

New Governor Links Economic Growth to Security

FARAH CITY - The newly appointed governor for western Farah province alleged that his predecessors were not honest to develop the province and he promised to implement his economic and security plans for the prosperity of the masses. Mohammad Asif Nang, former acting minister for education, has been appointed new governor for Farah province.

In his exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Nang said Farah was a developed and strategically important region of Afghanistan. But he regretted that the province had been left undeveloped and former governors did not work honestly to ensure prosperity by introducing economic reforms in the province. "I got through information ... (More on P4)...(11)



Many Afghans Desire Prompt Electoral Reforms

KABUL - Many Afghans believe a delay in electoral reforms would further deteriorate the country's security situation. After forming the unity government, President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) vowed electoral reforms to ensure that future elections were fraud-free. The president had said a commission would be



created to present its suggestions on how to reform the electoral system. But seven months on, the two leaders are yet to agree to the ... (More on P4)...(17)

PC Members Seek Reforms

QALAT - Members of the provincial council of southern Zabul province on Saturday urged the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) to introduce reforms to the provincial administration. They made the call at a meeting with IDLG policy and technical affairs deputy director, Farid Mamondzai, in Qalat, the provincial capital, IDLG spokesman Tawab Ghorzang told Pajhwok Afghan News. The meeting was attended by provincial council



head Atta Jan and several members of the council, who stressed reforms in the education, judiciary, the attorney's office, detection and security sectors of Zabul. Ghorzang said the PC members urged the IDLG official to share Zabul's problems with the Presidential Palace. He said Mamondzai ... (More on P4)...(12)

Fair Polls Not Possible Sans Electronic ID Cards

KABUL - For the sake of transparent future elections, the issuance of electronic identity cards should be started without further delay, the National Council of Journalists (NCJ) said on Saturday. Hafizullah Barezai, NCJ director, told journalists in Kabul there was

still enough time to issue electronic cards to people ahead of the parliamentary polls to be held next Afghan year. "There are evidence irregularities had taken place in the previous elections like fraud, bribery, stuffing ballot boxes and selling votes," he said, ... (More on P4)...(14)

TAPI Launch Date Expected in 2 Months: Saba

KABUL - Mines and Petroleum Minister, Daud Shah Saba, on Saturday said an advisory council to manage Afghanistan's mineral resources had been created, as he hoped the launch date of the TAPI gas pipeline project would be decided in two months. Saba, who attended the

TAPI (Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India) steering committee meeting in Islamabad three days ago, was talking to reporters in Kabul. The minister said the newly-created advisory council would start working soon on managing mineral resources in a ... (More on P4)...(15)

Comprehensive Anti-Rebels Operation Launched

LASHKARGAH - With the participation of 4,000 strong Afghan National Army (ANA) force, comprehensive anti-militants operations have been launched in northern districts of southern Helmand province, officials said Sunday. The operation code-named "Zulfiqar" were

being carried out from Sangin district by ground forces with air support in which several localities were purged of insurgents, Umar Zwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News. The offensive, he pledged would go on till the elimi ... (More on P4)...(16)

Eastern Provinces Corrupt Officials be Sacked: Residents

JALALABAD - A number of residents and activists of social society networks of eastern provinces on Sunday demanded that the promised delegation to be sent by the president should thoroughly investigate rampant administrative corruption and spiraling insecurity in the eastern provinces. President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on Satur-

day held a video conference with governors of four eastern provinces and talked with them in details on issues concerning security, good governance and development. Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, the spokesman for the Nangarhar governor, told Pajhwok Afghan News that governors, police chiefs, and army ... (More on P4)...(20)

New Township Changes Kabul Ring Road Course

KABUL - The newly-constructed Syed Jamaluddin Afghan Township in the capital Kabul has not only blocked a road earlier used by thousands of people in several areas but also changed the yet to be completed ring road's course, residents and the Public Works Ministry say. The township, a 60 million dollars scheme, is being constructed by Memari-Shahr Company on a 700-acre of land east of

