

Paktika Roadside Bombings Leave 5 Civilians Dead, 2 Injured



SHARAN - At least five civilians lost their lives to two separate explosions in the Wazikhwa district of southeastern Paktika province on Saturday. A woman and two children were killed on Saturday afternoon when the car they were travelling in struck a roadside bomb in the district, resident Syed Noor told Pajhwok Afghan News. The car's driver was also killed while a fifth person was seriously wounded, the resident said. However, he would not say who was behind the bombing. Abdul Ghani Paktin, provincial council chairman, said one man was killed and another injured when the motorbike struck a roadside bomb in the same district. (Pajhwok)

Afghan Soldier Accused of Shooting Child Detained

KABUL - An Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier accused of killing a child in central Maidan Wardak province has been detained, an official said on Saturday. Local residents alleged the ANA forces shot dead the 11 years old child named Yasir in the Shneez area of Taliban-infested Syedabad district on Thursday.

Saifullah, an inhabitant of the area, told Pajhwok Afghan News the soldiers fired from a security post, killing the child. The shooting triggered a protest on Friday when locals blocked the Kabul-Ghazni highway. The governor's spokesman, Toryali Himmat, said a delegation of security officials ... (More on P4)...(13)

Rocket Attack Wounds 2 Civilians in Baghlan

PUL-E-KHUMRI - Two civilians sustained injuries as a rocket fired by militants struck a residential area in the capital of northern Baghlan province on Saturday, a local official said. "The rocket fired by Taliban militants struck Qahwa Khana locality in Pul-e-Khumri city

at around 10:15 a.m. local time (0545 GMT) injuring two civilians," the official told Xinhua but declined to be named. Meantime, Shafiqullah Sahak, a doctor in Pul-e-Khumri hospital confirmed that two injured people who received rocket shrapnel ... (More on P4)...(15)

Barmal Students Going to Pakistani Schools: Residents

SHARAN - Some children from the Barmal district of southeastern Paktika province are forced to go to Pakistani schools across the border, residents said on Saturday. The issue was raised at a public meeting, which was

attended by Barmal residents, area elders and Deputy Minister of Border and Tribal Affairs Abdul Ghafoor Lewal. Speaking on the occasion, tribal elder Sohbat Khan claimed thousands of students ... (More on P4)...(14)

Daesh Leader Arrested in Ghor

KABUL - Security forces have arrested a leader of the terrorist group of the Islamic State (IS) which also goes by its Arabic name Daesh in western Ghor province. Spokesperson for Ghor Governor did not name the arrested terrorist while talking to Azadi Radio but said he was heading Daesh group in

this province. Ahmad Mahmudi added that the terrorist is from Murghab District of neighboring Badghis province but he was arrested from Firozkoh, the provincial capital of Ghor province. He was leading Taliban in northern part of Ghor but later joined Daesh, Mahmudi said. Before ... (More on P4)...(16)

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
DA Afghanistan Bank
Project ID: 119047
Grant no H732-AF

Supply and Installation of Network Equipment for DAB and APS (IFB NPA DAB/95/ICB/G-1072 Lots 1 & 2)

1. The Da Afghanistan Bank, Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has received a grant from the international Development Association (IDA) (hereinafter called "Grant") toward the cost of financial sector Rapid Response Project (FSRRP) and it intends to apply part of the proceed of this Grant to payment under the agreement(s) resulting from this IFB: **Supply and Installation of Network Equipment for DAB and APS, NPA/DAB/95/ICB/G-1072.**

2. The National Procurement Authority on behalf of DA Afghanistan Bank now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the above contract.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** a procedure specified in the **World Bank's** Guidelines: Procurement Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidder from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from National Procurement Authority Email: zubair.majeed@aop.gov.af copied to haroon.naseemi@aop.gov.af and basharmal.pasarly@dab.gov.af and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from **8:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs** on any working day from Saturday to Wednesday.

5. Qualifications requirements include

Financial Capability: The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence that it meets the following financial requirement (s):

- Annual turnover for each of the last three years in excess of
- Lot 1: USD 500,000 and lots 2: USD 500,000

If bidding for more than one Lot, then demonstrated total must meet the cumulative requirement for lots bid on.

The bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to their financial standing.

Alternative they shall include a better from a reputed Bank Indicating their financial status which will include their ability to perform the contract magnitude equivalent to the quoted price.

Experience: the bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that it has executed and meets the following experience requirement(s):

Submission of copies of 3 signed contract of similar nature and magnitude within the last 3 years. Value of similar contract must meet the minimum thresholds per lot bid or cumulative value for multiple lots bid as follows:

Lot 1: USD 250,000 for each contract and lot 2: USD 250,000 for each contract

6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders by downloading the sum from the NPA website www.npa.gov.af. In case of difficulty in downloading from website, interested bidders may contact at email address zubair.majeed@aop.gov.af copied to: haroon.naseemi@aop.gov.af & basharmal.pasarly@dab.gov.af

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **14:00 hr (local time), on Monday 4th April 2016**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **14:00 Hrs (local time)**, on the same day.

