology), 64. Contemptuous look

Down
 1. A Maori club, 2. Mortgage, 3. Region, 4. 10 10 10 10, 5. Amazing adventure, 6. Hold responsible, 7. 71 in Roman numerals, 8. Not odd, 9. Freshwater ducks of Eurasia, 10. Variety, 11. Record player, 12. Duck down, 13. Resorts, 21. Utilize, 25. Regret, 26. Apply, 27. If not, 28. A ball of yarn, 29. Opposition, 30. Mixes, 31. Infants, 33. Cain's brother, 34. French for "State", 35. Microwave (slang), 36. Layer, 38. De-testably, 41. A parcel of land, 42. Female siblings, 44. Best seller, 45. Virtuous, 46. Convex molding, 47. Earthquake, 48. Pesky insects, 50. Found on a finger, 51. No charge, 52. Distinctive flair, 53. Graphic symbol, 54. Border, 55. A whitetail

Yesterday's Solution

agree, attack, campus, class, confident, context, credit, event, fault, foreign, government, heard, heart, ideal, nature, parson, perfect, photo, quote, reach, rely, right, rims, sense, speak, tape, target, tarn, teat, terror test, tone tough, train, truck, video, waste, watch

