

# Half of Working Population 'Not Interested' in Job Market

KABUL - The Ministry of Economy says that from the 15 million Afghan citizens who have the ability to work, 6.8 million are engaged in the job market while others are not interested in seeking jobs.

Deputy Minister of Economy for Policy, Mohammad Ismail Rahimi, said government is committed to providing the ground for investments, but added that the private sector could also increase investment to reduce the unemployment rate in the country.

Rahimi, who addressed the Afghanistan Youth to Business Forum in Kabul, said government is working on a strategy titled "Productive Afghanistan", which will bring seismic changes in the job market and economic development within the next five years. The strategy was introduced by the ...*(More on P4)...(10)*



## More than 60,000 Addicts Exist in Herat Province

HERAT - Thirteen percent of the addicts are women, many of whom say they want to recover and return to a normal life.

Counter-narcotics department of Herat province said that more than 60,000 addicts exist in Herat province of which 13 percent are females. The department said that despite the high number of females addicts in the province there are only three treatment centers for them, which have 150 beds available.

A number of addicted females said they want to recover and return to a normal life.

Mariam is one of those addicted females and it is 15 days since she was admitted for treatment to one of the centers.

Mariam said she has been addicted for the past four years and during that time she had no contact with her relatives and was living with her addict husband.

Now Mariam is regretting her past and wants to recover and return to a normal life.

There are number of women like Mariam who voluntarily, or through their families, are admitted to the center for treatment.

"I used drugs for six years, and because my husband was addicted, I also became an addict," said Sema, another addict.

Poverty, family problems, social misconceptions and easy access to drugs are one of the root causes of the increase in the number of addicts in the country, especially Herat province.

"Addiction is a mental disorder that causes changes in the behavior of the individual, ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## Helmand Elders Call for Recovery of Grabbed Lands

LASHKARGAH - Some powerful individuals and government officials have grabbed tens of acres of land in the Gereshk district of southern Helmand province which halt development work, official said on Friday.

Governor Mohammad Yasin Khan said plan for the recovery of grabbed land would be chalked out soon.

He accused the local officials for their failure to prevent the land grabbing.

Besides Helmand, powerful individuals in Kabul, Nangarhar and some other provinces have grabbed state lands but necessary efforts for stop the practice had been taken.

Tribal Elder Ali Shah Khan told



the gathering that tens of acres of land had been grabbed in Helmand but no effort had been taken to stop the practice.

Another tribal elder Abdul Shakour said public trust on the government would be lost if efforts against the ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## Taliban's Spy Chief Among 11 Rebels Killed in Faryab

KABUL - Eleven militants, including the Taliban's intelligence chief, have been killed during Afghan forces airstrike and raids in northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Friday.

Javid Ahmad Ghafoor, spokesman for the Ministry of Defence (MoD), told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban's spy Chief Qari Sibghatullah had been killed in airstrike.

He said Sibghatullah was behind attacks on civilians and Afghan forces in Faryab.

Separately, 10 insurgents have been killed and two others injured in Afghan forces attacks in the past two days, a state-

ment from 209th Shaheen Military Corps said.

Seventeen landmines, 80 kilograms of explosives and some weapons captures by security forces during the operations, the statement said. *(Pajhwok)*



## 7 Rebels Killed as Many Held in Nangarhar Raid, Drone Strike

KABUL - Seven militants have been killed and as many arrested in Afghan forces raid and foreign forces airstrike in eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Friday.

Five Taliban and two Daesh rebels had been arrested during security forces raid, Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman said.

He said the detained militants were involved in subversive activities in Khogyani, Shinwari, Durbaba and Batkot districts.

Khogyani added the arrested militants had confessed their involvement in terrorist activities and were under further interrogation at the National Directorate of Security (NDS).

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## Outlook Horoscope

### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

-Today you might have to do a lot of communicating with friends. Perhaps you need to make phone calls or catch up on correspondence. You may be on the verge of attaining a goal. Consider giving it that last little spurt of energy to complete. This could involve a lot of time in the car or on the phone, Aries, but stick with it. You will be glad you did.

### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

A prominent male author whose work you enjoy might publish a new book. You may consider doing some writing of your own, particularly if you have a story to tell. On a more mundane level, your day could require that you spend a lot of time in the car or on the phone when you'd rather be reading. Be sure to schedule time to relax in the evening.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Good news regarding writing, speaking, or publishing could come your way today. You might feel terribly bored with life and suddenly have the urge to get away for a while. This isn't a bad idea, Gemini. Make a few phone calls. Invite a friend over and discuss it with him or her. You've been working hard and a little break is probably in order.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Paperwork regarding a bonus, settlement, or dividend of some kind might need to be executed today. It will probably be boring. You will get it done. Sudden insights, revelations, or flights of fancy might provide fodder for creative activities, particularly writing or speaking. Write these ideas down. You have a good memory, Cancer, but you will want to recall every detail.

### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Strained nerves and trepidation about unpleasant tasks could have you on edge and likely to take your stress out on those closest to you. Try to avoid this, Leo. Go for a walk. Release your stress through exercise or writing. Communicate your feelings to friends and assure them you aren't upset with them. In this way, you will get through the day with little damage.

### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You might feel overworked today. Your energy could be flagging, and you may even feel feverish. This is probably nothing more than stress, Virgo. Most likely you should take time out from your busy life and relax. Spend the afternoon at the movies. Treat yourself to dinner out. Buy yourself a present. Tomorrow you should feel better again.

### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

- Today you're apt to feel especially romantic. Novels, movies, and poetry about love will be appealing. If you're currently romantically involved, consider planning a special evening with your partner. If you aren't involved, you might want to attend a sporting event. Plan an enjoyable evening, Libra. Who knows? You could meet someone new and exciting!

### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

A rush of activity at home is probably going to involve preparations for a journey or event. More than one visitor could arrive during the course of the day. Your mind may be going in several different directions, and this could prove a bit disconcerting. Try to take breaks and remain centered, Scorpio. You won't accomplish anything if you work yourself into a panic.

### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You may experience increased physical and mental activity today. Perhaps you will have to do a lot of reading or writing very quickly, make a number of phone calls, or run more errands than you have time for. This can prove frustrating and overwhelming, but if you plan carefully, Sagittarius, you should be able to get it all done on schedule. Get busy and go to it.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

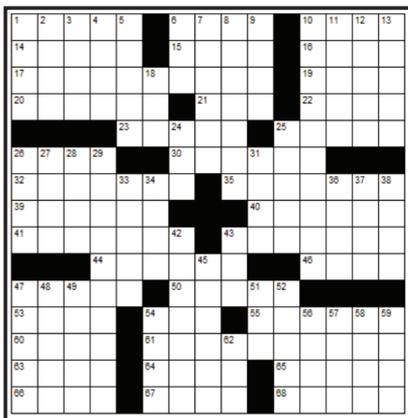
You might discover a hidden talent for writing, or if you already know this, you may find that your skill is greater than you suspected. You might have to execute some paperwork regarding money, Capricorn, but you will get this done quickly and efficiently. At some point during the day you're likely to get a little frazzled, but this will pass. Get your work done and then relax.

### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You might feel on edge today but not know why. You may jump at unexpected noises or think you see or hear things that aren't there. You aren't going crazy. This is caused by the current planetary configuration. The best way to relieve the jumpiness is to get some exercise - at least take a walk. In the evening, read an engrossing book.

### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You may wonder if you're losing your memory today. You might have the strange feeling that there was something you had to do but can't quite remember what. Don't worry about it, Pisces. If you push yourself too hard, you will drive yourself crazy. Your imagination could come up with ideas for stories and poems. Write them down. You will want to remember them.



### Across

1. French for "Love", 6. Not this, 10. Respiratory organ of aquatic animals, 14. French for "Queen", 15. Relating to aircraft, 16. Notion, 17. Unable to read, 19. Pesky insects, 20. Accumulate on the surface, 21. Cover, 22. Urarthritis, 23. Death notices, 25. Temporary workers, 26. Unwanted email, 30. A kind of beetle, 32. Oval, 35. Incidentally, 39. A rational motive, 40. Swiss city, 41. A farcical comedian, 43. Demesnes, 44. Preserve a dead body, 46. Confined, 47. Spherical toys, 50. Hurdle, 53. Rectal, 54. Female sibling, 55. Revile, 60. Fizzy drink, 61. Friendly, 63. Biblical garden, 64. Hodgepodge, 65. Birdlike, 66. Declare untrue, 67. Perished, 8. Homes for birds, ,

### Down

1. Operatic solo, 2. Blend, 3. Anagram of "Silo", 4. Pearly-shelled mussel, 5. Backward-looking, 6. Black gunk, 7. Wellness, 8. Craftsperson, 9. Pigeon, 10. Crisp round cookie, 11. Manner of speaking, 12. Abatement, 13. Persists, 18. Diminish, 24. Frozen water, 25. Basic belief, 26. Slave, 27. Urgent request, 28. Winglike, 29. Assortment, 31. Mists, 33. Lines of verse, 34. Give the cold shoulder, 36. French for "Head", 37. Baking appliance, 38. Long ago, 42. A pasta dish, 43. Large Australian flightless bird, 45. Famous dog, 47. Established, 48. Positive pole, 49. Burdened, 51. 56 in Roman numerals, 52. Moon of Saturn, 54. Not barefoot, 56. Wash, 57. Nile bird, 58. Level, 59. Cravings, 62. Detachable container, ,

### Yesterday's Solution

ACME STUNO WELD  
GRAB THREE AQUA  
HONORARIUM RUGS  
EFT UBQATY TRASH  
STAIRLIE EABEL  
ATIE URGANIZE  
EMERY CRIER ZIO  
TAMER SAINT KENO  
ALL BILUNG BERG  
TITMOUSE BEY  
TERRA PLASTIC  
STAIR TWAIN LIO  
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