

# Electricity Supply to Kabul Restored after Weeks of Blackout

PUL-I-KHUMRI - The governor of northern Baghlan province on Friday said militants had been purged of the Dandi-Shahabuddin locality and electricity supply was restored to capital Kabul. Abdul Sattar Bariz told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces have launched clearing operation in the area early on Friday and the area was cleared till afternoon. He said engineers and technical team of the Brishna Shirkat have reached to the area and started work on the restoration of electricity supply. He said the Taliban had been pushed back to the area and fired single bullets from their positions. (Pajhwok)



## Swedish Charity Condemns Afghan Raid on Clinic

KABUL - A Sweden-based charity has condemned a deadly raid it says the Afghan army staged against one of its health facilities in central Afghanistan. Three people, including two patients and a personal caretaker were killed in the overnight attack in the Tangi Saidan area of the Wardak province, the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (SCA) said Thursday. A provincial government spokesman, Torialay Hemat, told VOA he knew about a raid Afghan security forces conducted late Wednesday that killed four insurgents and wounded two more, while another was taken into custody. But he said he was not aware of any intrusion into a health facility in the area. The attack constituted a gross violation of humanitarian principles and the Geneva Convention that all actors of a conflict have to respect, said Jorgen Holmstrom, country director of SCA. "Medical facilities and medical staff are to provide treatment to anyone in need and patients are ... (More on P4)...(20)

## Afghani Dips, Sugar Price up, Flour down in Kabul

KABUL - The Afghani depreciated against the US dollar during the outgoing week that saw prices of sugar soaring and of flour declining in capital Kabul, retailers said on Thursday. Moneychanger Amin Jan Khosti in Kabul money exchange market said the buying rate of one US dollar this week was 69.70afis and 1,000 Pakistani rupees accounted for 648afis. Last week's exchange value of the dollar stood at 68.90afis and 1,000



Pakistani rupees at 642afis. Based on Pajhwok weekly economic reports, a US dollar was exchanged for 57 afghanis in March 2015. The money changer, Khosti said they were concerned about the ... (More on P4)...(18)

## Kidnapped Young Man Found Beheaded in Nimroz

ZARANJ - A young man has been found beheaded weeks after his abduction in Khashrod district of north-western Nimroz province, an official said on Thursday. The victim, Mohammad Arif, had been kidnapped by unknown gunmen along with three others when they were traveling from Khashrod district to Zaranj city, the provincial capital, three weeks ago. A security official, who wished not to be named, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Arif was a civilian and had no government job. His body was found in Khashrod district, the source said. The official accused Taliban-infected militants of kidnapping and beheading Arif, saying the fate of the three others, residents of Helmand province, ... (More on P4)...(19)

## Five Kidnapped ICRC Staff Released

GHAZNI - An Afghan police official on Friday said that five kidnapped staff of the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) were released in eastern province of Ghazni earlier on the day. "As soon as the provincial officials were aware of the abduction, efforts were put in place by local officials and tribal elders to secure the safe release of the abductees. Following the mediation of local elders, the five were freed in Chahar Deah area of Waghaz district at around midday,"



provincial police spokesman Fahim Amiri told Xinhua. Unknown armed men in Ghazni kidnapped the aid workers along a roadway on Tuesday in the province with Ghazni city as its capital, some 125 km south of Kabul. Further details about the kidnapping remained unknown. The aid agency has suspended its operations ... (More on P4)...(21)

## Rehabilitation Work on Nangrahar Canal Completed

JALALABAD - The rehabilitation work of a canal in eastern Nangrahar province has been completed at the cost of over \$3 million provided by the World Bank (WB), an official said on Friday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's Spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News, the canal was now ready for the flow of water. Deputy Governor Mohammad Hanif Gardiwal at the ground breaking ceremony said water flow at the canal was stopped since 50-day due to the rehabilitation work.



