

First Afghan Cargo Will Head to Chabahar Today



KAUBL - The Afghan government announced on Saturday that the first shipment of the Afghan goods will head to India through Chabahar Port today. The shipment will head to Chabahar Port from Zaranj City in Nimroz province, in the west of Afghanistan, said President Ghani's spokesman Haroon Chakhansuri. He said the cargo will contain 570 tons of export goods carried by 23 vehicles. "As part of the transit routes inaugurated by the Afghan government, the first shipment of Afghan export goods will head to Chabahar Port from Zaranj city through Abrisnam Bridge and then to India. This is the first time that Afghanistan will be directly ... (More on P4)...(8)



Taliban Claim Capturing Maroof District of Kandahar

KABUL - The Taliban have claimed capturing the Maroof district of southern Kandahar province, but security officials reject the assertion as baseless. Taliban spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahamdi said the fighters took control of the district centre and police headquarters late on Friday. He added they captured both facilities after two years of siege and the security forces had left behind weapons and ammunition. But deputy police chief Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Atrafi, denying the Taliban claim, told Pajhwok Afghan News they had shifted the district centre from a mountainous location to another area. He said the district office complex had been relocated in line with a decision approved by the Ministry of Interior. Atrafi said a security operation had been underway in the district for the past two weeks. A tribal elder also confirmed the police official's view and rejected the Taliban claim. But he acknowledged the district centre had been besieged for a long time. He added the people of several tribes such as Ishaqzai, Alizai, Barakzai, Alokozai and Khogyani were living in the district. They are under Taliban control and the government decided to shift the district centre. He said the previous district administration and police station were housed in a tottering building. The militants attacked the district center with an explosives-packed Humvee. Several security personnel, including the district police chief, suffered casualties in the bombing, he continued. The district centre has been shifted to Abto area, which is under government control. Maroof district is located in 190 kilometers from Kandahar City, near Durand Line and shares 155 kilometres border with Balochistan and the Quetta city of Pakistan. (Pajhwok)



Jawzjan Children Seek Peace Through Paintings

SHIBERGHAN - Children from northern Jawzjan province, through a painting competition, have highlighted the need for an end to the conflict and establishment of lasting peace. More than 20 children took part in the contest -- One Smile, One Voice for Peace -- was launched by the Social Institute in Shiberghan. Three children, whose drawings depicted peace messages, were granted awards. Saba, who participated in the competition, told Pajhwok Afghan News they wanted to give the message of love and peace through their paintings. She urged the warring parties to give peace a fair chance. The girl said she was tired of reading and watching war-related reports in the media, Schools had been closed by the conflict, she lamented, calling for national unity. The little girl said children could study well and everyone would ... (More on P4)...(9)

10 Militants Killed in Ghazni Airstrikes



GHAZNI - Ghazni governor's office said in a statement that the airstrikes were conducted in Andar district. At least 10 Taliban fighters were killed in foreign forces-backed airstrikes conducted by Afghan forces in Ghazni province on Friday, the provincial governor's office said in a statement on Saturday. The statement says two airstrikes were conducted in the province which both targeted Taliban hideout in Andar district in Ghazni. The statement added that 11 militants were arrested in another operation by Afghan special forces in Andar district. No casualty was inflicted to Afghan forces and civilians during the operations and the airstrikes, the statement read. Taliban has not commented on the report. (Tolo news)

Floods Play Havoc in Lashkargah, Damage 90 Homes



LASHKARGAH - Flash floods swept away dozens of homes and inundated hundreds of acres of farmland in southern Helmand province, an official said on Saturday. Obaidullah, a resident of Babaje area on the outskirts of Lashkargah, the provincial capital, told Pajhwok Afghan News that recent heavy rains and subsequent flooding had destroyed nearly 90 homes. He said: "The heavy rains caused flash floods that destroyed people's homes and inundated hundreds of acres of farmland and the affected people now face with problems and need urgent assistance." According to him, the ... (More on P4)...(10)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Time alone is essential for everyone, Aries, but make sure you recognize when you're isolated to the point where it's unhealthy. If you realize you're alone because you're avoiding something, you might consider your alternatives. Things will only fester under these conditions. Face whatever it is that's upsetting you so you can begin to work things out.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Watch out for the green-eyed monster today, Taurus. It can rear up before you can say "jealousy." Most situations that cause these feelings are born out of insecurity. If you aren't secure in your job, relationship, or family, and feel threatened by someone, it's time to take a look at the cause. Why you don't feel as solid as you could?