All bids must be accompanied by a **bid security** of the amount in **USD** or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency valid for a period of 28 days beyond the validity period of bids (**148 days from bid submission deadline date**) as under:

Lot 1: USD 15,000 and lot 2: USD 9,000

9. The address (s) referred to above is (are):

Attention: **Zubair Majeed (Procurement Advisor)**

Address: **National Procurement Authority
Administrative Office of the President
Pashtonistan Watt-Kabul Afghanistan**

Telephone: +93 020 2101752

E-mail: zubair.majeed@aop.gov.af

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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You're in a playful mood today and your lighthearted attitude enables you to turn any chore into a game. Although you may be innocently gleeful that you're in touch with your inner child, don't be foolish when it comes to your future. Unfortunately, it's all too easy to ignore an important fact that could prompt you to take things more seriously.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Possessing self-confidence is normally an asset, but being too sure of yourself could backfire today. Even if you feel certain about your chosen career path, don't assume that it's the only way to get what you want from life. In fact, you might want to take this opportunity to reconsider your long-term goals to make sure you're on the right track.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You're a master of disguise these days as the mystical Pisces Sun moves toward hooking up with imaginative Neptune in your 10th House of Worldly Achievements. Whatever you want to be is within the range of alternative possibilities -- or, at least, that's what you think. You won't need to dress up in a fancy costume or don a mysterious mask today; your friends see you as you see yourself.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You're tempted to avoid facing your money concerns as you become increasingly unsure of your current financial status. However, it isn't a wise idea to throw your cash around just to prove you're operating on a firm fiscal foundation. Your overly dramatic gestures will fall short of the desired expectations now and leave you in a worse position than before.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Differences of opinion between you and a friend are brought to light now that the evocative Moon is hanging out in your sign. At first, you both seem to be reading from the same page, but tensions may suddenly escalate due to a simple misunderstanding. Move past this emotional speed bump by concentrating your efforts on establishing common ground.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Interpersonal tension continues to build to a breaking point; it's obvious that something must give if you want the relationship dynamics to improve. Even if you're resisting the change, you're growing increasingly ready for an energetic shift. Although you can't push this cosmic transition, you are more than clever enough to identify the problems and resolve them.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your friends may be surprisingly direct in their assessment of your activities today. Nevertheless, there is more going on than meets the eye. Be careful about allowing logic to lead you to a faulty conclusion now. You might assume you're dealing with the facts, but your imagination is running on overdrive without you even realizing it. Ask questions if something doesn't feel quite right.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You're often content with knowing that you did a stellar job, but the Moon's presence in your 10th House of Status inspires a desire to be recognized for your contribution. It's not that you're insecure about your work; it's simply about getting your moment in the limelight. There's no reason to hide from the appreciation that is showered on you now.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Considering a new course of study makes perfect sense now that the reflective Moon is traveling through your 9th House of Higher Education. But you might only find the time and motivation to read a book about a philosophy, a political perspective or a religion that is beyond your normal scope. Fortunately, you can effortlessly integrate new ideas into your current thinking without fearing that your intellectual foundations are being threatened.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You might grow anxious today as you sense your hard-won stability beginning to slowly crumble. It's not that any one particular aspect of your life is falling apart; it's just that you can see the likelihood of change that's already out of your control and it makes you nervous. You may even feel as if reality is becoming fuzzy around the edges. But rather than trying to snap your mind back to reality now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You need to pay careful attention to every move you make today because you might act recklessly before you even consider the consequences. Unfortunately, clearing up even the slightest misunderstanding takes precious time and energy that could be put to better use. It's much smarter to stop and think so you can get it right the first time around.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You have a specific point to make today, yet being honest about what you want is trickier than it sounds. The Moon opposes Venus and Mercury in your 12th House of Hidden Agendas now, making it unlikely that you'll come right out and reveal your thoughts. Unfortunately, your behavior could be more misleading than you realize, leaving you with the prospect of having to clean up a relationship mess.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71.

Across: 1. Mayhem, 6. Blah, 10. Ailments, 14. Pointed arch, 15. Hawkeye State, 16. Ark builder, 17. European blackbird, 18. Any day now, 19. Extinct flightless bird, 20. In a brave manner, 22. End, 23. Leave out, 24. Not present, 26. Plateau, 30. Lyric poem, 31. Excluding, 32. Press, 33. Small slender gull, 35. Not written exams, 39. A flask for carrying water, 41. Mei, 43. Test, as ore 44. As a result, 46. Dwarf buffalo, 47. Precious stone, 49. An Old Testament king, 50. Past tense of Leap, 51. Fleet, 54. Mousses, 56. Mountain pool, 57. Tatterdemalion, 63. 53 in Roman numerals, 64. Nipple, 65. Alcoholic, 66. Vipers, 67. Wisdom, 68. Small mountains, 69. Appear, 70. Terminates, 71. Arm of the sea.

Down: 1. Animal foot, 2. Chills and fever, 3. Brand of credit card, 4. Not under, 5. A stringed instrument, 6. Objector, 7. Adult male chicken, 8. Absent Without Leave, 9. East Indian tree, 10. Manufacturing, 11. Not tight, 12. Burdened, 13. Not tall, 21. Overact, 25. Rude person, 26. Flexible mineral, 27. Historical periods, 28. Male offspring, 29. Hostility, 34. Sickens, 36. Skin disease, 37. Coil, 38. Immediately, 40. Visual organs, 42. Sacred hymn, 45. Gaunt, 48. An evergreen shrub, 51. Collection of maps, 52. Lift, 53. Complain, 55. Raw fish wrapped in seaweed, 58. Many millennia, 59. Thrust with a knife, 60. Replete, 61. Small island, 62. Where a bird lives.

Yesterday's Solution

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USE	SORCERER	
BLAST	BOBS	ODE
CLUB	PALMS	SODA
AGO	MESAS	HUMOR
RESTORER	BAN	
THRUM	LARGEST	
THORN	EDITS	AHA
HALE	ANESTHETIC	
URIA	SITEL	AGENT
SECT	ASPEN	ONES

RECIPEVERIFYE
BLOCKXCEYLISA
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