Kabul covering Ahmad Shah Mena, Bathkhak and Kamari areas. All facilities needed in a residential scheme are being considered like residential apartments, industrial and recreation parks and others. But residents of Khak-i-Jabar, Patkhak, Qala Muhsein, Weyar Ahmadzai and Mena Abad areas say the township's construction has not only changed the ring road but closed ... (More on P4)...(21)

Struggle Against "Occupation Forces" to Go on: Taliban

KABUL - On the eve of victory day falling on August 15, the Taliban vowed on Sunday to keep on their struggle against "the occupation forces and invaders of the country." In the years between 1979 and 1988, hundreds of thousands of people were killed, as Soviet forces used their military might to crush the voices of dissent. Millions of people were displaced and forced to flee from the country. The ruins of war in the form of destroyed resi-



dential and commercial buildings in Kabul bear painful testimony to the hegemony and oppression unleashed by Soviet forces on Afghans. Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban's spokesman, in

a statement said "today is the day when the former USSR broke into several states and Moscow had to retreat from Afghanistan after tasting a humiliating defeat by the ... (More on P4)...(13)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You truly believe that you're on the right path to success now, but you might not be ready to make all the sacrifices required to accomplish your objectives. Nevertheless, you could do your share of deep soul-searching today as you consider limiting your ambitions and then eliminating the less realistic parts of your plan. Pragmatic behavior is fine, but don't let anyone talk you out of your dreams.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You are operating with a fixed agenda today and you're not interested in taking on any projects that will distract you from your chosen course. If you have decided to spend the day relaxing, then others might give up on you without even trying to get you to do anything at all. But the truth is that you could be talking tougher than you actually feel. However, there's no need to let your ego get in the way.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Demonstrating your confidence is a piece of cake today, as if you know everything will turn out wonderful. Nevertheless, you're not sharing your secrets now that the emotional Moon is hooking up with possessive Pluto. You may choose to downplay your strong feelings because you're worried that telling all could provoke negative consequences.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You can easily get snagged by someone's melodrama hijacking your day when the Moon joins suspicious Pluto in your 7th House of Companions. Although it seems as if it's not really your issue, the intensity of your reaction suggests otherwise. Fortunately, you may be sufficiently grounded now, enabling you to engage in a rational dialogue without being overwhelmed.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Just when you think you know what's real, the ground beneath your feet shifts once again and you suddenly might not be as certain as you were. The practical Capricorn Moon stabilizes your daily routine, but strange things keep happening now that remind you there's a piece of the puzzle you are missing.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Expressing your conflicting desires to someone you love may seem out of context today, prompting you to keep them to yourself. You might believe your feelings are too raw for others to handle. Although you want to be practical about what you reveal, don't be surprised if you spill the beans anyhow. Unfortunately, you could work yourself into a state of emotional turmoil, even if you start with a trivial disclosure.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

An uneasy pressure weighs on you today, stemming from a subtle feeling of insecurity that continues to build. However, you can prevent this discomfort by talking about your concerns with a friend and processing whatever is bothering you. However, it's tricky business because the cause of your current malaise may not be so obvious now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You can sense the energy rising, as if the internal pressure in a volcano continues to build. It's prudent to figure out how to let the lava flow without waiting for an inevitable eruption. Take responsibility for your feelings without indiscriminately dumping them on others. However, exerting too much self-control can amplify your emotions.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Recent inspirations bump into the reality of other people's emotions today, forcing you to reconsider your current strategy. You may feel as if someone has deflated your balloon and you're quickly losing altitude. Luckily, you won't likely crash to earth because the intensity of the current situation brings out your survival instincts, prompting you to concentrate on finding a fix.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

