

Tajikistan to Buy Takhar Seedlings in Large Quantity

TALOQAN - Hundreds of thousands of fruit and ornamental tree seedlings are to be exported to neighbouring Tajikistan from northern Takhar province this year, an official said on Tuesday. Agriculture and Livestock director Mohammad Salim Sayee told Pajhwok Afghan News they were planning to showcase fruit bearing and ornamental seedlings at an exhibition in Taloqan in the near future. Tajik officials were expected to visit the exhibition to be jointly arranged with Tajikistan, he said. The two countries are likely to ink an agreement on export of tree saplings from Takhar. "Such exhibitions are held every year, in which a large number of orchard owners, government officials and common people not only from Takhar, but from several other provinces take part," Sayee said. He said saplings from Takhar had historically been exported to Tajikistan, but a formal agreement between the

two countries would help enlarge the scale of exports. He said horticulture had become common in Takhar, where modern nurseries had been established and every year seedlings from the nurseries were exported to a number of provinces. Agriculture official Abdul Ala Rad Murad told Pajhwok ... (More on P4)...(16)



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Gunmen Seize 30 Bus Passengers

QALAT - Masked gunmen abducted 30 passengers travelling by a bus on the Kabul-Kandahar highway in the Sha-joy district of southern Zabul province, officials said on Tuesday. The men were seized in Pash Kandi area on the road between western Herat province and central capital Kabul at ... (More on P4)...(22)



Sher Khan Port Revenue Declines by 27%

KUNDUZ - The revenue of Sher Khan Port in northern Kunduz province has decreased 200 million afghanis due to prolonged election process, insecurity and delay to form the central cabinet, officials said Tuesday. Shahabuddin Bawar, director of Sher Khan Port, told Pajhwok Afghan News the port's revenue had reached 700 million afghanis last year while this year it only touched the figure of 500 million afghanis. Bawar linked the decrease to lack of political stability in the country, prolonged presidential and provincial election process, delay in appointing cabinet members. The first round of the



presidential and provincial elections was held in April 5, 2014 and the results were announced six months later which affected the overall business activities of the country. The nominees for cabinet were announced three months later after the president's oath taking ceremony and only eight of 24 nominees won trust vote from lawmakers. Afghanistan exports cement, sugar, handicrafts, food items and other materials through the port, where oil, construction materials, food items, flour, onion and others are being imported from foreign countries. Bawar said only two trucks are arriving daily at the port importing goods to Afghanistan. The number of trucks exporting Afghan goods through the border ... (More on P4)...(23)

37 Insurgents Killed in Separate Military Operations

KABUL - 37 insurgents have been killed in separate military operations in past 24 hours, Ministries of Defense and Interior said on Tuesday. A statement issued by the Ministry of Interior on Tuesday states that 24 insurgents were killed in separate police operations in Nangarhar, Takhar, Kunduz, Badakhshan, Sar-e-Pul, Balkh, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Maidan Wardak, Paktiya, Herat, Farah and Helmand provinces

in past 24 hours. The same statement adds that 40 others insurgents were also injured and two others arrested by the security forces. The statement further states that 26 different types of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) placed by insurgents, were also defused by the security forces. Afghan National Army and personnel from the National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel also took part in these

operations, according to the statement. In the meantime, statement issued from the Defense Ministry states that the Operation Zulfikar which is started in Helmand province is ongoing successful. According to the statement, 13 insurgents were killed in fresh military actions during Operation Zulfikar in Trikh Nawar area of Nawa District. The statement adds that five other insurgents ... (More on P4)...(17)

1 Million Saplings to be Planted

KABUL - As saplings plantation campaign has been underway in parts of the country, an official of the environment protection agency said on Tuesday that his department was all set to plant one million trees in the capital Kabul from tomorrow (Wednesday). Kazem Humayun stressed on people to take part in the tree plantation drive to turn the environment clean and green. He told Pajhwok Afghan News the campaign would start from

the Marshal Fahim Military Academy with the ministry of agriculture and Kabul municipality would also take part in the initiative. People's role, Humayun said, was crucial in keeping the environment clean and urged them to be cooperative with the officials in this regard. It is said that more than 70% of the new housing projects in Kabul are in the areas that were allocated for green zones. This has raised concerns ... (More on P4)...(19)

