

# Afghanistan Wants Joint Business Venture with Assam

KABUL - Shade Mohammad Abdali, Afghan ambassador to India, said that his country was ready to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Assam government to start joint business ventures with local investors.

"Lots of profits making business opportunities are yet to be tapped in Afghanistan which was ravaged by terrorist activities for over a decade. My country would like to share these opportuni-

ties with Assam and had personally discussed the matter with chief minister Tarun Gogoi for a MoU so that bilateral ties with my country and your state can flourish," Abdali said at Assam-Afghanistan Business Session held in the Assam International Industrial Fair underway at Jorhat.

Afghanistan was ready for business with Assam, he said, adding that "we will encourage you for joint venture. After



discussions with the chief minister, I propose here to Assam Chamber of Commerce for MoU. We have found common ground in terms of business in agriculture, tourism and many other sectors."

He also added that the Afghan government liberalised the trade and economic policy of the country and introduced three-year entry visa for Indian nationals to do business there. (Pajhwok)

## 55 Insurgents Killed in Operation Zulfiqar

KABUL - Brigadier General Dawlat Waziris Deputy Spokesman for the Defense Ministry of Afghanistan told Khaama Press on Saturday that 55 armed opponents of the government have been killed in Operation Zulfiqar in Helmand province.

He says 57 other insurgents were also wounded and five arrested during the operation in Sangin, Marja, Nawa and Washir District in past 48 hours.

42 bombs were also defused by the Afghan National Security Forces in past 48 hours, according to the Deputy Spokesman of the Defense Ministry. Operation Zulfiqar which is jointly ran by hundreds of Afghan National Security Forces started about a week ago in different parts of Helmand province to clear the target areas from the presence of the insurgents.

Operation Zulfiqar is reportedly the largest operation Afghan National Security Forces are conducting independently after receiving full responsibility of the security from NATO forces this year.

On January 1, Afghanistan with some 350, 000 troops received full responsibility of security ... (More on P4)...(12)

## Over 100 Suspected Criminals Held in Kabul

KABUL - Kabul police on Saturday claimed arresting 152 criminals, including a group allegedly involved in children kidnapping, in the capital city.

Addressing a press conference here on Saturday, Police Chief Lt. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi said the suspects have been arrested from different parts of Kabul on charges ranging from murder, kidnapping, weapons to drug smuggling.

A group of six individuals involved in the kid-



napping of a child on February 11 had also been nabbed, he said, adding that the child was murdered on the first day of his abduction.

The police chief said 146 criminals confessed to committing crimes during the course of their interrogations. Their cases had been referred to judicial organs, he noted.

Rahimi said police along with others security insti ... (More on P4)...(7)

## Violence against Women on Rise in Herat: Officials

HERAT CITY - Officials in western Herat province said that 448 cases of violence against women had been registered with 34 women lost their lives during the past nine months.

Efforts by international and locals' organizations had been intensified to eliminate violence against women in Afghanistan, but the menace against women continued.

Officials said that most of the cases were carried out by the husbands



of women. Provincial women affairs department said that killing cases of women by their husbands had increased from the past one year.

Mahbooba Jamshidi, director women affairs department, expressed concern over increasing cases of violence against females and said that most of such cases occurred when women defended themselves ... (More on P4)...(9)

## Foreign Soap, Drama Serials Leave Negative Impact on Children: Residents

KHOST CITY - Foreign soap operas, broadcasted by Afghan television channels are leaving negative psychological impact on behavior of children, the residents of southeastern Khost province said.

Afghanistan television channels are continuously broadcasting Indian, Turkish and American soap operas in Kabul and across the provinces, with dubbing in local Dari and Pashto languages.

Haji Mamour, resident of Ghilombai locality, said his neighbor lost their 14-year-old child thanks to these soap operas. Two kids of his neighbor, he recalled were imitating a scene from a Turkish serial, playing ... (More on P4)...(13)

## Argentina-Based Team Selected for the Design of Bamyan Cultural Centre

KABUL - An Argentina-based team has been selected out of 1,070 design entries from 117 countries for the design of Bamyan Cultural Centre.

