

Land Allocated for Teachers' Township Awarded to AISA

PUL-I-ALAM - Education officials of central Logar province on Wednesday alleged that land plots dedicated for teachers were given to Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA) without any taking the teachers' community into confidence. Education director Mohammad Akbar Stanikzai told Pajhwok Afghan News that the procedures for the township construction were just completed and they planned to distribute the land plots among teachers in near future.

But he said that Governor Niaz Mohammad Amiri awarded the land to AISA due to the reasons best known to the governor. He said hundreds of acres of land were currently under construction of industrial parks by the AISA. "In 2012, the ministry of education and the governor's house in joint consultation allocated 550 acres of land in Dawlat Kala area of Mohammad Aghi district for Teachers Township and the ministry of urban development passed the



township's master plan," he recalled. Stanikzai added map for the township cost over 5 million afghanis and the education department had planned to distribute the plots among 1,000 teachers. Stanikzai said he had tried to convince the governor not to award the allocated land for AISA but he did not ... (More on P4)... (16)

Flash Floods, Avalanches Leave 23 Persons Dead

JALALABAD - At least eight persons have died and tens of houses destroyed as a result of flash floods in eastern Nangarhar, Laghman and Nuristan provinces and 15 people lost their lives in fresh avalanche in central Parwan, officials said Wednesday. The floods triggered by continues downpour ... (More on P4)... (17)



13 Welfare Projects to be Launched

KHOST CITY - At least 13 development projects in southeastern Khost province have been sanctioned which would be launched soon, officials said on Wednesday. Acting Governor Abdul Jabbar Naeemi announced the launch of the projects at a gathering attended by tribal elders, a statement from the governor's spokesman said. The projects financed by SIKA organisation would cost 50 million af, he said, adding that the NGO was currently ac-



tive in Nader Shah Kot, Ismail Khail, Mandozai, Tanai and Zazai Maidan districts. Mohammad Rahman, a resident of Khost city, welcomed construction of the projects and asked the donors to channel their aids on the projects that were need of the hour. The statement does not provide details about the projects but assert their launch would be highly beneficial for the people of this southeastern province. (Pajhwok)

Tainted Uruzgan Officials Yet to be Suspended

TARINKOT - Six graft-tainted officials continue to perform their duty and have been refusing to appear before the court in central Uruzgan province, the provincial attorney said on Wednesday. Fazl Sultan Safi told Pajhwok Afghan News cases of the six tainted officials and a contractor had been sent to the urban court a month back, but their fate remained unknown. He said the six officials had been accused of corruption and bribery and dossiers detailing their crimes had been handed over to the court.

The accused include two education department officials, the rural development department head and an official of that department, a former mayor of the Dehrawud district and a contractor. Safi said the accused moved freely and continued to hold their offices and were yet to be suspended. The urban court confirmed receiving dossiers of the six accused. But judge Fazl Rabi told Pajhwok Afghan News the six men were yet to appear before the jury. "We have asked several ... (More on P4)... (18)

Anti-Taliban Operation Ends in Badakhshan

FAZIABAD - The Afghan National Police (ANP) anti-Taliban operation that was conducted two weeks ago in Tagab district of Badakhshan province came to an end after the district was cleared of insurgents, local officials said Wednesday. Badakhshan police spokesman Lal Mohammad Ahmadzai, cited that during the operation 51 government armed insurgents were killed and 21 other foreign citizens from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan were detained during the operation. According to Ah-



madzai, all parts of the Tagab district have been cleared of insurgents and new outposts have been established in some parts of the district to provide better security in the district. One Afghan police was killed and another wounded during the operation, he added. The Taliban insurgents have yet to comment about the operation. (Tolnews)

5 ANSF Soldiers Dead in Blasts

KHOST CITY/TARINKOT - Five Afghan security forces men were killed on Wednesday in two separate blasts in southeastern Khost and southern Uruzgan provinces, officials said. Capt. Abdullah, spokesman of the first Afghan National Army (ANA) Corps in Khost, told Pajhwok Afghan News that a military vehicle came under bomb attack near Khost City, the provincial capital at around 2:00 pm. Two ANA soldiers died on the spot and as many wounded in the explosion, he confirmed. But Dr. Hidayatullah Hamidi, director of Khost Civil Hospital, said he ... (More on P4)... (21)

Deh Sabz Residents Want Relocation of Factories

KABUL - The residents of Deh Sabz district of capital Kabul on Wednesday asked the government to relocate or shut down factories in the area which were causing environmental pollution hazardous for health of the dwellers.