Eng. Ghulam Hazrat, acting director of the Nangrahar canalization department, said the canal would now irrigate 15 acres of land and would have the capacity to carry 50 cubic meters water in one second. The canal begins from the Daronta dam and carried water to Batikot district. (Pajhwok)

## 6 Rebels Perished in Airstrike, 5 Suspects Held in Nangrahar

JALALABAD - Six insurgents have been killed during a US drone strike in the Haska Mena district of eastern Nangrahar province, an official said on Friday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok the strike took place in the Shikh Kando locality on Thursday. He said the drone missile targeted a vehicle in which the insurgents were traveling. The vehicle was also destroyed in the attack.

Separately, police have arrested at least five suspect militants from the 5th municipality district of Jalalabad, the provincial capital, and recovered five hand grenades from their possession. (Pajhwok)

## Cleric Gunned Down in Khyber Agency

KABUL - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead an Afghan cleric in Pakistan's federally administered Khyber Agency on Friday, Pakistani media reported. The incident happened in the Lawargi locality of the agency. Gunmen have managed to escape from the area after firing bullets at Maulvi Abdul Halim. The reason of the death of Afghan cleric is yet to be identified. Earlier another Afghan cleric was wounded in an explosion in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. (Pajhwok)

## Senior NDS Official Dead in Khost Explosion

KHOST CITY - A senior official of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) was killed in a magnetic bomb explosion in eastern Khost province on Friday, an official said. ... (More on P4)...(23)

## Drug Trafficker Detained with 1.103kg of Hashish in Gorno Badakhshan

DUSHANBE - Afghan national has been detained while illegally crossing the border river near the village of Yomj in the Shugnan district of the Gorno Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBAO), according to the Drug Control Agency (DCA) press center. Khoush-noud Rahmatulloev, a spokesman for the ... (More on P4)...(22)

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### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

There's no time to waste as you get ready for the upcoming action. It's all about finishing up old business while the Sun is hanging out in your 12th House of Endings. If you overextended by taking on too many projects, you must clean up after your energy binge as soon as possible. Just don't be too self-critical in the process.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your world is about to open up, so think about your future while you still have time on your side. Unfortunately, anxiety rears its head because of your uncertainty, especially if your hopes and dreams aren't in sync with your current life circumstances. You may try to convince yourself that drastic action is needed to get back on the proper path.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You have a window of opportunity to redefine your place in the world. You may be in the process of reevaluating your career path and making changes as the Sun travels through your 10th House of Public Responsibility during the next four weeks. Unfortunately, you might soon regret missing this chance to take positive action if you let it slip through your fingers.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

A much-needed emotional boost can change your outlook on life over the next four weeks. It's not that you're buzzing with excitement; it's just that your confidence is high now that you're back in your element. You're willing to stand up for your truths in order to maintain your integrity. However, petty power plays are not important now.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your attempts to gloss over criticism today could lead to more headaches than you realize. Listen carefully without trying to bury the truth. If a trusted ally has something negative to say, receive the feedback as constructive guidance. Reacting in a cavalier manner is not helpful to your cause. Ultimately, working on personal growth with an open mind can substantially improve your game.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Creating ambitious goals now is essential to your future happiness. However, rather than pushing ahead right away, you can benefit by taking time to look back on all you've accomplished since your last birthday. But on the flip side, it's also important to make a list of everything that's fallen through the cracks. Thankfully, you have much to gain from others over the next month while the Sun shines in your 7th House of Companions.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Although your creativity continues to shine, you don't have to go out of your way to foster an artistic approach to your work. In fact, you're better off now seeking ways to apply what you've already started. Counteract the possibility of boredom by initiating a new activity that has some regularity to it, like taking a class or joining a club.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You may feel revitalizing waves of energy washing through your world as the Sun warms your 5th House of Play for the next four weeks. But this cosmic surge of creativity isn't necessarily obvious to anyone else. Your active imagination is a source of great inspiration now, directly connecting your heart and your head. Don't worry if responsibilities are still weighing on your shoulders.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your life is running at a hectic pace these days, but you're enjoying the challenge of keeping up with everything. Although the good times don't suddenly stop, you're beginning to realize that there's some serious thinking in your near future. You might even want to withdraw from the social whirlwind while you contemplate your options. However, running away is not the answer; face your nemesis rather than continuing to avoid it.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