The winning proposal was announced by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Culture of Afghanistan.

The winning team is



led by Carlos Nahuel Recabarren alongside Manuel Alberto Martinez Catalán and Franco Morero.

Preparatory work on im-

## Policeman, 10 Rebels Dead

FAIZABAD - One policeman and 10 militants were killed and eight insurgents wounded in cleanup operation during the past four days in the Taghab district of northeastern Badakhshan province, official said Saturday.

Lal Muhammad Ahmadzai, police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News seven militants had been arrested during the offensive. A ... (More on P4)...(10)

## IS Men in Logar Set Shrine on Fire

PUL-I-ALAM - A number of armed men posing themselves to be the members of Islamic State torched a shrine and stormed civilians' homes and destroyed their television sets in Charkh district of central Logar province, an official said Saturday.

District chief Khalilullah Kamal told Pajhwok Afghan News that IS members put the shrine of widely regarded Khwaja Ali shrine on fire and then forced their way into residents' houses to smash their television sets. The armed men warned the residents not to watch television and stop visiting shrines, he added.

Khwaja Ali shrine is a well-known place and people visiting it most of the time, he said, adding that torching of the shrine had sparked anger among people because the militants were out to undermine the respect of holy places.

Kamal informed that IS had started operation ... (More on P4)...(11)

## Over 7,541 Patients Treated in Kandahar Hospital in 2014

KANDAHAR CITY - Director of Mirwais Hospital in southern Kandahar province on Saturday said that 7,451 patients who suffered injuries in fighting, bombings and accidents were treated in the hospital in 2014.

Dr. Mohammad Farhad told Pajhwok Afghan News as many as 1,056 wounded, including 19 children were brought to the hospital out of which 215 succumbed to their injuries.

He said the number of people got injured by gun shots were 868 out of which 303 lost their lives due to severe injuries.

He informed that 5,527 people, including 311 children, got injured in traffic accidents, 148 of whom died in the hospital and the rests were successfully treated.

Dr. Farhad said 20 percent of the injured who recovered had lost their legs or hands. He said Mirwais Hospital provided health services in the southern zone of the country with injured from Helmand, Zabul, Uruzgan and other province were brought into the facility for treatment. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

**Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)**  
You might have grown accustomed to repetitive waves of energy that continue to surge through your life these days. But the Moon's current visit to your sign is another reminder of the big changes that are unfolding right before your eyes. You are quite excitable and easily overwhelmed by your emotions today. Opening your heart to a close friend could make you feel uncomfortable at first, but it has the potential to deepen your relationship.

**Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)**  
Social commitments pile up on your calendar, making you realize that you don't have much time to spare. You might need to clarify your boundaries by emphatically saying no if you have spread yourself too thin. However, hiding in your cave isn't the wisest course to take just because you have too much on your plate.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
You want others to think you are happily embracing the future as you smile your way through the day. You might pretend that all is well now, but you're probably afraid of being misunderstood if you tell others how you really feel. Although you're usually adept at steering clear of unnecessary melodrama, your impulsive actions may inadvertently stir up an uncomfortable level of intensity today.

**Cancer (June 21-July 20)**  
Although you recently were comfortable swimming in emotional waters, it seems as if you're being hauled up onto dry land now. It's time to act on your feelings instead of just passively experiencing them. Unfortunately, memories of a previous rejection arise when you swing into motion. You may consider pulling back in your shell, but it's healthier to take a few deep breaths and honor your past before pushing through the resistance.

**Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)**  
You are handed a "Get Out of Jail Free" card today, and your confidence soars as you imagine all the possibilities ahead. There's little that can hold you back as the fiery Aries Moon joins rebellious Uranus in your extroverted 9th House of Big Ideas. You have more than enough momentum to make new plans for the future, even if you haven't fully processed what is occurring in the present moment.

**Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)**  
You might be frustrated with your own fluctuating moods today. You're itching for new experiences even if you're constrained by promises you made in a relationship. Nevertheless, something unexpected reawakens buried desires and inspires you with the excitement of living in the moment. Paradoxically, you can't just forget about your previous commitments, leaving you conflicted about how to spend your time.

**Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)**  
The line between commitment and codependency is hard to define today because it's your natural inclination to make other people happy. But the Moon's presence in your 7th House of Relationships is a stark reminder of how difficult it is to be true to yourself when someone else is an integral part of your life. Although fulfilling your own needs could create stress, taking care of yourself also makes you a better partner in the long run.

**Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)**  
You are exploring new territory close to an unfamiliar emotional edge today, but it might be smart to keep your feelings to yourself. Your patience has run out and you are nearly ready to do something that you'll probably regret. Thankfully, it's totally your choice; you don't have to do it.

**Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)**  
You're feeling lucky enough to win the lottery today, which could tempt you to gamble more than is prudent. Maintaining a positive attitude is always a wise strategy, but your unflagging optimism might be too much of a good thing now. Risk-taking won't automatically lead to loss, but taking a tried and true path improves your chances for success even more.

**Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)**  
You can see the distant horizon now and your ambitions propel you toward your destination. However, your foundation may be weak if you don't trust your own perceptions. You might be so self-critical that you doubt your ability to sustain productivity when you move into unfamiliar territory. You could exhaust yourself by trying to prove your invincibility.

**Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)**  
You may spend your day running around in circles, distracted by one thing after another. Anything that's new and different reminds you that breaking free from routine is always an option. But you don't need to wait for additional reasons to make your move. Exercise your right to be as creative as you please. Just remember that your current decisions aren't necessarily about life-changing matters.

**Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)**  
You might be having trouble completely letting go of your past and fully immersing yourself in the next phase of your journey. However, it's crucial to accept the feedback you receive from the universe at this time. There's no reason to allow discouragement to overtake the promise of the future; the current challenges are meant to help propel you toward your goals rather than stopping your progress.

**Across**

1. Winged, 6. A long way off, 10. Armed conflicts, 14. Wish granter, 15. No, 16. Weightlifters pump this, 17. Consumer of food, 18. District, 19. Adriatic resort, 20. Apathetic, 22. Doe, 23. God of love, 24. Leopardlike cat, 26. Abominable Snowman, 30. How old you are, 31. Neither, 32. Dash, 33. Multicolored, 35. Signed, 39. Bad-mouth, 41. A former Turkish term of respect, 43. Late actor Christopher, 44. Location, 46. Clairvoyant, 47. Writing liquid, 49. Mesh, 50. Dispatched, 51. Cave, 54. A social club for male undergraduates, 56. Emanation, 57. Helicopter, 63. Flaccid body fat, 64. It ebbs and flows, 65. Infantile paralysis, 66. Tumbled, 67. Baking, pliance

**Down**

1. How old we are, 2. Jump, 3. Against, 4. Layer 5. Creepy, 6. Comparisons, 7. Anticipate, 8. Mimics, 9. A rational motive, 10. Woodland, 11. Disney mermaid, 12. Cowboy sport, 13. Sound of contempt, 21. Snares, 25. Hairdo, 26. 365 days, 27. If not, 28. Adhesive strip, 29. Unavoidable, 34. Impediment, 36. Leg joint, 37. Biblical garden, 38. Soil, 40. Lease 42. Relating to a fetus, 45. Heathen, 48. Genuflect, 51. Bloop, 52. Governs, 53. Not written exams, 55. Varieties, 58. Apiary, 59. Drill, 60. Holly, 61. Type of cereal grass, 62. Specks

**Yesterday's Solution**

avert, awake, before, chocolate, choice, convention, council, engine, fear, fight, finest, friend, fruit, gate, husbands, judge, lair, march master, minute, permanent, poetry, rain, relieve, resort, reveal, not, rivers, runt, ruse, state, storm, swamp, toilet, truck, usher, wager

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ASPERSE EFFENDI  
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INK NET SENT  
GROTTO FRAT  
AURA WHIRLY BIRD  
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