They warned to launch series of protests if their demand to relocate the gravel and bitumen making factories from the area. There are 400 factories including kiln brick factories with one bitumen ... (More on P4)... (22)

ANA Rescues Badghis Trapped Residents

QALANAW - More than 100 people caught in a snow storm in western Badghis province have been rescued by the Afghan National Army (ANA) on Tuesday evening, officials said. The ANA officials have reported that the rescue operation was ended successfully without any causality to trapped people, most of them women

and children. The incident happened on Monday when more than 20 vehicles carrying passengers from Badghis to Herat stuck in the snow storm in Sabzak Pass, leaving dozens of passengers freezing in the harsh weather. Commander of 207th ANA Corps, Gen. Muhiuddin Ghori, said the ... (More on P4)... (19)

AP Correspondent Wounded in Afghanistan to Receive Medal for Courage

KABUL - Kathy Gannon, The Associated Press correspondent who was wounded in an attack that claimed the life of her colleague, will receive the McGill Medal for Journalistic Courage. Gannon, who has covered Afghanistan for almost 30 years, was picked from a pool of seven nominees, according to a release from The

University of Georgia, which awards the medal. Gannon was covering the run-up to Afghanistan's presidential elections in April when she and AP photographer Anja Niedringhaus were attacked by an Afghan police officer. Niedringhaus was killed and Gannon was hospitalized for bullet wounds to her left arm, right hand

and left shoulder. In the wake of the shooting, the International Women's Media Foundation created an award honoring courageous photojournalism in Niedringhaus' name. In a December interview with the CBC's Susan Ormiston, Gannon said she intended to travel back to Afghanistan rather ... (More on P4)... (20)

2 Suicide Bombers Arrested in Women's Dress

HERAT - The Afghan national security forces arrested two would-be suicide bombers following an operation in western Herat province of Afghanistan. (File Photo) According to local security officials the two suicide bombers had disguised themselves in

women's dress and were looking to carry out suicide attacks. A spokesman for the Afghan National Army (ANA) Commando Forces in Herat province Mehdi Rezayee said the two suicide bombers were arrested from Guzara district. ... (More on P4)... (23)

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-Jan. 19)

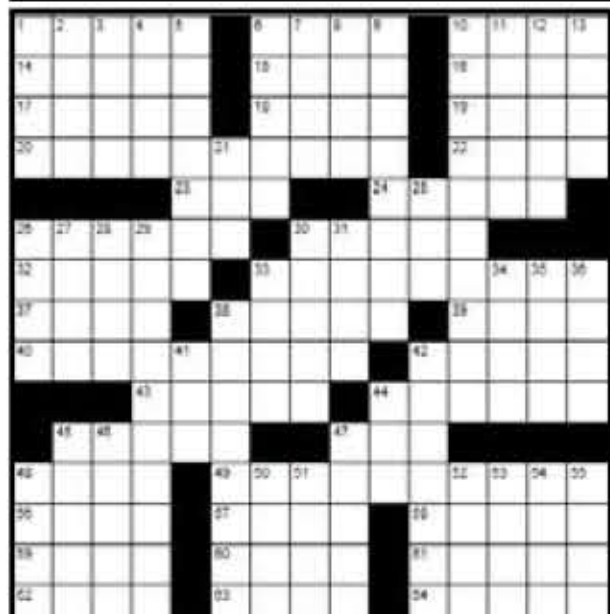
There's more going on than meets the eye today, judging from a difficult interaction with a friend or coworker. Even if you can tell that a power issue is lurking just around the corner, you don't know how to work with the apparent imbalance. You could create more problems than you solve by confronting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



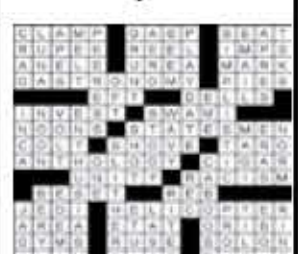
Across

- 1. A carpenter's device, 6. Shocked reaction, 10. Chair, 14. Indian monetary unit, 15. Bobbin, 16. Rascalions, 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

