

Pashtany Bank Asset up by 15pc, Recovers 77m Afs Loans

KABUL - Abdul Aziz Babakarkhel, the bank's chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News in an exclusive interview the loan recovery was the highest in the past three years.

The bank had recovered 340 million afghanis in 1395 solar year and 397 million afghanis in 1394, he revealed, hailing customer deposits as a huge achievement during the ongoing year.

"The bank's properties have gone up by 15.15 percent and customer deposits by 17.36 percent during the year," the official said.

Babakarkhel added around nine cases of letters of credit amounting to more than \$9.7 million dollars -- or 97.2 million afs -- were disposed of and 236 banking guarantees -- 124.3 million afs -- issued.

During the year, the bank also recorded more than 306 afs net profit and ...*(More on P4)...(9)*



IWA Concerned at Shrinking Public Role in Budget Making

KABUL - Transparency in Afghanistan's budget making has increased from 42 to 49 in terms of scores over the past two years, but people's participation in the exercise has decreased from 27 to 15 marks.

Syed Akram Afzali, Integrity Watch Afghanistan (IWA) head, told a press conference here on Monday the IWA and the International Budget Partnership (IBP) had researched the budgets for 1394 and 1395 fiscal years.

He said a similar survey had been conducted in 1393 and 1392. The latest



survey shows the budgets for 1394 and 1395 had seven more privileges than the 1393 and 1392 accounts.

Afzali urged the government to step up efforts at increasing transparency in ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Sherpao Supports Demands of Protesting Pakhtuns

PESHAWAR - A senior political figure on Sunday asked Pakistan's federal government to accept all demands of Pakhtuns who recently staged a sit-in in Islamabad.

Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao, former chief minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, hit out at the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) government for its unfair attitude to the smaller provinces.

The QuamiWatan Party chairman demanded the inclusion of Pakhtun leadership in the decision and policy-making process. Any confrontation with the state institutions would be ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



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Islamabad Outlaws Outfits on UNSC Terror List

PESHAWAR - The Pakistan government has proscribed the organisations that the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has put on the terrorist list.

President Mamnoon Hussain on Sunday issued an ordinance amending the Anti-Terrorism Act to declare as terrorist the organisations sanctioned by the UNSC.

As a result of the ordinance, approved by the president and issued by the Law Ministry, the government will be able to take action against these organisations. A special UNSC team

visited Pakistan last month to assess the implementation of sanctions on Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD), Falah-i-Insaniyat Foundation (FiF) and other proscribed outfits. Meanwhile, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) said companies had been barred from donating cash to the entities and individuals listed under the UNSC sanctions committee's consolidated list. The list includes Al-Qaeda, Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, Lashkar-i-Jhangvi, JuD, FiF, Lashkar-i-Taiba and other organisations and individuals. (Pajhwok)

KABUL - The Independent Election Commission (IEC) leadership on Monday reiterated its resolve to hold elections on time and transparently and promised to remove electoral officials accused of fraud in previous polls in order to restore public trust.

A statement from the High Council of Jihadi Parties received by Pajhwok Afghan News said the council's members and IEC leading figures discussed holding of the Wolesi Jirga and district council elections during a meeting.

Abbas Basir, secretary of the council and a senior advisor to the president, attend-