Reconstruction of Gardez-Patan Road Launched

GARDEZ - Reconstruction work on the 150-kilometre Gardez-Patan highway was launched on Tuesday in southeastern Paktia province. The 195 million afghanis project was launched at a ceremony where Deputy Public Works Minister Ahmad Shah Wahid, acting Paktia governor Juma Khan Hamdard, members of parliament and the provincial council

were present. Speaking on the occasion, Wahid said the reconstruction works would be completed in two years at a cost of 195 million afghanis being provided by the Public Works Ministry. He said a local construction company had been awarded the project's contract, saying the road was damaged mainly by ... (More on P4)...(18)

160 People Rescued from Snowstorm, Flood

QALA-I-NAW - About 160 people were rescued by security forces in Badghis and Laghman provinces after a snowstorm and a flash flood stranded their vehicles

and submerged their homes, officials said on Tuesday. Gen. Daud Shah Wafadar, Afghan National Army (ANA) commander in northwestern Bad-

his province, said around 110 people were rescued after their vehicles had been stuck at the Sabzak tunnel. He said more than one ... (More on P4)...(20)

1 Hurt, 26 Shops Damaged in Kabul Suicide Attack

KABUL - Three suicide bombers detonated their explosive-laden vehicle, before reaching the target in Deh Sabz district of capital Kabul Tuesday

morning, leaving one person wounded and 26 shops damaged, security officials said. Hashmat Stanikzai, spokesman of Kabul po-

lice, told Pajhwok Afghan News the suicide bombers blew up their vehicle in Bakhtyaran village after they were ... (More on P4)...(21)

Teenage Suicide Bomber Captured

SHARAN - Police on Tuesday captured alive an alleged teenage suicide bomber before he could reach his target in the Sara Roza district of southeastern Paktika province, an official said. The bomber was identified and apprehended by police before he could enter the district headquarters building at around 9am, said Khair Mohammad Khairkwa, the ... (More on P4)...(24)

Winter Adds to Miseries of Afghan Tent Dwellers

KABUL - Rain and cold weather have further added to the suffering of tent dwellers in the Afghan capital Kabul, especially for children who are living with the lowest amenities during the freezing winter. In the Darulaman area, southwest of Kabul city, hundreds of families, internally displaced people, and former refugees, have returned from Pakistan, living in

a makeshift camps with each family consisting on average of 10 members. Children in the camps are trembling because of the cold weather with wood as the only source of heating. "We have no homes and are living under unstable roofs. It becomes especially hard in winter and we are seriously in need of help but no one hears our voice -- our ... (More on P4)...(25)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Taking a setback in stride today casts you in a favorable light. However, you have a better chance of succeeding if you stop long enough to listen to the messages you're receiving from your peers. The resistance is probably occurring for good reason, even if you choose to avoid it. Thankfully, the obstacles could become manageable once you understand why they are appearing in your path.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You could feel complacent with your current trajectory in life, making it more difficult to shift into gear, even if you have a lot to accomplish today. Thankfully, you can sustain your efforts with ease once you finally get moving. But once you find a workable pace, you won't want to slow down no matter what stands in your way.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Conserving your energy is a good idea today; practicing moderation prevents you from wasting valuable resources. However, it isn't wise to think of this as a retreat; instead, you need some quality downtime to solidify your recent gains. Remember, you could jeopardize your work if you react impulsively without considering the consequences.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You want to keep your feelings private today, but someone's erratic behavior is likely to push your buttons and prompt you to respond. Even if you try to let the annoyance pass, your thoughts seem to have a life of their own. Just remember that when you do finally choose to express yourself, speak your truth as clearly as you can.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

A close friend or partner might seem emotionally distant today if he or she acts without taking your feelings into consideration. But you may jump to an incorrect conclusion because you don't have all the pertinent information at your disposal. Don't react too quickly; listen closely to what others have to say now or you could miss your chance to improve your game.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're not as isolated from others as you think, even if you are singing the blues today. Thankfully, your truest friends come through with the support you need. However, they still may not be as warm and nurturing as you wish. Nevertheless, your loved ones show up for you if you don't push them away with your false assumptions about how they should react. If you are feeling insecure, give others the benefit of the doubt.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may think that someone isn't being very responsible today and it falls on your shoulders to pick up the slack. You could quickly grow to resent a friend or co-worker who pressures you to make a decision on a subject you're not yet ready to address. You're not interested in cooperating with those who appear to have their own agendas.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You have significant goals that grow more refined day by day, but you're not willing to discuss them with anyone else. A positive outlook on your future is a blessing, yet your feelings may be so intense that you could overwhelm someone when you stand up for your beliefs. Fortunately, you are able to avoid a needless argument if you simply remember to tread softly and carry a compassionate stick.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Don't dismiss someone's concerns too quickly, because it's less critical to you than it is to the person who confides in you. You might lose out on an opportunity to move a relationship into new realms of intimacy if you're unwilling to participate in a heartfelt discussion. However, total resolution isn't necessary yet. Find a way to be supportive without getting swept up in a false sense of urgency.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

