

80mw Power Supply from Tajikistan to Kabul Restored

KABUL - The destroyed power pylon has been repaired in northern Kunduz province, partially restoring electricity to capital Kabul, an official said on Saturday, claiming the government plans to import more electricity from Tajikistan. On Jan. 27, unidentified men destroyed a power pylon in Dand-i-Shahabuddin area on the outskirts of Pul-i-Khumri, the capital of northern Baghlan province, cutting off 300MW from Uzbekistan to Kabul. On Feb. 9, another electricity pylon transferring power from Tajikistan to Kabul was destroyed in Kunduz, plunging more



areas of Kabul into darkness. Kabul energy and water director Eng. Mohammad Nasim Ganji told Pajhwok Afghan News the electricity tower was repaired in Kunduz on Friday evening restoring 80 MW of power from Tajikistan to Kabul. Currently 200MW of electricity is supplied to Kabul where 600MW is required. Hamidullah Durani, electric power project manager at Asian Development Bank, said they have been in talks with Tajik officials to increase the power supply to Kabul to 300MW. (Pajhwok)

Nangarhar Residents Want Historical Sites Revived

JALALABAD - A number of residents and provincial council members from Nangarhar on Saturday blamed government for doing nothing to save and revive historical sites in the province. They called on relevant organizations to revive the historical sites in the eastern province which are on the verge of destruction. According to them, one of the historical sites is Siraj al-Amara which has been under reconstruction for ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

6 Afghan Security Men Killed in Taliban Attacks: Officials

KABUL - Taliban insurgents killed six Afghan security personnel Saturday in two separate attacks, Afghan officials said. Four policemen were killed and seven others wounded in double-suicide attacks on their checkpoint outside a security forces station in the southern Helmand province, said Gen. Abdul Rahman Sarjang, provincial police chief in Helmand. Sarjang said five insurgents ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

24 Militants Killed in Afghanistan: MOD

KABUL -Ministry of Defense (MoD) said on Saturday that 24 militants had been killed during military and cleanup operations in eight of the country's 34 provinces within the last 24 hours. About 17 militants were injured and 11 others detained in the operations carried out by Afghan army, police and intelligence agency personnel, the ministry said in a statement. "The joint forces also seized weapons and ammunition besides confiscating



an explosive-packed motorcycle and two suicide vests. They also defused 27 roadside bombs and landmines over the past 24 hours," the statement ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Taliban Confirm Losing 13 Fighters in Paktika Drone Strikes

KABUL - Taliban have confirmed losing 13 fighters in two drone strikes in Barmal District of Paktika province. A statement released by the group's spokesperson on Saturday states that their fighters came under drone attacks while they were in fighting with militants belonging to Daesh group in Warmama area. According to the statement, five militants were killed in one strike and eight others in another one. The statement does not contain exact date of the strikes. Local officials and residents of Gomal District of Paktika province have also reported severe clashes between Taliban and fighters loyal to Daesh. According to local residents, clashes between the two rival groups led dozens of militants killed in Khand and Dinarkhil areas last week. (KP)

Pakistan Snubs NYT for Allegation over ISIS, Afghanistan

WASHINGTON - The Pakistan Embassy in the U.S. rejected a report carried out by the New York Times (NYT) that blamed Pakistan for deteriorating situation in Afghanistan, adding such accusation would harm the reconciliation process in that country. In a strong rejoinder to the editor, a spokesman for the embassy challenged the assertions made in the report titled "Pakistan's Hands in the Rise of International Jihad" and drew the attention of the author



to the world praise for fighting global terrorism. Pakistan for its role in ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Over 50 Passengers Rescued from Militants in Faryab

MAIMANA - The security personnel rescued dozens of passengers from militants in northern Faryab province, officials claimed on Saturday. More than 50 passengers, travelling from Maimana to Kabul, were disembarked from three buses in Shekhha area on Friday evening, the Daulatabad district chief, Col. Naimatullah Tofan, told Pajhwok Afghan News.