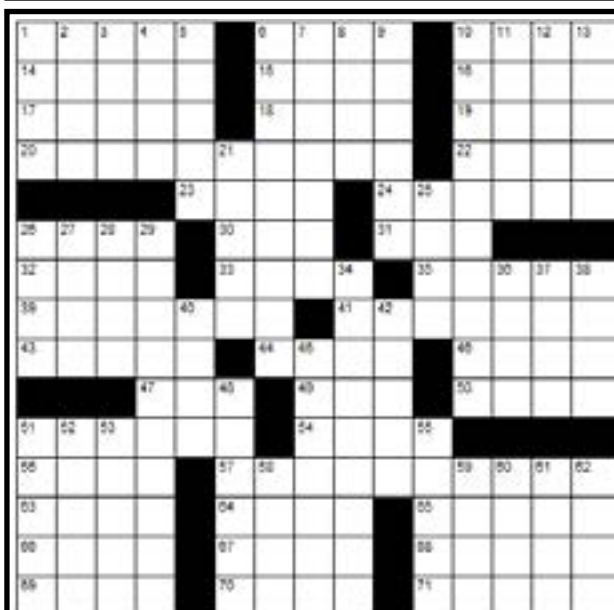
You don't like feeling confused but no matter how you look at your life now, logic doesn't explain your current feelings. Your day may be running out of control, even if you planned for every alternative contingency. However, the dreamy Pisces Sun is heavily influencing your 3rd House of Information, mixing up fantasy with reality. There are possibilities you cannot yet imagine.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You might breathe a big sigh of relief today after the willful Sun leaves your sign and heads into the wide open seas of irrational Pisces. Unfortunately, you can't tell where this new route will lead, no matter how many maps you read. Thankfully, the uncertainty will begin to dissipate once you're happily on your way. Problems won't be solved overnight.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

The warmth of the Pisces Sun illuminates your imagination now as it swims through your intuitive sign for the next four weeks. Your vivid fantasies are quite active, but you may have trouble expressing your visions to anyone else now. Intense emotions can muddy the waters and block your self-expression. Nevertheless, don't waste energy trying to overcome this communication gap, for it won't last long. Instead, write down your dreams.



**Across**  
1. Straddles, 6. Pulp, 10. Awakened, 14. Abatement, 15. Savvy about, 16. Hotels, 17. Fragrance, 18. Smell, 19. Untruths, 20. Ramshackle, 22. Handout, 23. 62 in Roman numerals, 24. Happenings, 26. Trail, 30. Hotel, 31. Bar bill, 32. Pearly-shelled mussel, 33. Lower limbs, 35. Lists of dishes available, 39. Wax lights, 41. Pacify, 43. Mournful poem, 44. Peddle, 46. Gush, 47. Historic period, 49. 52 in Roman numerals, 50. Small slender gull, 51. Intensify, 54. Always, 56. River of Spain, 57. Constant, 63. A titled peer of the realm, 64. Protective ditch, 65. Great fear, 66. Whip, 67. Stake, 68. "Beau \_\_\_", 69. Container weight, 70. Dregs, 71. Consumed.

**Down**  
1. Thin strip, 2. South American country, 3. "Smallest" particle, 4. Deaden, 5. A stone fragment, 6. Sullenness, 7. Demise, 8. Put away, 9. Vespid wasp, 10. African antelope, 11. Scallion, 12. Genuflected, 13. S S S, 21. Banish, 25. Seductress, 26. Brownish purple, 27. A Freudian stage, 28. Prong, 29. Miscellany, 34. Drools, 36. Back of the neck, 37. End , 38. Stitched, 40. Stringed instrument, 42. Anagram of "Peril", 45. Raise, 48. Beast, 51. Dutch pottery city, 52. African virus, 53. Mistake, 55. Chain of hills, 58. Not a single one, 59. Region, 60. Finest, 61. Tardy, 62. Biblical garden.

**Yesterday's Solution**  
aghost, bailiwick, balcony, bonus, cancel, casual, chill, council, cream, depth, dread, essential, flare, gaunt, gore, leer, liar, limit, mural, panic, pearl, phrase , ratio, realm, region, result, ripple, shalt, soap, social , sphere, state, superb, teal, toad, torch, tree, voyage.