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You may feel insecure about your appearance today, Gemini. This can be a vicious cycle to get into. The result is almost always negative. Rather than pick yourself apart, consider finding ways to accept your looks. Whether it's your weight or age or anything else, if you can't accept yourself, you will always find something wrong no matter how many changes you make.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Jealousy might rear its head today, Cancer. The key to it all is to understand where and why you feel insecure. If you're jealous of a mate, what's going on in the relationship? Is trust an issue? If this comes up at work, is it because you don't feel recognized for your contributions? Examine the cause of jealousy. It's almost always a symptom of a deeper problem.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Arts and crafts may interest you today, Leo. Even if you lean more toward sports, an artistic streak will likely run pretty strong in you. The process of creating can be richly satisfying, both in the process and in the satisfaction of a finished product. Allow yourself the opportunity to explore this, as the day's energy will lend much to your abilities.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Getting along with others may prove challenging today, Virgo. The influence from the planetary aspects can have you preferring to withdraw and isolate. You might feel impatient and annoyed. If so, and being alone is an option, go for it. If it isn't, you will need to curb the tendency to be argumentative or confrontational. Exercise patience and avoid conflict.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Don't be surprised if you're a little weepy today, Libra. The influence from planets can enhance your sensitivity to almost everything, including your own feelings. Take heart. It's bound to be short-lived. Cry if you need to, since it can be cleansing. Try not to wallow too much. Chances are good that things will look better tomorrow.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Fanaticism or obsessive thinking may be something you need to look at today, Scorpio. Common areas for such behaviors are in the pursuit of money, power, success, and romance. There's a fine line between ambition and obsession. If you find that you think of nothing else but one fixation, it may be time to talk with someone about it. He or she may see what you don't want to see.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Don't act impulsively today, Sagittarius. It could be easy to confuse this with spontaneity. One has more thought put into it than the other. With this day's influence, be certain to look before you leap. Think everything through, from decisions to projects to contracts. Read the fine print more than once. When it comes to relationships, be careful not to trust too quickly.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Is it time to take a more drastic approach to a problem, Capricorn? If you've made several attempts to resolve your trouble but to no avail, you might consider it. As long as "drastic" doesn't mean "destructive," you may find success trying something far more forward and insistent. Be careful, however. Think things through carefully first. Run any ideas you have past a trusted

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

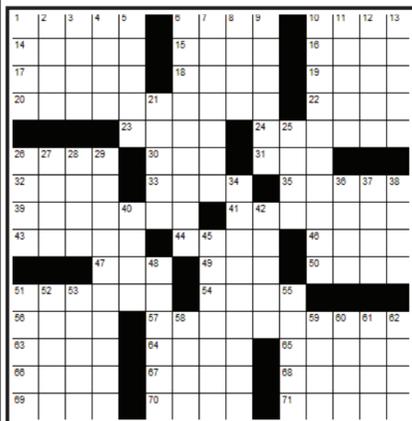


You may not be your usual cheery self today, Aquarius. Gloom may have come over you. You may doubt everything that happens in your life. No matter how promising a career, romance, or money matter seems, you think the worst. Treat yourself today. Get a massage, relax in a hot tub, and rub and soak out those doubting spirits. That will get you through the day.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Happy memories of a beloved grandparent may float to the surface today, Pisces, and you may wonder why. Something or someone you've encountered in the past few days may have reminded you of this person. It's nice and it isn't an accident. What personality trait of yours does your grandparent call to mind? A psycho-emotional issue associated with this trait may need to be resolved now.



Across

1. Put one's foot down, 6. Probabilities, 10. Young bears, 14. Eagle's nest, 15. Vice President 16. Double-reed woodwind, 17. Smelled badly, 18. Always, 19. Balcony section, 20. Green chalcid, 22. Placed, 23. Nobleman, 24. Decreases, 26. 20th-century art movement 30. 14 in Roman numerals, 31. Point, 32. Nile bird, 33. Biblical garden, 35. Fit out again 39. The side of a bed, 41. Large flightless bird, 43. Unemotional, 44. Cold-shoulder, 46. District, 47. G, 49. Genus of macaws, 50. In order to prevent, 51. Gets to one's feet, 54. What we kiss with, 56. Damage, 57. A transverse brace, 63. Ploy, 64. Not low, 65. A kind of macaw, 66. Atop, 67. Type of sword, 68. Wanderer, 69. Lady's escort, 70. Make (one's way),

Down

1. Cumberbund, 2. French for "Head", 3. By mouth, 4. Short skirt, 5. A black tea, 6. Overrules 7. Deteriorate, 8. Bottomless, 9. Disseminate, 10. Concomitant, 11. Submarine, 12. An unidentified aircraft 13. Sows, 21. Burdened, 25. Imperfect coarse diamonds, 26. Claim, 27. Assist in crime, 28. Prank, 29. Task, 34. Fed, 36. Blaze, 37. Frosts, 38. Not this, 40. Chilled 42. Breaks, 45. A grouping of elements, 48. Forgo, 51. Gesture of indifference, 52. Brownish gray 53. Malicious burning, 55. Flash, 58. Fully developed, 59. Press, 60. Overhang 61. Algonquian Indian, 62. Hearing organs,

Yesterday's Solution

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