

Animal Diseases Causing Stillbirths in Darzab District

SHIBERGHAN - The high incidence of animal diseases has not only been claiming lives of animals but also causing expecting mothers stillbirths in Darzab district of northern Jawzjan province. Darzab district Chief Rahmatullah Hashar said animal diseases such as brucellosis, pox, plague and others had been at a high incidence over the past six months in Darzab. Some 200 livestock were lost to the diseases in the district centre alone, he said. He said there were no facilities to pre-



vent the diseases and farmers were losing their cattle. The diseases had affected health of many people interacting with the infected animals, the district chief said. "Exact number of people infected with animal diseases is unknown, but several pregnant women had stillbirths." The district chief asked the agriculture and public health departments to adopt serious measures in preventing high incidence of animal diseases in order to impede its proliferation to other parts of the country. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Afghan Golfers Triumph at Bangladesh Tournament

KABUL - The Afghan national golf team returned home on Monday from an international golf event in Bangladesh after having won one gold medal and one bronze medal. Afghanistan's Hashmatullah Sarwari won gold for his country while Imran Ali won bronze. "I worked hard to be fully prepared for the tournament and I was committed to win a gold medal for my country and with the help of Allah I made it and gained the championship medal," said Sarwari. Eight nations participated in the 32nd Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship. "We underwent a one week technical and professional training program under the supervision of the International Golf Federation and the training helped us to be in better form at high level events and the training played a key role in our win. Eight countries were invited to the tournament and Afghanistan became the champions by winning gold and bronze medals," said Imran Ali. ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

10 Militants Join Peace Process in Kunduz City

KUNDUZ CITY - A group of ten militants joined peace process in the strategic Kunduz city in North of Afghanistan, local officials said Monday. Provincial police chief General Abdul Hamid Hamidi said the militants were actively operating in various parts of Kunduz city before they joined peace process. According to the local officials, the security situation of Kunduz city will improve as the militants join peace process. The of-



officials called on other militants to renounce violence and join peace process. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. Kunduz is among the relatively volatile ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Truck Drivers Accuse Ghazni Police of Extortion

GHAZNI CITY - Drivers in southern Ghazni province say they are tortured by police and forced to pay money while transporting goods and services on highways. A driver from Paktia-Ghazni highway Jan Mohammad told Pajhwok Afghan News that drivers were being tortured in several areas on the outskirts of Ghazni. "Police have several times asked me for money on the outskirts of Andar district, an act they are not allowed to do so." He said the law enforcement officials would beat him if refused to pay money as per their desire. Mohammad said, he transported wood from Paktia to Ghazni in order to earn some money, but he could not get enough advantage from his business as they had to pay an amount to police. Abdullah, a driver on Ghazni-Kandahar highway, said besides Afghan ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Afghanistan Eyeing Full Membership of ICC

KABUL - The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) plans asking the International Cricket Council (ICC) for full membership status, an official said on Monday. ACB spokesman Farid Hotak said the board's chairman, Atif Mashaal, had formed a committee to work on a proposal highlighting the country's achievements. The proposal will be dispatched to ICC. Recent performance of Afghanistan, an Associate member of ICC, encouraged



the ACB to approach ICC for full membership. The national side has already beaten full member in recent matches. Afghanistan has met most ICC conditions for full membership and the national side had outplayed Bangladesh, Zimbabwe and the West Indies, the spokesman continued. Hotak said a ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Key Haqqani Network Member Held in Khost

KABUL - Security forces have arrested key Haqqani network member responsible for the training and preparation of suicide bombers in southeastern Khost province, a well-placed source has said. A security official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News Fazal Jan was arrested in the Sabrio district during a Special Forces raid. Four suicide vests, explosive-laden motorcycle and two mobiles had been recovered from Jan, the official said. Governor Spokesman Mubarez Mohammad Zadran said a clash took



place during security forces operation in the Faqirabad locality but had no information about casualties and arrest of terrorists. The town's administrative chief had no information when contacted. (Pajhwok)

4 Security Personnel Dead in Zabol Attack

KABUL CITY - Four security personnel, including Afghan National Army (ANA), soldier have been killed and as many wounded in the Taliban attack in the Arghandab district of southern Zabol province, an official said on Monday. Barat Khan, the town's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News ten rebels attacked security forces checkpoints at around 9:00 pm Sunday night in the district. The clash continued until wee hour in the night in which three policemen and an ANA soldier were killed and four more ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

6 Rebels Dead in Badakhshan; Taliban Purged of 17 Baghlan Villages

PUL - I - K H U M R I / FAIZABAD - Seventeen villages have been cleared of insurgents in Baghlan-i-Markazi district of northern Baghlan province, while six insurgents were killed and another 12 wounded in northeastern Badakhshan province, officials said on Monday. Baghlan Governor Abdul Sataar Bariz told Pajhwok Afghan News insurgents used to threaten people's lives and torture passengers on roads near Sugar factory in Baghlan-i-Markazi district. He said two days earlier security forces launched a joint operation aimed at pushing the Taliban from the area. As a result re-



