



SCA Regional Office Building Opens in Wardak

KABUL - The Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (SCA) has inaugurated a newly-constructed building for its regional office in central Maidan Wardak province.

A statement from the Maidan Wardak provincial media office to Pajhwok Afghan News said the four-storey building cost 78 million afghanis and was completed within two years.

Shafiullah Sharifi, the Swedish Committee's regional office head in Maidan Wardak, told Pajhwok the building was constructed on 2.5 acres of land dedicated by the municipality.

At the building's inauguration ceremony, Governor Muzafaruddin Yamin highly appreciated SCA employees for their humanitarian assistance with the Afghanistan people over the four decades.

Yamin added SCA projects were related to good governance, rural livelihood, rehabilitation of disabled people, education, health and human rights.

About the peace process, the governor said war could not resolve the Afghan conflict, but they wanted a peace that honored all Afghans and ensured their safety. "For peace, we are ready to render any sacrifice."

Meanwhile, SCA's general director expressed happiness over construction of the building and said the SCA was committed to helping the Afghanistan people.

Haji Akhtar Mohammad Tahiri, the Provincial Council chairman, also thanked the SCA team and said the provincial council was ready to extend every support to the committee in areas education and health. (Pajhwok)

Afghan Forces Target Taliban Hideouts in Helmand



LASHKARGAH - The Afghan National Defense and Security forces conducted targeted Taliban hideouts in an operation in Helmand province, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said in a statement on Wednesday.

The operation was conducted jointly with NDS especial forces and counter-narcotics forces on Taliban's weapon cache and Taliban's drug lab in Nawzad district in Helmand. The statement said that at least 550 kilograms of explosives, 30 military

uniforms, and three cellphones were seized during the operation. Three Taliban hideouts were destroyed during the operation, read the statement. Taliban has not commented on the report. (Tolo news)



Taliban Accused of Torching 40 Houses in Sar-I-Pul

SAR-I-PUL - Local officials and residents on Wednesday claimed the Taliban militants torched 40 houses belonging to Afghan Local Police (ALP) members in Sancharak district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, but the rebels denied their involvement.

Naqibullah Daqiq, the Sancharak district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the insurgents set ablaze the houses in Taghai Khwaja village of the district after looting the houses.

A resident of Tabbar village of the district, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok by telephone that the Taliban looted and torched a number of houses in the area.

He expressed concern about the ongoing conflict in the area and said Taliban used civilians' houses as bastions and Afghan forces used to fire back at residential areas.

Local residents say an operation of Afghan forces launched in the area ... (More on P4)...(9)

Protesters Demand Halt to Inspection, Recount of Kabul Votes



KABUL - A number of protesters in capital Kabul demanded invalidation, halt to the recount of Kabul votes and trial of commissioners and those who committed rigging in the court.

They also warned wide-spread protests if their demand was ignored. The Wolesi Jirga elections were conducted on October

20-21 in almost all provinces of the country with huge allegations of rigging. Over 20 unsuccessful candidates planned to conduct a protesting really and share their demands with the UNAMA but it was postponed due to security threats. Erfanullah Erfan, a Wolesi Jirga candidate who was part ... (More on P4)...(10)

Seventeen Gendarmes Leaving for Afghanistan to Join NATO Training Mission



BERLIN - Seventeen Romanian gendarmes are leaving today for Afghanistan on a six-month mission with the NATO Training Mission (NTM-A) to provide training for the local law enforcement forces.

Attending the departure ceremony, hosted by the Romanian Gendar-

merie, was Interior Minister Dan Carmen alongside officials of the Interior Ministry (MAI) and families of those who will participate in the mission.

"There are 23 gendarmes who will carry out support missions in Afghanistan. ... (More on P4)...(11)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Today, Aries, you will probably have a ton of energy at your disposal for getting into all kinds of activities. Finish any work that still needs to be completed. Do some cleaning and organizing or see about getting out for a little warm weather fun. Whatever you choose, try to make sure it's active. You will need a place for all that energy to go.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



This is an excellent day to express your natural creativity, Taurus. The arts will likely be very important to you. You may find that nothing brings you more pleasure on days like this. Consider putting this to good use by painting, sculpting, doing crafts, or whatever you like. You will find that engaging in creative activities.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



If you're feeling tired, Gemini, you may need to lie back, close your eyes, and listen to some soothing music. You work hard most of the time, so it can do your body and mind good to just relax and listen to your favorite music. Why not do this today? Even a few minutes will make a difference. You can always use the quiet time to plan if you have to feel you've accomplished something.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Today may bring up strong feelings, Cancer. This may not be new, as you have a tendency to feel things deeply. But it may be a bit tough to find a way to express this. While you're creative, finding the right activity to get you going isn't always easy. Why not visit a bookstore and look for some appealing craft books or art materials?

