

LABOR MINISTRY

Nearly 2m Eligible Workers Jobless Nationwide



Another 120 Addicts Taken to Hospital in Kabul

KABUL - At least another 120 drug addicts were collected from various areas of Kabul and taken to Ibni Sina hospital for treatment by government authorities on Tuesday, an official said.

The addicts were collected from areas falling in the jurisdiction of the 11th police district of Kabul during a joint campaign of the ministries of public health, social affairs and work, interior ministry and counter-narcotics.

Minister of Public Health Firozuddin Firoz told Pajhwok Afghan News that the addicts' treatment process had improved compared to the past. He told media persons that the treatment period of addicts had been reduced from three months to 45 days due to their large number.

Firoz thanked former acting Minister of Interior Amrullah Saleh for his latest steps and said using force to shift the addicts to hospitals was not the way to address the issue. He urged the MoI and others organs to jointly cooperate in addressing the issue. Meanwhile, Hamidullah Nasratzadah, counter-narcotics director at the MoI, said 200 drug sellers were detained within the past one week in Kabul city.

According to Dr. Ahmad Zahir Sultani, addicts' treatment department official at the Ministry of Public Health, the addicts are treated at 107 centers across the country.

Sultani cited a UN survey that showed 3.5 million people in Afghanistan were dependent on drugs and they included one million women and children. Aminullah, who has been using drugs for the past few years, said he had received treatment many times in the past, but failed to quit the habit. (Pajhwok)



KABUL - The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs said nearly two million people out of 15 million capable workers are jobless.

Faizullah Zaki, labor and social affairs minister, presenting a report of the ministry's four years achievements with the media here, said 400,000 new workforce

joined the market every year but a small number of them were able to find jobs.

He said the return of a million people who are capable of work to the country had also contributed to the joblessness.

Zaki expressed concern over the high unemployment rate and said

the ministry earlier this solar year held a national conference on finding a fundamental solution to the problem.

He called the conference as productive in dealing with joblessness and said, "This conference analyzed the job market and found facts as well as identified ... (More on P4)... (10)



Khwahan Residents in Trouble after Border Bridge Closure

KABUL - The prices of essential food items have soared in Khwahan district of northeastern Badakhshan province following the closure of a bridge connecting the district with neighboring Tajikistan, local officials said Monday.

According to reports, Tajikistan border forces shut the crossing point between the two countries against Afghan traders after a Tajik shepherd was kidnapped in the border area.

Col. Samiullah Shirzad, commander of the sixth border battalion in Khwahan district, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the missing shepherd remained untraced.

He said traders incurred huge losses as their fresh fruits and vegetables rotted as a result of the bridge closure.

Meanwhile, Ghulam Qadir Akbari, Khwahan district chief, said it remained unclear why the bridge had been closed, but the issue had created huge problems for local residents in form of acute food shortages and price-hike.

Nayk Mohammad Nazari, Badakhshan governor's spokesman, ... (More on P4)... (11)

Taliban Collect Most Part of Crop Harvest from Ghani's Land



PUL-I-ALAM - Taliban insurgents collect most part of the crop yield from hundreds of acres of land belonging to President Ashraf Ghani in central Logar province.

Abdul Baqi Ahmadzai, an elder in the Mohammad Agha district, who is close to President Ghani, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Ghani has around 200 acres of land in Surkhah area.

"President Ghani has inherited a lot of

land from his father, but he bought the 200 acres of land from his brother and cousins," he added.

Wheat, onion, potato and other crops are cultivated on Ghani's land by a grower and the land produces good yield, according to Ahmadzai.

He said: "When the crops are harvested, Taliban take most part of it and the least goes to the president." ... (More on P4)... (12)

7 Taliban Militants Killed, Car Bomb Destroyed in Separate Coalition Airstrikes



KABUL - At least seven Taliban militants were killed, 3 others were wounded and a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device was destroyed during separate airstrikes conducted by the coalition forces.

According to the informed military sources, three coalition air strikes in Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand killed 4 Taliban fighters and

wounded 3 others.

Another coalition air strike in Lashkar Gah killed 1 Taliban fighter, the sources said adding that the coalition forces also carried out air strike in Alah Say district of Kapisa province killing 2 Taliban fighters.