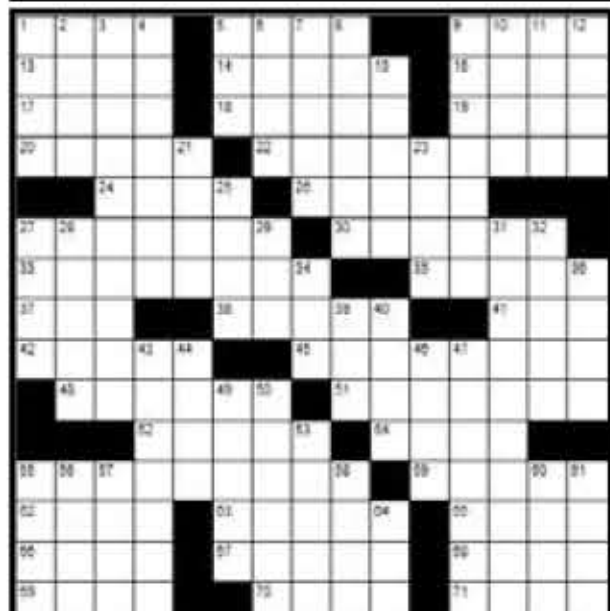
Although you often hold your feelings in check, your uncharacteristic emotional intensity can be so strong today that people are taken by surprise. Unfortunately, overwhelming others doesn't endear anyone to your cause. It's nearly impossible to get your message across now, unless you tone down the tenor of your words.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may want to remain under the blankets today and let the world slip by unnoticed. But staying home might stunt your emotional process; hiding isn't the best strategy if you want to grow from the current challenges. Practice patience and restrain from rushing in to explain your motives or defend your recent choices. It's your right to explore life's challenges on your own.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You might be somewhat disillusioned today as powerful feelings flood into awareness. Although this intense rollercoaster ride doesn't last long, it could tire you out and cause you to emotionally close down. It's disconcerting at first if anger begins to replace hope, but you can control how far down the rabbit hole you choose to go. Instead of spiraling into negativity now, consciously reconnect with your vision of the future.



Across
1. Portend, 5. Stinging insect, 9. Pace, 13. Cain's brother, 14. In base 8, 16. Annul, 17. Lasso, 18. Creepy, 19. Stubborn beast, 20. Audacity, 22. Exceeds, 24. Overhang, 26. Fangs, 27. Milky, 30. Sags, 33. From the far east, 35. Tranquility, 37. Spy agency, 38. Muscular contraction, 41. Directed, 42. Despises, 45. Injuring, 48. 6-person group, 51. Flattery, 52. Angelic headgear, 54. Misled, 55. Flannel, 59. Terminated from a job, 62. Beige, 63. Leave out, 65. Extinct flightless bird, 66. Historical periods, 67. Fend off, 68. Send forth, 69. Dispatched, 70. Care for, 71. Permits

Down
1. Farm building, 2. Double-reed woodwind, 3. Devalue, 4. Raise 5. Suffering, 6. Air force heroes, 7. Swagger, 8. Coupled, 9. Detective (slang), 10. Rectum 11. Doing nothing, 12. Foot digits, 15. Pariah, 21. Not odd, 23. At the peak of, 25. Dines, 27. Lake (Scottish), 28. Operatic solos, 29. One time around, 31. The same backward as forward, 32. Display, 34. Legislation, 36. Jittery, 39. Weep, 40. Think (over), 43. Discharge, 44. Sun, 46. Childlike, 47. A four-sided spinning top, 49. Church officer, 50. Commode, 53. Sharpshoot, 55. G G G G, 56. Unit of land, 57. Fiber source, 58. Biblical garden, 60. Modify, 61. Specks, 64. A late time of life

Yesterday's Solution
about, allow, along, annual, apply, arrives, assent, award, bargain, before, break, brief, clear, close, court, enter, exception, given, government, hunter, inform, mare, notice, order, point, police, polo, power, press, require, rout, royal, sins, sort, staple