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Today, Leo, consider that artistic expression can happen in many ways. It isn't always about drawing a picture, singing a song, playing music, or acting. The way that you arrange your home or workspace is an artistic expression. So are how you dress and do your hair. Each thing you do is an expression of you and your choice of style.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



- You may find that today brings great physical strength and energy to you, Virgo. Given this, you may really want to do some tough, challenging physical work. This is certainly the day for it, so why not go for it? Do some yard work or clean out closets, cupboards, drawers, and filing cabinets. Consider donating items that you don't use anymore or plan a garage sale to make some bucks.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



- Libra, it's prime time to get busy. Activities that require focus or creativity will be supported. Physical strength and energy will encourage you to do something active. If you've felt sluggish, tired, or a little under the weather, today's planetary aspect can put an end to that. Consider artistic projects that take strength, such as building something out of wood.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your active side may show through today, Scorpio. While you can be extremely focused on brainwork, you also love to keep active and do physical work. When you have a project like cleaning your home, you can be very fast and efficient when you want to. This is a good day to get a lot accomplished. Run around doing this and that.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



If you've been feeling tired or sick lately, this will probably turn around for you, Sagittarius. You may often experience moodiness, and this can be a real drain. Your emotional state can affect how your body feels. Be sure to take care of your feelings as well as your body. If there are things that need to be worked out, take care of them today. The two really do go together.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You will probably be very busy today, Capricorn, which may suit you just fine. This can work in your favor if you have some work to catch up on. Being active and getting things done will be natural for you. In fact, when you have to sit for too long, you probably feel restless or anxious. You fidget and squirm. If you find yourself doing this, go do something more active!

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

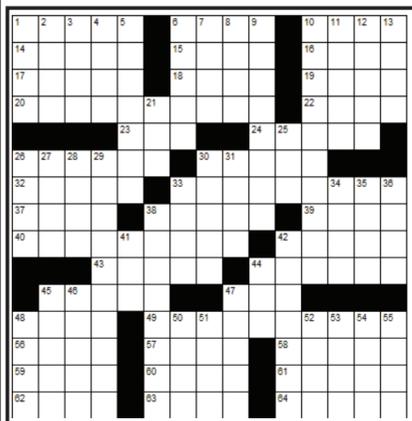


Today, Aquarius, your ability to stand up for your decisions and not let others sway you may be enhanced. This will be especially true if you've arrived at a resolution that solves a problem. Others may often try to change your decisions. Maybe this is because they succeed, but not today. The planetary aspects are working in your favor, and you will feel a new strength. Follow your own heart.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You may feel a real need to get moving today, Pisces. Almost everyone prefers quiet activities, books, art, and even just sitting around to physical activity at times. But your health can suffer if you aren't active. Fresh air, exercise, and sunshine are vital to your well-being. Today don't resist any urge to get up and do something active. Chances are you will really enjoy yourself.



Across

1. A single-masted ship, 6. Go on horseback, 10. Notch, 14. Nymph, 15. Relating to urine
16. Cry of pain, 17. Group of 8, 18. Fancy, 19. Tidy, 20. Disagreement, 22. Leer at, 23. Cry of disgust, 24. Paths, 26. Cosmetics, 30. Obdurate, 32. Void, 33. Namelessness, 37. He writes in verse, 38. Unlocks, 39. Double-reed woodwind, 40. Carpentry work surfaces, 42. Pen made from a feather, 43. Venomous snake, 44. Bivalve mollusk, 45. Breathing problem, 47. Spy agency, 48. Entreaty, 49. Merges, 56. Prima donna problems, 57. Require, 58. Exchange, 59. Hindu princess, 60. Sea eagle, 61. Creepy, 62. Plateau, 63. Specks, 64. Harangues,

Down

1. Not barefoot, 2. Hubs, 3. In baseball, 3 per inning, 4. Mining finds, 5. Lamentable, 6. Indian monetary unit, 7. Weightlifters pump this, 8. Platter, 9. Levels in rank, 10. Similar in meaning
11. Feudal lord, 12. Opaque gems, 13. French for "Head" 21. Downtum, 25. One or more
26. Geographic illustrations, 27. Dwarf buffalo, 28. Was cognizant, 29. Mercy killing
30. Contemptuous look, 31. A large amount, 33. Church alcove, 34. Nile bird, 35. Lacquered metalware, 36. Scream, 38. Deceit 41. Lyric poem, 42. 25 cent coin, 44. Russian fighter
45. Seaweed, 46. Menial laborers, 47. Yields, 48. Hair salon process, 50. Infamous Roman emperor, 51. Canvas dwelling, 52. Region, 53. Mountain pool, 54. Modify, 55. Views,

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