But the Taliban were forced to flee the area, leaving all the passengers but one, he said, Zabib was taken away by the militants. It is not yet clear whether or not he had government job. One of the passengers, Najibullah, said one of the men was injured by the Taliban during an exchange fire. Some passengers, including children and women, hid in a forest from 4:45pm to 9pm. Director of Miladpai-

No Clue to Iranian Driver Kidnapped in Nimroz

ZARANJ - An Iranian national has been kidnapped by unidentified men in Zaranj, the capital of northwestern Nimroz province, an official said on Saturday.

A security official, wishing anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Iranian was kidnapped in Naqsha area of the city two days ago. The source identified

the kidnappee as Syed Reza, the driver of a transit truck transferring goods from Iran's Abbas port to Nimroz province. Reza was ab ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Achin District Chief Among 3 Wounded in Collision

JALALABAD - A district chief was injured when his car collided with a vehicle on the Kabul-Jalalabad highway of eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday. The road accident occurred in the limits of the Sarobi district of Kabul, wounding the Achin district chief, Haji Ghalib Mujahid, the governor's spokesman said. Attaullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News the district chief met the accident while traveling from Kabul to Nangarhar. His driver and guard were also injured in the collision. Mujahid confirmed he was in a stable condition. Only his face was scratched in the accident. His driver said the car collided with a vehicle of the Afghan National Army (ANA). (Pajhwok)

ma Transport Service Noor Mohammad said one of the buses belonged to his firm. The driver and conductor escaped, but when the road was reopened, they took the passengers to Kabul. (Pajhwok)

35 Injured as Passenger Bus Flips Over in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - At least 35 passengers have been injured in an accident on the Kandahar-Herat highway in the southern province of Kandahar, officials

said on Saturday. The incident took place on Friday when a passenger bus veered off the road in the Zherai district of Kandahar, the traffic branch chief,

Col. Mohammadullah Khan, told Pajhwok Afghan News. Thirty-five passengers, including women and children, sustained injuries in the ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Establishing a slower rhythm today isn't as straightforward as it sounds. Nevertheless, it's still wise to rest while you can because the pace will pick up significantly after the weekend. Try practicing tried and true relaxation techniques such as yoga or meditation. If you have too much energy, go for a walk or do something creative.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It appears as if people are pushing your emotional buttons now just to rattle you. Thankfully, your resistance is strong and you won't likely get involved in dramas that aren't yours. Your obstinate behavior works in your favor today, empowering you to establish clear boundaries. Luckily, your infamous stubborn nature doesn't seem to upset others.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your imagination comes to life with captivating fantasies today, making it nearly impossible to focus on events in the outer world. However, you may actually grow single-minded, mulling over the same images again and again in your daydreams. There's no need for worry; your current obsession is a harmless detour and soon you will be back to your old playful and productive self once more. Color outside the lines while you have the chance.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your thoughts are doggedly pulling you into the future, even if you don't think you're ready for it. But your current ideas aren't just idle musings; you are actually laying a concrete foundation for whatever may unfold during the weeks ahead. Rather than cutting the ties of the connections to your own memories, weave them into the fabric of your dreams.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You might feel uneasy today because someone's expectations are in direct conflict with your own ideas about how you want to spend your day. Avoid bringing a difference of opinion to a head now, for it won't likely resolve the underlying tension anyhow. Instead of fruitlessly trying to find a common path, accept the incongruity between your needs and your reality.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Finding satisfaction is annoyingly elusive today because your best plans seem to grow cold while sitting on the back burner. Although some of the larger pieces of the puzzle may be missing, enough of the smaller ones fit so well that the energy still flows. Nevertheless, you are wise to proceed slowly now; use this time to rejuvenate your spirit and prepare for the next adventure around the bend.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It's nearly impossible to see how people are attempting to influence your feelings in an indirect manner today. Unfortunately, even your closest friends won't necessarily come right out and say what they want. You sense an awkward emotional undercurrent and there's not much you can do now other than recognizing it for what it is. Remember, nothing is gained by sinking to a level of retaliation.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You might think that others are trying to make something appear less complicated than it is now. You are certain you know the truth, but can't seem to get anyone to see it from your perspective today. Nevertheless, you can simultaneously accept totally different ways of looking at a similar experience for the sake of peace.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You may be drifting off in your own little world today, daydreaming of a recent trip or planning your next one. However, much to your chagrin, reality continues to call you back to the dull routines at hand. Even if you wish you were somewhere else, it's still necessary to concentrate on your current work now. Take care of chores as soon as possible and you'll be able to enjoy yourself without remorse over the weekend.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

