

### Karzai Backs Russia's Military Support to Pakistan

KABUL - Former president Hamid Karzai has supported the military assistance of Russia to Pakistan, saying that Moscow can give weapons to Islamabad same as the United States is providing arms to Afghanistan's neighboring country. Addressing the Raisina Dialogue 2018 in India, Karzai said Moscow and Islamabad relations are new.

"There are ninety times more US weapons in Pakistan than Russian weapons in Pakistan," Karzai said. "Shouldn't we first correct the US part? Ninety percent... When they do that we will go to Russia and ask them to stop their will."

The former president said the US has failed in Afghanistan war because it gives more importance to Pakistan compared with Afghanistan.

"When I pressed the US delegation on Pakistan and their support to Pakistan and the continuity of extremism arriving from there to Afghanistan, the trouble that it cost to Afghanistan and the US mission in Afghanistan, ...*(More on P4)...(14)*



### 8 Police, ANA Soldiers Killed in Farah

FARAH CITY - Eight police and Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have killed in militants' attacks on security posts in the capital and Anar Dara district of western Farah province.

Dadullah Qanay, a provincial council member, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban stormed a police post in Ganahkan village on the outskirts of Farah city on Wednesday night.

He said that six policemen were killed and the militants took away their weapons during the incident.

A resident of the area who wished to go unnamed, said that the bodies of the police were laid in their post until 9am today morning. This security post is located only five kilometers from Farah police headquarter.

Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, a Taliban spokesman, also said six policemen were killed in the incident. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Mining Plan to Increase National Revenue: Ministry of Mines



KABUL - The new roadmap will help overcome challenges facing the sector as the mines will be better managed. Officials from the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum (MoMP) on Wednesday said that with the implementation of the mining plan, Afghanistan will vastly increase its national revenue.

The roadmap is a program aimed to overcome challenges facing the mining sector in the country, and the ministry of mines

and petroleum, by using it, will be able to better manage the mines, said MoMP spokesman Abdul Qadeer Mutfi. But members of the Natural Resources Monitoring Network (NRMN) have said that until now, the government has not managed to define a clear strategy when it comes to the increase of national revenue from the mining sector.

Transparency in mining contracts, using the available resources and prioritizing

the mine projects are among key items which have been laid out in the new plan. "Economic growth and social development have been predicted in the roadmap from the natural resources. We hope that the roadmap helps us to overcome the issues," said MoMP spokesman Abdul Qadeer Mutfi.

NRMN says that such roadmaps cannot prevent the ongoing irregularities in the mining ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

### 8 of a Family Killed, Wounded in Herat Explosion

HERAT CITY - At least five members of a family were killed and three others injured in a landmine explosion in the Shindand district of western Herat province, an official said on Thursday. Jilani Farhad, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the casualties resulted from a landmine that exploded inside a residence in the Zirkoh area of the district.

According to him, the explosion left five members of the family dead, including children and women. Three others were wounded in the incident, he said.

Farhad added owners of the house, in which the blast took place, were relatives of Taliban insurgents. However, he said, the cause of the blast was yet to be ascertained. *(Pajhwok)*

### 6 Killed As Conflict in Faryab Intensifies



MAIMANA - Four rebels, one policeman and one civilian have been killed during clashes in northern Faryab province, police said on Thursday.

Abdul Karim Yurish, provincial police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the four Taliban militants were killed and six others wounded during a clash with police in Ghormach district on Wednesday night.

One border police was also killed and another wounded in the clash, he added.

A security official, who wished to go unnamed, said the Taliban attacked security posts in Kamp Chenayee, Abgramak, Watan and SarKohi areas from four directions.

The source said Mullah Qayum, a Taliban commander, was among four militants wounded in Afghan forces' retaliatory firing.

Ghormach district fell to Taliban six months ago. Afghan security forces have since been besieged in their camp and ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

### 50 Rebels Killed 26 Injured in Security Forces Operations:



KABUL - Fifty militants have been killed, 26 injured and 12 others arrested during security forces operations in different parts of the country, an official said on Thursday.

