

Opposition Warns Ghani Against Unilateral Move

KABUL - Amid growing controversy over the roll out of e-NIC, opposition groups have said the ID cards must be processed in line with the 2015 law.

As controversy around the roll out of Electronic National Identify Cards (e-NIC) hits new heights, officials from e-NIC on Monday said the process will be carried out in line with President Ashraf Ghani's orders.

So far over 200 families have completed their applications, including the biometric process, said officials.

But in response, officials from one of Afghanistan's mainstream opposition alliances, the Coalition to Rescue Afghanistan, expressed their reservations over Ghani's move, suggesting that e-NIC must be rolled out in line with the law ...*(More on P4)...(10)*



Meat Sold in Kabul without Hygiene Being Checked

KABUL - Thousands of animals are slaughtered on a daily basis without basic hygiene precautions being taken in central capital Kabul where only ten people are tasked with stopping contaminated meat from reaching the food chain.

A Pajhwok Afghan News survey found that most of butchers in Kabul slaughter animals at homes or shops



because only two government abattoirs exist in Kabul City.

One of the two slaughter houses is run by the Ministry of Defense and the second is situated on the outskirts of Kabul City in Kampani area. It is difficult for all butchers to take their animals to the two places.

At the slaughter house in Kampani, there was no equipment to test hygiene. This situation contributes to the city's environmental pollution and poses a threat to consumer health. Slaughtering animals without safety checks

Dr. Mohammad Edrees Tokhi, Kabul Municipality's Environmental Safety director, told Pajhwok Afghan News almost 4,000 animals, including cows, sheep and cattle were daily slaughtered in Afghanistan.

"For health reasons, every animal should be examined by a veterinary physician before it is slaughtered, but in Afghanistan this trend is yet to be introduced."

Referring to the lack of slaughter houses, Tokhi said in their absence it was difficult to control how animals were slaughtered and to check if basic hygiene precautions were considered. He said no equipment to test hygiene precautions before slaughtering animals was available at the Kampany slaughter house.

But Mohammad Saleem Sardar, head of butchers ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Hakimi, WB Official Discuss ARTF's Financial Strategy

KABUL - The minister of finance and the World Bank country director have discussed Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF) financial strategy for 2018-2020.

Eklil Hakimi and Shubham Chaudhuri conferred on the Education Quality and Reforms for Afghanistan (EQRA) project, the Ministry of Finance said on Monday. Construction of new schools in the provinces and completion of ongoing projects of the Ministry of Education also figured at Sunday's meeting, a statement



from the ministry said. They exchanged views on implementation and improvement of citizen's charter programme, national priority schemes and other issues of common interest. *(Pajhwok)*

Traders Undervalue Exporting Goods by 50pc to Evade Tax

KABUL - The Afghan government loses hundreds of millions of dollars as the private sector undervalues exporting goods, Pajhwok Afghan News has learnt.

The main export items of the country included carpets, precious stones, saffron, fresh and dried fruit, vegetables natural plants and handicrafts, but the real statistics for the exports are unknown.

An investigative report by Pajhwok Afghan News published in 2014 showed that the private sector shows the actual value of

the exporting goods 79 percent less in order to evade tax. Based on the report, the Afghan government lost billions of dollars from the exportation of the mentioned items as result of tax evasion during the last four years.

However, no action is so far taken to resolve this problem despite the 2014 Pajhwok report was based on clear evidences.

According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), the Afghanistan imported ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

MoCN Rolls out Farming Project to Fight Drug Production

KABUL - Counter narcotics ministry said they will implement the agricultural project in Nangarhar to encourage farmers not to cultivate poppies.

Ministry of Counter Narcotics (MoCN) on Sunday said they rolling out a rural agriculture expansion project in Nangarhar to encourage farmers not to cultivate poppies and instead produce legal agricultural products.

According to the counter narcotics ministry, the total cost of the project is over \$22 million USD based on which farmers will be trained to cultivate their farms legally. Counter narcotics minister Salamat Azi-

mi said this project will be a pilot project and they will help market the agricultural produce and will establish processing and packaging factories.

According to Azimi, if the project proves successful, then similar projects will be implemented in other parts of the country.

"The program starts from today and will continue up to 2020 and if it works, it will be expanded to other provinces," said Azimi.

Meanwhile, Nangarhar governor Gulab Mangal said a large part of the revenue generated through ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Saudi Bans Afghan Poultry Imports over Bird Flu Outbreak

KABUL - Saudi Arabian officials said the ban had been issued in accordance with a warning released by the World Organization for Animal Health.

Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture has temporarily banned imports of live birds, hatching eggs and chicks from Afghanistan after a highly contagious bird flu virus was reported in the country.