In the meantime, a coalition air strike in Musa Khel district of Khost province ... (More on P4)... (13)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Conversation and travel are highlighted today, Aries. You may sit next to someone fascinating on a plane ride. You two have much in common, and the time will pass quickly as you enjoy discovering more about one another. You're likely to exchange phone numbers, if not kisses, by the end of the trip. There's no denying the chemistry.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Today you may take a look around your home and see what needs improvement, Taurus. A pending visit from a friend or relative may provide the incentive to get things in shape. A fresh coat of paint and some new window treatments and rugs will make a big difference. If you don't have time for that, fill the house with flowering plants as an effective camouflage.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Family, home, and hEarth are on your mind today, Gemini. There may be a community event that you attend out of a sense of obligation but stay for the sheer fun of it. Sometimes you get so caught up in work and the daily hassles of life that you forget there's a whole world outside of work. It does your heart good to take in a wider view.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Today may be an odd combination of social and financial, Cancer, likely a combination of the two in some way. Perhaps you need to meet with an attorney and end up dining together. Or you and a casual acquaintance could decide to go out for a drink. Legal documents are highlighted, so be sure to carefully look over contracts of any kind.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Even though you seem content with your career, you're ready for some change in your life, Leo. This is the time to consider joining a group. How about a local book club? Or if you're more actively inclined, sign up with a tennis team or local running club. There are lots of diversions to occupy your mind as well body.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Even though you think of yourself as a rational person, Virgo, today your intuition is so keen that even you can't ignore it. Rather than try to will it away, why not embrace the messages that bombard you? Give yourself this one single day to embrace the possibility that you may have some extrasensory ability. There's no harm in trying to understand the extent of your power.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Jan 23, 2019 - You may feel slightly bored and restless, Libra. If so, an opportunity may come your way today that shouldn't be ignored. You may have a chance to take a trip to an exotic locale or attend a class or lecture that will open your mind to all sorts of interesting possibilities. Just because you only have one life, that doesn't mean you

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You consider yourself a rational person, Scorpio. If you aren't a scientist, you should be. You view life objectively and rarely let extraneous matters cloud your thinking. You're likely to be taken aback by today's extraordinary events. Your intuition is so sharp that you can almost read people's minds. At first you think this is just a fluke, but you may be a believer by the end of the day.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

This is your lucky day, Sagittarius, and you can expect all sorts of wonderful surprises. You may enjoy a financial surprise or someone could propose an interesting and potentially lucrative project. Take advantage of any opportunities that come your way today, as all signs indicate that new ventures will ultimately prove quite profitable.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

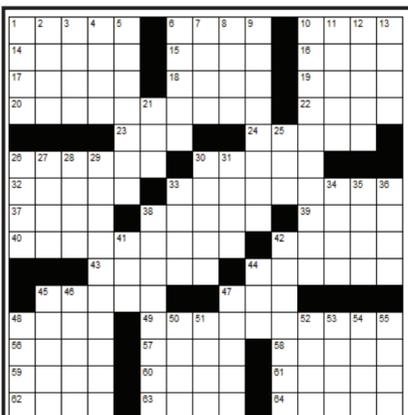
Passion is very much on your mind, Capricorn. Unfortunately, you have a lot to do before you can concentrate on romance. Much as you'd prefer to put paperwork off for another day, you really should buckle down and get it all done. You will be relieved to have it behind you, and you will be free to enjoy the evening pursuing other interests.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're never at a loss for an opinion, Aquarius, and today is no exception. The energy of the day is such that you're happier listening to conversations than participating in them. You can't help but smile at the misinformation that gets bandied about. Since no one has bothered to ask for your opinion, you aren't about to offer it today. Tomorrow is another matter entirely.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Finances are highlighted for you today, Pisces. This isn't necessarily a good or bad thing - it just is. Spend as much time as necessary sorting out your records and making sure everything is in good order. It's never too early to collect receipts and get organized. You may feel inspired to concentrate on budgeting as well.



Across

- Plank, 6. Makes lace, 10. Feeble, 14. Pertaining to the moon, 15. Make well, 16. Rabbit
- A form of oxygen, 18. Part in a play, 19. Monster, 20. Self-control, 22. Loyal (archaic)
- Morning moisture, 24. Equals, 26. Record player, 30. Extreme happiness, 32. Quibble
- Bags of wool, 37. Beasts of burden, 38. Damp, 39. Hawaiian feast, 40. Parties (slang)
- Small wooded hollows, 43. Moldy, 44. Herald of the gods (Greek mythology), 45. Hill-sides, 47. Take in slowly, 48. Views, 49. Days gone by, 56. Diplomacy, 57. Small island
- Creepy, 59. Kitty (poker), 60. Prod, 61. Motionless, 62. Rude person, 63. Song of praise
- Pantywaist, ...

Down

- Coalition, 2. Greek liqueur, 3. Soon, 4. Deliver a tirade, 5. A four-sided spinning top, 6. Tossed
- Age, 8. After-bath powder, 9. Groggily, 10. Middleman, 11. Keen, 12. Tapestry, 13. Ship part
- Prefix meaning "Modern", 25. S, 26. Flat-bottomed boat, 27. Cab, 28. Not odd, 29. Master of ceremonies, 30. Swamplike, 31. Records, 33. Habit, 34. Stem, 35. Cabbagelike vegetable, 36. Figure (out), 38. Effeminate, 41. Fitting, 42. Make downhearted, 44. Haster, 45. Keno
- Odd-numbered page, 47. Strict, 48. Knife, 50. Catch a glimpse of, 51. Skid row
- Abominable Snowman, 53. Anagram of "Sire", 54. Afflicts, 55. Depend,

Yesterday's Solution



action, admit, aggressive arena, asleep, average, between, blood carry change, enable, energize explain, fight, flies gale grace, greed, guide heaven, hidden, invite joint, lien, lore male, malign, normal