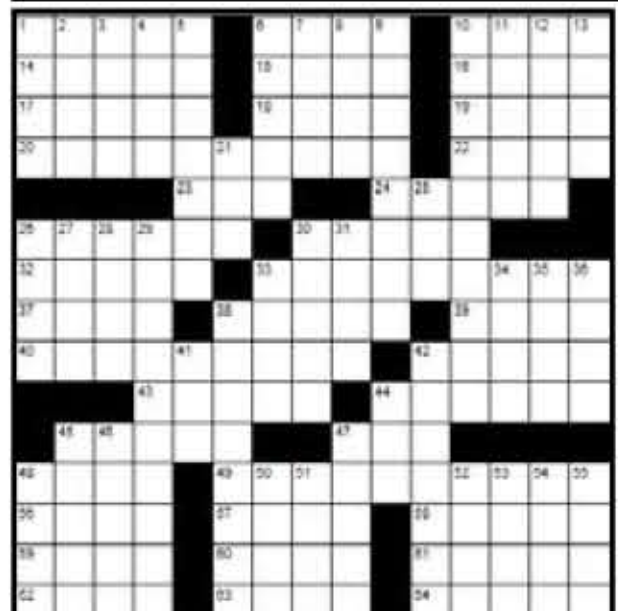
There's more going on than meets the eye today, judging from a difficult interaction with a friend or coworker. Even if you can tell that a power issue is lurking just around the corner, you don't know how to work with the apparent imbalance. You could create more problems than you solve by confronting the resistance. However, you will only contribute to the awkward energy if you just let your feelings slide.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Whatever feelings you might try to hide today, the current situation is actually your own doing. Harboring resentment about someone at work could provoke you to lose your temper if you don't say what's on your mind. Thankfully, you may receive more support than you expect.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You are learning to find your emotional footing on ground that isn't as stable as it once was. Nevertheless, your spiritual foundation is stronger than ever, inspiring you to express your newfound confidence. However, your bravado may set up a competitive dynamic now if others are threatened by your apparent success.



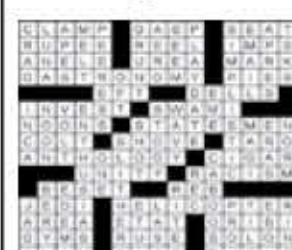
Across

- 1. A carpenter's device, 6. Shocked reaction, 10. Chair, 14. Indian monetary unit, 15. Bobbin, 16. Rapsallions, 17. Anoint (archaic), 18. Component of urine, 19. Assign a grade, 20. Culinary art, 22. Desserts, 23. Eastern newt, 24. Small wooded hollows, 26. Buy into, 30. Mystic, 32. Middays, 33. Leaders, 37. A young male horse, 38. Push, 39. Tropical tuber, 40. Collection of stories, 42. Stogie, 43. Accord, 44. Bigotry, 45. Assail, 47. Confederate soldier, 48. A Star Wars hero, 49. Chopper, 56. Region, 57. French for "State", 58. Small African antelope, 59. School athletic centers, 60. Ploy, 61. Sage, 62. Close violently, 63. Seats oneself, 64. Make improvements

Down

- 1. Outcropping, 2. Roman moon goddess, 3. Mimics, 4. Defrost, 5. Noblewoman, 6. Short low gruff noise, 7. Relating to aircraft, 8. Appear, 9. Social occasion for kids, 10. Naive, 11. Electronic letters, 12. French for "After", 13. Sounds of disapproval, 21. Frequently, in poetry, 25. An uncle, 26. Ancient Peruvian, 27. Middy, 28. Electrical unit, 29. Zeal, 30. A cheap cigar, 31. Not straight, 33. Fired a weapon, 34. Wise men, 35. Historical periods, 36. Standard, 38. How a snake moves, 41. Half of a pair, 42. A car on a freight train, 44. Record (abbrev.), 45. Aquamarine, 46. Swelling under the skin, 47. Rituals, 48. Sharp projections, 50. Decorative case, 51. Not first, 52. A formal high school dance, 53. Scrabble piece, 54. Black, in poetry, 55. Peel

Yesterday's Solution



attack, begin, bonus, cause, cede, chief, combination, core, dagger, dense, depot, driver, eras, first, force, general, ground, group, invest, lass, launch, least, major, match, night, order, pact, prosecute, ready, reap, report, retaliate, spark, support, target, teen, tom