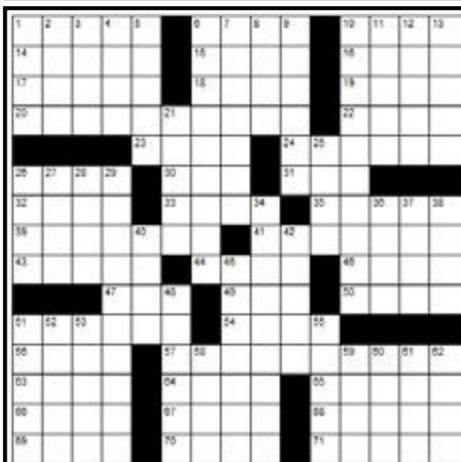
A slow dance between your head and your heart lures you into friendly waters today. You might feel as if you are trying to overcome some old limitations that are based on unpleasant memories. Luckily, the past is over and you're not emotionally bound to yesterday. Although your current truths are already quite different, they are still in the development stage.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your interpersonal interactions are complicated today since unresolved emotional issues might be dragging you down. Act with cautious reserve; you don't need to take everyone else's problems and automatically add them to yours, even if you care a great deal about the people involved. Practice listening with an open heart, but keep some of your feelings private, nonetheless.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

A relatively quiet day can turn into a rushing river of thoughts as a coworker tells you more personal information than you need to know. Nevertheless, you can't just turn your back on someone in need if he or she shows up with a problem. Fortunately, lending a helping hand doesn't mean you must sacrifice your own agenda. Kindly inform others of your limits and then stick to them. Your compassion knows no bounds.



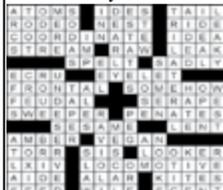
Across

1. Malice, 6. Chooses, 10. Assistant, 14. An unbound manuscript, 15. Chick's sound, 16. Urgent request, 17. Narc, 18. Within, 19. Anagram of "Silo", 20. Fast terrestrial bird, 22. Grotto, 23. Dogfish, 24. Male hawk, 26. A soft porous rock, 30. Charged particle, 31. Cheer, 32. Burden, 33. Against, 35. A jet of vapor, 39. Error, 41. Gaseous fuel, 43. Breast, 44. "Damn!", 46. Affirm, 47. Neither, 49. Snagged, 50. Focusing glass, 51. Group of three, 54. Biblical garden, 56. Hearing organs, 57. Permissiveness, 63. Nursemaid, 64. 2 2 2 2, 65. Wild dog of Australia, 66. Small amount, 67. Gave temporarily, 68. Annoyed, 69. Sow, 70. Jittery, 71. Thorny flowers.

Down

1. Stigma, 2. Jump up and down, 3. Notion, 4. Care for, 5. Spare, 6. Stated your beliefs, 7. A long tapering flag, 8. French for "Head", 9. Flashy, 10. Being of questionable authenticity, 11. Of a pelvic bone, 12. Look closely, 13. Artist's workstand, 21. Inuit boat, 25. Where the sun rises, 26. Grave, 27. Pearly-shelled mussel, 28. Bother, 29. Astounded, 34. Exhibitionism, 36. Rant, 37. Nameless, 38. Evergreens, 40. Out of control, 42. Go in, 45. Everlasting, 48. A baby's toy, 51. League members, 52. Bog hemp, 53. Give a speech, 55. Point of greatest despair, 58. Was indebted, 59. Novice, 60. Writing fluids, 61. Curved molding, 62. Gestures of assent.

Yesterday's Solution



anvil, beige, bound, brush, census, deplete, dire, draft, drop, ennu, erupt, fable, gable, glide, heel, irksome, monotonous, noun, obvious, peel, people, piano, plenty, quest, replicate, reprimand, retail, save, signal, snare, still, style, trivia, utter, venom.

