

Over 160 Afghan Companies Licensed to Operate Through Chabahar

KABUL - Iranian embassy officials said they continue their efforts to launch direct Afghanistan-Chabahar flights to facilitate transit for Afghan businessmen. Iranian embassy officials in Kabul said on Saturday that among the 500 companies licensed to operate in the free trade zone of Chabahar Port, 165 of them are Afghan firms. Officials also stated that concerted efforts are being made to introduce direct cargo flights between Chabahar, Kabul and Dubai. "We continue our efforts to also start the Kabul-Chabahar-Dubai flights in order to ease access for Afghan investors to global markets," said Seddiq Qasemi Zakeri, the economic consular at the Iranian embassy. The Ministry of Commerce and Industries meanwhile said Iran has provided special privileges to Afghan ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



95% Women in Paktika lack Tazkera

SHARAN - Ninety-five percent women and 30 percent men have not obtained National Identity Cards (NICs) — also known Tazkera — in southeastern Paktika province, government officials said and termed it a huge problem. Momin Khan Kamal, a tribal elder, told Pajhwok Afghan News those women who had been to Saudi Arabia for Hajj, went on foreign trip or needed NIC for any other purpose possessed the NICs. "These women don't make even one percent thus we can say that most of women in Paktika sans NICs," he said. Kamal said cultural restraints remained a hurdle in Paktika and most families did not want to get NIC for their female family members. In most areas the NICs have been considered shame for women, he added.

He says there is a district in Paktika where even men have no NIC. "These are remote districts where the Taliban have been ruling and people never felt the need to obtain NICs," he said. Bibi Amina, the resident of Deganan village of Sharan, the provincial capital, said: "Men considered NIC only their right and women also did not show interest to get Tazkera because other women would lambast them." She asked the government to press men to get NIC for their female family members.

Zainab, the resident of Mashkhelo village in Yousufkhal district, said this was a fact the families deny NICs for women so the government should force men to get NICs for their women. She added like the issue of Tazkera where women had been deprived, men have full authority in other affairs and were the sole decision makers. Naimatullah Babari, the Provincial Council (PC) member, said if the government did not provide proper environment and facilities for the distribution of NICs, most women in Paktika would not be able to take part in future decision making events.

He said insecurity, lack of attention by families, cultural restraints, lack of government attention and particularly the non-availability of NIC distribution officers in some districts were the main reasons that halt the distribution of Tazkera to women and men.

Anwar Katawazi, head of the Population Registration Department in Paktika, said 95 percent women and 30 percent men have not yet obtained their Tazkeras.

He said: "Paktika women have been facing multiple issues while trying to get Tazkera. Khoshmand is a district where no women applied for Tazkera in the past five years and only those women apply for Tazker who needed it for emergency purpose.

In addition, ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Mujadidi Accuses Pakistan of Promoting Terrorism, Extremism

KABUL - Former President Sibghatullah Mujadidi has come out in support of Pashtuns Long March saying Pakistan exported terrorism and extremism. Mujadidi expressed view on Saturday in support of days long Pashtun Long March in Islamabad demanding justice, eradication of terrorism, protection of Pashtons rights and others legal demands. The Killing of Nqeebullah Mehsud in the southern city of Karachi prompted thousands of activists to gather in Pakistan's capital Islamabad raise voice against the violation



of their rights and seek justice from the Pakistani government. Hunted by year of neglect and suffering, the protesters listed five demands including swift justice for Mehsud's ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Widowed, Unsheltered Kandahar Women Seek Jobs

KANDAHAR - Many widowed and unaccompanied women in southern Kandahar province have asked the central government to provide them with jobs in order to give their children a decent life. Saima, 36, a resident of 2nd police district of Kandahar City, the provincial capital, said her husband was killed in a landmine blast, leaving behind her, their three children and his mother. She said poverty forced her into hard labor but she had been unable to meet her family's



economic needs. She urged the provincial administrations to pay ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Money changers End Strike as DAB Agrees with Key Demands

KABUL - Sara-i-Shahzada money exchangers on Sunday called off their strike after Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) vowed to agree their key demands in line with the law. The Moneychangers National Council had organized a countrywide strike on February 7 against restrictions imposed on them by the DAB. The central bank had barred money exchangers from lending money to traders, accumulating or transferring them from one to another province. Based on the DAB's regulation, the money changers must ...*(More on P4)...(14)*



Farah Blast Leaves Two Footballers Dead, 3 Wounded

FARAH CITY - Two footballers have been killed and three others wounded in a roadside blast in Anar Dara district of western Farah province, an official said on Sunday. Habibullah, a relative of the victims, told Pajhwok Afghan News the athletes were on their way to Anar Dara district to attend a football match but a roadside mine struck them late on Saturday. He said the victims hailed from Jija village and were members of the village football team. Provincial deputy police chief, Abdul Razaq Sherzad verified the incident and