Brig. Gen. Mohammad Radminish, deputy spokesman of the Ministry of Defence, said 11 military offensives against insurgent were currently underway in as many provinces.

He added the commando forces carried out 12 attacks on militants in the past 24 hours in different provinces and conducted seven airstrikes on rebel's hideouts. He added that Jalal, the Daesh notorious commander had been killed in Chaparhar district of Nangarhar while Muhibullah known as Khaybar killed in Laghman's Alingar district. *(Pajhwok)*

### Western Coalition Not Doing Much to Curb Drugs in Afghanistan: Russian Deputy FM

New Delhi - During the last year, the area under opium cultivation in Afghanistan increased by 63% while opium production itself rose by 88%, according to the UN Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC).

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Morgulov has blamed the US-led coalition forces for not taking enough steps to curb the narcotics and drugs problems in Afghanistan.

"We know this money from narcotics and drugs are important means of financing terrorism. That's why all of us, and coalition forces, mostly, must do much more to fight this menace. This menace does not only affect the health of people in Afghanistan but also in Central Asia including Russia," Morgulov said, during the Raisina Dialogue 2018 in New Delhi.

At the same time, the former President of Afghanistan, who was also participating in the Raisina Dialogue, minced no words as he said that the narcotics problem in Afghanistan was largely created by the international forces.

Claiming that the money generated from opium does not come back to Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai insisted that there was ample evidence to suggest a vested interest of people outside Afghanistan who want to mint money by promoting narcotics and drugs.

"The United Nations says Afghanistan receives \$2 billion in money from poppies production, while another estimate suggests that Afghanistan produces poppies worth over \$60 billion. So where does the rest of the money go? That means the rest of the money goes to big banks which are not in Afghanistan. They all are in the West. Secondly, in the past 14-15 years, poppy cultivation was negligible in provinces that were fully under the control of my government. Whereas, provinces controlled by the international forces ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## Outlook Horoscope

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



Aries Sometimes you're on your own because you run so far ahead of the pack. However, the Sun's shift into your 11th House of Community invites you to improve your social standing by organizing events or volunteering for an important cause. But you're also itching to make a dramatic move in the pursuit of love or creativity.

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



Taurus Adjusting to new responsibilities at work and at home could be tough, especially if you insist on doing everything the old tried-and-true way. The Sun's entry into intelligent Aquarius and your 10th House of Status raises your public profile and enhances your position as a leader.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You may be quite enthusiastic about your future, but it seems to remain just beyond your grasp. Nevertheless, you can improve your chances of success by making sure you have a detailed map, rather than making decisions without the necessary information. Thankfully, your mind and heart are receptive to new ideas and experiences now that the Sun is flying through progressive Aquarius.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You're not excited about stepping out on your own today, because working with others increases your sense of emotional security. However, relationships seem to be growing more complicated now that the radiant Sun and romantic Venus are making their way through your 8th House of Intimacy.

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



Leo The warmth of your love-light is reflecting back at you in your personal relationships now. But romance isn't the only way to enjoy someone's company while good-natured Venus is camping out in your 7th House of Companions for the next three weeks. Clarify your intentions about what you want from others and what you have to offer them.

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



Virgo A sudden shift in the energy leads you to seek more freedom by adapting your daily routines to your unconventional patterns. However, you may be hesitant to put your ideas into motion if you believe you should modify your habits to fit in with other people's expectations. Whatever approach you take today, a period of uncomfortable adjustment will likely lead to a renewed enthusiasm for work.

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



Libra You're eager to show up for play today rather than work, and your creativity grows when you try out new ideas and risk looking foolish. However, an unexpected flirtation could catch you by surprise when the Sun moves into quirky Aquarius to join sassy Venus in your 5th House of Spontaneity.

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



Scorpio Although it's crucial to communicate your feelings clearly, the best way to earn trust now is to match your words and your actions with your purest intentions. However, stressful conflict between your expressed thoughts and your suppressed feelings grows when the willful Sun slips into conceptual Aquarius and your 4th House of Foundations.