The ministry said in a statement that its temporary ban was issued in accordance with the warning released by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). According to the OIE, the Afghan gov-



ernment recently reported two outbreaks of a highly contagious bird flu virus. The OIE said the H5 ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You could miss several subtle cues today, which can create a few awkward situations. You are given a chance to share your feelings with someone, but might not say a word for fear of saying too much. Although you are known to speak your mind without holding back, you realize how precarious the emotional balance is now.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You can sense a rather strange vibe that is running through your network of coworkers today and you're not certain what it means. Although you're confident that your perceptions are accurate at first, you may begin to doubt yourself as the day progresses.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You are easily drawn out from behind your mask today. You're eager to make people feel as comfortable as you, but it turns out to be a complex task. It seems as if everyone but you is stuck on his or her position and not interested in change -- even if a change would serve them well. A touch of discretion on your part can make all the difference in the world.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Separating your unconscious fantasies from patterns in the real world can be tricky business today. However, your unexpressed hopes and dreams leak into nearly every interaction now, infusing even the simplest discussion with mixed signals. Thankfully, the simplistic Taurus Moon encourages you to limit your communication to the most practical issues.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Emotional or financial entanglements make even the simplest activities more complicated. Your life is intertwined with those closest to you, but you might try to act on your own now, anyhow. Exercise caution when making plans to do something alone because it's unlikely you can cut the ties effectively. Instead of resisting

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo You might feel as if the scriptwriter for today's drama has cast you in a supporting role. Furthermore, you're not happy with the sarcastic humor because it feels as if the joke is on you. You don't like it when a conversation is thrown off track by information suddenly crashing in like unexpected thunder. Nevertheless, you still must react to integrate the new data or you won't be able to keep up with the changes.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You prefer to keep your interpersonal interactions lighthearted today, but every conversation has the potential to slip into an inescapable black hole. Ironically, it feels like metaphysical quicksand, the more you struggle to get out, the faster you sink. But relaxing while in an adrenaline-producing situation isn't easy because your brain is telling you to fight to be free.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Your intuition has shifted into overdrive, filling your mind with more answers than you have questions. However, it's not easy to just accept the symbols and thoughts that pop into your head when there's no simple way to check out their validity. Ironically, the pipeline to other dimensions shrinks when you begin to doubt your psychic connection, cutting you off from the information

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Unexpected events on the home front pull your attention from worldly affairs today. Or, you might be distracted by a flood of childhood memories. Either way, there are personal issues that can prevent you from being fully present in your daily routine. Unfortunately, there's no off switch that controls your inner awareness and if you try to suppress your thoughts now, they will only grow louder.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Your basic needs include creating an ambitious schedule that enables you to engage in the world with confidence. But specificity is an elusive concept today and you might have to give up your desire for the stability a detailed agenda affords. Nevertheless, there are some big pieces of your plans that could start to fall in place by the afternoon.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius Your uncertainty about a major purchase can eat up a lot of your time today, negatively impacting your productivity in other areas of your life. It's one thing to know the state of your finances; it's entirely different to know if it is wise to charge a substantial amount of money onto your credit card in order to make an acquisition.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You might wonder if your conscious decisions really have any influence on the overall trajectory of your life. Days like today demonstrate the importance of unplanned synchronicities as the finger of fate points at you. An event that changes everything in an instant could occur out of the blue. There are no easy answers to the apparently mysterious ways of the universe.

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Across

1. Aquiver, 5. Levitate, 10. Vipers, 14. Fabricated, 15. French for "Red", 16. Be unsuccessful, 17. Weightlifters pump this, 18. Apparent, 20. Edit, 22. Roiled, 23. Pull, 24. Requires, 25. Alleviating fever, 32. Depart, 33. Quickly, 34. Lair, 37. Storm, 38. Feed a fire, 39. Protagonist, 40. Mime, 41. Soft leather, 42. Painful grief, 43. Habitual absence from work, 45. Intestine, 49. Possessed, 50. Everlasting, 53. Sandstorm, 57. Sketcher, 59. Comes from trees, 60. Neuter, 61. "Smallest particles", 62. Connecting point, 63. Being, 64. Basic belief, 65. Resorts

Down

1. Dogfish, 2. Dress, 3. Smell, 4. Serving to express possession, 5. Having a hoarse voice, 6. Fail to win, 7. Not in, 8. Anagram of "Sage", 9. Canvas dwelling, 10. All excited, 11. A fencing sword, 12. Stacked, 13. Sleighs, 19. Subsequently, 21. Hoodwink, 25. Aquatic plant, 26. Half-moon tide, 27. Story, 28. Charges per unit, 29. Lyric poem, 30. Captured, 31. Frozen water, 34. Sandwich shop, 35. God of love, 36. Standard, 38. A type of large sandwich, 39. Square dance gatherings, 41. Beauty parlor, 42. Beloved, 44. Craving, 45. Symbol of authority, 46. S-shaped moldings, 47. Water holes, 48. Leave out, 51. Tidy, 52. Way in, 53. A few, 54. Henhouse, 55. Musical finale, 56. Poems, 58, 2,000 pounds,

Yesterday's Solution

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