said the injured had been taken to the civil clinic of the district and their health condition was stable. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries You might think you know what will happen today, but there's an excellent chance that your day will head off in a direction that's not on your agenda. Your long-term plans may need revision as shocking Uranus zaps your key planet Mars while it's traveling through your 9th House of Future Vision. But don't make impulsive changes to your itinerary.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus It can be temporarily upsetting if you must quickly adapt to unexpected modifications in your schedule. It might seem as if someone is purposefully trying to antagonize you by placing obstacles in your path. Confrontation won't likely lead to satisfaction today; channel your anger into constructive action, instead.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini You may appear to be annoyed if a disruptive event creates turmoil at work today. However, you're secretly smiling on the inside because the unscheduled chaos is an opportunity to show others how functional you are in a crisis. First, you want to get to the core of the matter, so you know what went wrong. Then, you set off to solve the Rubik's cube, moving the various pieces of information around until they all match up.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer You can feel the weight of someone's negativity and you're not sure of the best way to handle it today. Ignoring the obvious isn't a good idea because it sends a message of approval. Although direct confrontation isn't your style, you're more inclined to take an aggressive approach while irrepensible Uranus activates warrior Mars.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo Nearly any problem that surfaces today becomes a reason to express your point of view to anyone who will listen. Although it may feel awkward at first, you learn from each time you share your story. Naturally, the performance of your delivery continues to improve with each telling; however, it loses some of the spark that accompanies spontaneity.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Virgo You're tempted to retreat into your well-organized collection of facts and figures, but falling back on details won't help you make sense of the current situation. You might actually believe you have a handle on the complexity of your mixed emotions today, but even a casual interaction with a friend or lover can trigger a profound existential meltdown.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra You might be under pressure to make up your mind about how to proceed with a project that's consuming your time. On one hand, you could seize the day by setting aside your previous plans in order to make the best of an unexpected opportunity. On the other hand, it may be judicious to scale back your expectations, so you can focus on existing problems.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio Yesterday's unexpressed anger is today's main event. You must process your reactions to any lingering negativity or they could grow into something more serious. But you may need to do the heavy lifting by yourself. You can't rely on anyone else coming forward in this moment to share your burden.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sagittarius You're excited about facing a new day with fresh challenges and unsolved mysteries. Although you start by channeling your wide-eyed Sagittarius adventurer, innocence fades when the evocative Moon tangos with domineering Pluto in your 2nd House of Values. You're more than slightly intrigued by a sudden change of events, but wary of walking into the unknown.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

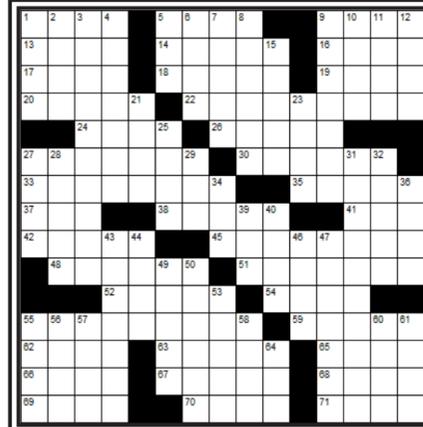
Capricorn People may be hesitant to ask you for help today because they can tell you're operating in a world of your own. The truth is you are in deep thought planning your next strategic move now, and everyone should know that you're innovative enough to make nearly anything happen.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius Your coworkers are not aware of your emotional intensity because you hide it so well now. No one will see you rant or rave or lose your cool in any way today. A spontaneous outburst won't happen because you are too busy making sense out of the world, while also trying to get ahead.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces Your childhood memories contain a mixture of positive and negative events, but you might not be able to remember too many of the good ones today. Nevertheless, it's like you tapped into a subterranean river that's rushing to the surface and you can't just turn off the flow of recollections. An uncomfortable Mercury-Saturn alignment requires you to process all these mental archetypes before returning to your activities in the real world.



Across

- Hats, 5. Vipers, 9. Bright thought, 13. Wings, 14. Sedate, 16. Close, 17. Classify, 18. Embankment, 19. Widespread, 20. A low evergreen shrub, 22. Predilections, 24. Implored, 26. Escargot, 27. Evoking sadness, 30. Avow, 33. Passed, 35. Something to shoot for, 37. Binge, 38. Begin, 41. Loving murmur, 42. Bay window, 45. People who are longing, 48. Named (archaic), 51. An enthusiastic young fan, 52. Lacking leader, hip, 54. Lean, 55. A woman's undergarment, 59. Andean animal, 62. Hubs, 63. Lyric poem, 65. Feudal symbol, 66. River of Spain, 67. Adjust again, 68. Level, 69. Adolescent, 70. Feudal worker, 71. Abominable Snowman, ,

Down

- Money, 2. Found in some lotions, 3. Someone who is paralyzed, 4. Colonist, 5. American Sign Language, 6. Stair, 7. Covers with asphalt, 8. Reddish brown, 9. Handicap, 10. University administrator, 11. Where the sun rises, 12. Anagram of "Star", 15. A type of coffee, 21. Significance, 23. High fidelity, 25. Twosomes, 27. Karate school, 28. Female internal reproductive organ, 29. A parcel of land, 31. Container, 32. New Zealand native, 34. K, 36. Fail to win, 39. Regulation (abbrev.), 40. Sourish, 43. Evasion, 44. Focusing glass, 46. Agitate, 47. Negate, 49. Anagram of "Peril", 50. A Native American tent, 53. Smelter waste, 55. Decay from overripening, 56. Gown, 57. Unit of land, 58. Biblical garden, 60. Protective ditch, 61. Against, 64. French for "Summer"

Yesterday's Solution

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