IEC to be Purged of Fraud-Tainted Officials



ed the meeting cleared and declared the council's stance about the upcoming elections. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You might be getting tired of vacillating between enthusiasm and disappointment as each new opportunity comes and goes. Fortunately, you're on the upswing today, making it nearly impossible to approach the future with anything but idealistic dreams of perfection.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus It can still take you a long time to switch gears and acknowledge your blessings, even when everything is going according to your plan. Modifying your strategy doesn't come naturally to you obstinate Bulls and too many changes exhaust you. However, once you finally start looking on the bright side of the street today.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You don't have any more answers than anyone else now, but you love the thrill of uncertainty that lurks behind every choice you must make. Nevertheless, you might choose to override everyone's sage advice today and avoid making major decisions of any type. Although this may sound like a good solution in the moment, your rebellious behavior really won't help anything in the long run.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Although others are quick to say what's on their minds, you may keep your current thoughts to yourself because they don't seem to be supported by the consensus of your peers. You are often quite content with your silence, but the more you try to suppress your feelings today, the stronger they grow.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Your partner or close friend may be acting weird today, yet it's impossible to put your finger on the cause of your assessment. You can't tell if they are purposefully keeping something from you or if you're just turning a trivial observation into the key scene in your three-act play. Whatever the source of the strange energy might be now.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo Filling in the details on your schedule today may send you on the hunt for specific information. Although you might find what you're looking for, the discovery of missing facts can suddenly turn a normal day into a hectic one. You may feel as if you are the victim of a cosmic trick, expecting one reality but getting a different one.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Put on your thinking cap because your intellectual orientation can lead to a burst of creativity today. But it may require an exerted push to turn your current ingenuity into anything tangible while idealistic Jupiter squares cerebral Mercury in your 5th House of Self-Expression. Rather than talking to hear your own voice, assess the impact of anything you say or do now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio It's natural for people to assume that your positive spin on a current event is your final judgment. They might completely miss the complexity of your position because you think it's easier to nod your head and smile. But you are frantically sorting through many scenarios now, searching for the one that could make a difference in someone's life.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius In the flash of a lightning bolt, you're momentarily sure that you're invincible. But the illusion that you can do anything comes and goes as quickly as a spring storm. Nevertheless, you are operating with special cosmic energy at your disposal now that quicksilver Mercury squares your key planet Jupiter in your 12th House of Destiny. Don't shy away from the importance of the choices you make.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You're not one to be caught up in the excitement of the crowd unless there's a good reason to go along with everyone else. It typically takes plenty of solid facts and figures to win you over to a new idea, but today you're eager to join the group on a whim. Paradoxically, although it might appear that you're flying along on a wing and a prayer, you're still more in control of your fate than it seems.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

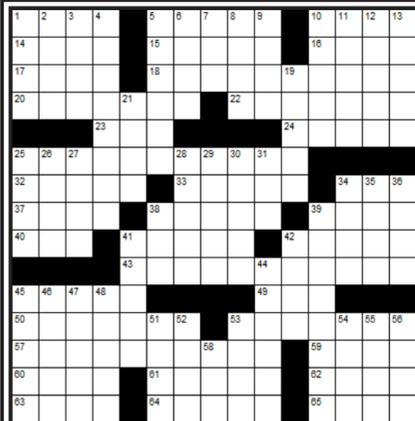


Aquarius Your behavior might be more transparent than you like today. The Moon's monthly presence in your sign brings your emotions to the forefront now. However, you could become overly obsessive about making the most of an opportunity before it disappears. Naturally, taking action in a timely manner is a sign of brilliance.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces Oddly enough, the very same coworkers who seem to be giving you a hard time today are your best behind-the-scenes supporters. However, honoring their desire to help sight unseen works to your advantage. There's no need to dig into the shadows; knowing who your allies are now won't have any bearing on your progress. Limiting your focus ensures your success.



Across

1. Appear, 5. Naughts, 10. Wanes, 14. Diatom, 15. Put forth, as effort, 16. ___ du jour = Meal of the day, 17. Shower, 18. Cubbyhole, 20. Perceptiveness, 22. The presiding officer, 23. Cook in hot oil, 24. What place? 25. Science investigators, 32. Pretentious, 33. Product of bees, 34. Bleat, 37. Pace, 38. Light purple, 39. Graphic symbol, 40. East southeast, 41. Data stream manipulator, 42. Slowly, in music, 43. Being filled with, 45. Muscle contraction, 49. Hearing organ, 50. Snipped, 53. An endocrine gland, 57. Opposition, 59. Relating to aircraft, 60. Qualified, 61. Revere, 62. Trigonometry (abbrev.), 63. G G G G, 64. Clan emblem, 65. Cocoyam

Down

1. Indian dress, 2. Distinctive flair, 3. Auspices, 4. Apparent, 5. Greek god of the west wind, 6. Way out, 7. Regulation (abbrev.), 8. Mining finds, 9. Cease, 10. Ancient unit of dry measure, 11. Fellow, 12. A machine for baling hay, 13. Cubic meter, 19. Chatty, 21. A neutral color, 25. Anger, 26. Historical periods, 27. Anagram of "Ties", 28. Scold, 29. Gaps, 30. Make into law, 31. Record (abbrev.), 34. Built in bed, 35. Pot, 36. Many millennia, 38. Not high, 39. Play, 41. Tempo, 42. Teller of untruths, 44. Ransom, 45. Scrawny one, 46. Academy freshman, 47. Lane, 48. Secret agents, 51. French for "State", 52. Carpenter's groove, 53. Unit of land, 54. Egghead, 55. Dry, 56. Corporate image, 58. Excluding,

Yesterday's Solution

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