bels left 17 villages of the district without being engaged in clash with security forces. Bariz also informed about another clearing operation by security forces in Tala-wa-Barfak district of the province, saying its results were yet to be known. The operation in Tala-wa-Barfak launched three days back unknown gunmen attacked a group of demines, killing eight of them and wounding four others. Haji Nazar Mohammad, a resident of Baghlan-i-Markazi, said the ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Thankfully, you are surrounded by positive energy today, but you still secretly wonder if you can keep up with your ambitious agenda. Everyone seems to have an abundance of confidence in you while several planets send their energy to propitious Jupiter in your 7th House of Others. But working non-stop isn't necessarily the way to get more done.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You are grateful that your support network comes through when you need it today, but your associates still remain a mixed blessing. Although others arrive with encouraging words or offers to work on your behalf, they can also be extremely distracting. Everyone seems to have a story to tell and you appear to be the designated listener, regardless of whether or not you have the time.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your mind is running on several parallel tracks today and your thoughts might be moving so rapidly that you momentarily forget who you are and where you're going. Although your recovery time may be so fast that others don't even notice your lapse of attention, this lack of concentration can throw your rhythm off. Instead of waiting for the next cerebral blip, channel your energy into one specific task at a time. Narrowing your focus expands your productivity.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Although it may be back to work or school today, you wish you had an extra day to indulge in your favorite fantasies. In fact, concentrating on your assignments seems nearly impossible now. Instead of attempting to relentlessly power through your day, set a timer so you can focus on a task for a specific length of time, followed by a designated few minutes of daydreaming.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You possess a natural instinct for sensing what's around the next corner today, making this an opportune time to solidify your plans. But logical analysis isn't as helpful now as you might hope because even verifiable facts can still lead you in the wrong direction. The Moon's visit to your 11th House of Hopes.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Business and personal relationships contain a layer of complexity today, requiring additional effort on your part to untangle all the emotional threads. You are being shown many opportunities now, but aren't ready to limit the field to just one yet. Nevertheless, your confidence is growing and you're quite certain that the right pieces will come together in the nick of time. Avoid making decisions prematurely; the longer you can keep your options open.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Reestablishing your balance is tricky business when everything looks so good on the surface. But there are weak links to every chain and it's in your best interest to know where they are now and how much weight they can bear. Nevertheless, your positive attitude influences the results you want to achieve. But your good intentions are not enough to assure success, even while auspicious Jupiter aligns with Venus and Mars.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

People may be surprised by the steady stream of creative solutions you have to offer today. However, they can't see how much your current productivity stems from your spiritual perspective on life. The curious Gemini Moon is dancing in your 8th House of Regeneration.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Everyone seems a bit flaky now, making it difficult to know who you can trust. People might change their minds without warning today, even if they pledged their allegiance to your altruistic cause yesterday. It seems logical to tighten your control to make sure others hold up their part of the bargain. Nevertheless, adopting an authoritative stance will not work. Jump in and get your hands dirty without waiting for anyone else.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

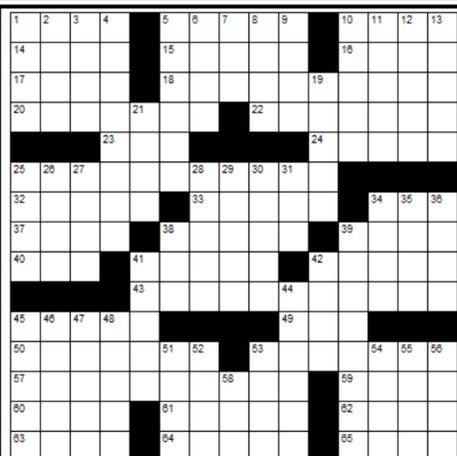
Oddly enough, you can get a bit nervous when everything is coming up roses. After a while, you can't help but begin to wonder where the thorns are hiding. Although positivity is an admirable trait, it's more important today to be realistic than optimistic. Only when you have a sensible perspective based upon seeing things in their true light will you be able to find satisfaction in your success.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You are at the top of your game today and believe that you can solve any problem that shows up at your door. Although your analytical skills are certainly on point, there will be no mind-blowing epiphany from the facts alone. A conceptual breakthrough is possible only if you're willing to step over the edge and into the irrational realms of intuition and feelings.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You're willing to jump off an emotional cliff and delve into the deepest abyss today if it leads you to finding the truth. However, there is a battle being played out within your mind to determine whether it's wiser to trust your gut instinct or to stick with the facts now. The answer is a paradox not unlike the particle-wave duality of quantum physics. You can't assume that one frame of reference is better than the other.



Across
1. Not under, 5. A piece of information, 10. Satyr, 14. Rend, 15. Delete, 16. Style of hairdo, 17. Spring, 18. Freeing, 20. Asserted, 22. Artificial tooth, 23. Obtain, 24. Contests, 25. Makes plans, 32. Warm, 33. Concerning (archaic), 34. Move from side to side, 37. A single time, 38. Accumulate, 39. A period of discounted prices, 40. East southeast, 41. GMan, 42. In base 8, 43. Prosperient, 45. Respond, 49. Prefix meaning "Modern", 50. Not devious, 53. Inhabitant, 57. A lyric soprano, 59. Emanation, 60. Brother of Jacob, 61. Unsuccessful person, 62. Telephoned, 63. A musical pause, 64. Thick woolen fabric, 65. Litigates.

Down
1. Killer whale, 2. Six-stringed instrument, 3. Wicked, 4. Consign, 5. Erase, 6. Dry, 7. Bar bill, 8. Utilized, 9. No more than, 10. Minim, 11. Codeine source, 12. Love intensely, 13. Notes, 19. Anxiety, 21. Obtains, 25. Sneaker or pump, 26. 10 10 10, 27. Dash, 28. Player, 29. Absurd, 30. Gustos, 31. N N N N, 34. Light bulb unit, 35. Wings, 36. Neuter, 38. Since, 39. Students, 41. Not before, 42. Curved molding, 44. Not "outward", 45. Formula 1 driver, 46. Jagged, 47. Collection of maps, 48. Influence, 51. Sodium chloride, 52. Put away, 53. To endure (archaic), 54. Hawaiian feast, 55. Sea eagle, 56. Tatters, 58. Utilize.

Yesterday's Solution
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