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



Sagittarius Taking a break from your obligations at home and work could leave you with extra free time on your hands today. Thankfully, you have an opportunity to make new connections and to share your latest ideas with friends. A widely varied activity list will surely bring more excitement into your life now. However, you must consciously take an active role in manifesting this social upgrade.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Financial issues may grow more complicated now, but you're ready to do whatever it takes in order to put your fiscal life back on track. Your cash flow could be a source of anxiety as you plan your recovery from excessive holiday spending. But rather than attempting to change too much too fast, approach any problem that impacts your stability.

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

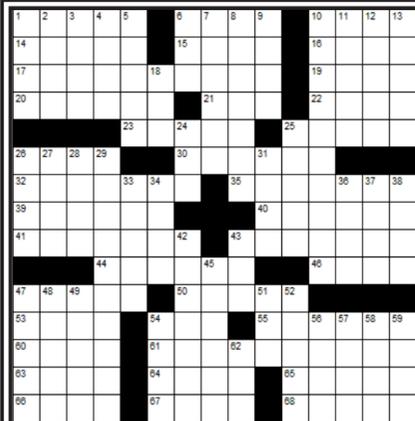


Aquarius A sudden change of attitude inspires you to take responsibility for your own life and to make long-overdue improvements now. Waves of enthusiasm encourage you to get your body and your mind into better shape as the confidence-building Sun makes its annual return to your sign. It's like you're being offered another chance to celebrate the new year, complete with making fresh resolutions.

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



Pisces The patterns you set into motion now will either deepen a current relationship or raise trust issues. Although you hope to cultivate cooperation, you don't want to let go of your own agenda. You may long for solitude while the Sun casts its light in your 12th House of Privacy. This is a period of inner reflection, so take time to meditate without the pressure of having to explain yourself yet.



### Across

1. Befuddle, 6. Black, in poetry, 10. 1/100th of a dollar, 14. Whipped or sour, 15. Not less, 16. Double-reed woodwind, 17. Gibberish, 19. Mothers, 20. Excrements, 21. Container, 22. \_\_\_ du jour = Meal of the day, 23. A common green newt, 25. Slender nails, 26. Is indebted to, 30. Fit for farming, 32. Player piano, 35. Broadly speaking, 39. Infuriate, 40. A wad of cotton or cloth, 41. Baffle, 43. Estate, 44. Figure out, 46. Consider, 47. American retailer, 50. Testicle, 53. Ancient Peruvian, 54. Conceit, 55. Graceless, 60. Cozy, 61. A species of game fish, 63. Car, 64. Largest continent, 65. Belly button, 66. Mortgage, 67. Stair, 68. Outbuildings,

### Down

1. Tip, 2. Medication, 3. A Greek territorial unit, 4. Laboratories, 5. Overact, 6. Large flightless bird, 7. A B-17 or Lancaster, 8. Relating to an orbit, 9. A noble gas, 10. Compact, 11. African virus, 12. Wanderer, 13. Exams, 18. Boxer's punch, 24. Bleat, 25. Flower, 26. Not closed, 27. Drunkard, 28. Acquire deservedly, 29. Showy bloom, 31. Portend, 33. Leers, 34. A feudal vassal, 36. Being, 37. Connects two points, 38. The original matter (cosmology), 42. Hint, 43. Lair, 45. Offensive term for an Asian laborer, 47. Rope fiber, 48. Boredom, 49. Sharp, 51. Erst, 52. Sunrises, 54. Nestling hawk, 56. A D-Day beach, 57. Grotto, 58. Hotfooted, 59. L L L L, 62. One time around,

### Yesterday's Solution

SAFE PLANE BOSS  
 GOLF UTTER RULE  
 LACK LUSTER ATOM  
 VIA UNLEAD RISES  
 ENLARGE FLANK  
 GEE GUESSING  
 SNITS TULIP ROE  
 NURS OULUS STUN  
 ALF ARRAY FOSSE  
 PLUNGING FAN  
 LIVES TRAZES NAN  
 REEDS ATRSTIC  
 LATE ILLIAD URGE  
 SLEID SEALIS GEESE

C E D Z F O L L O W W T F  
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