

Heavy Snowfall Closes Salang Pass for Traffic

CHARIKAR - The Salang Pass linking Kabul with northern provinces, was blocked early on Mundy morning due to fear of snow slides, an official said. There has been half of meter snow on both sides (northern and southern parts) of the key pass since last few days, the Salang Maintenance commander, Gen. Abdul Rajab, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said that it was still snowing as its thickness has reached to 50 centimeters. Two Corolla cars and a ranger pick-up have also been



overturned but no one was hurt in the incidents, Rajab added. He said protection and care teams had arrived to the area to protect the passengers stranded on both sides of the pass from any damage. Hundreds of vehicles were stranded in the Tajikan area of Jabalus Saraj district of Parwan and the Malakhan area of Khinjan district of northern Baghlan province, he added. (Pajhwok)

6 People Killed as House Rooftop Collapses in Jalalabad



JALALABAD - Six members of a family in Nangarhar province of Afghanistan with Jalalabad as its capital, 120 km east of Kabul lost their lives as rooftop of their house caved in on Monday, spokesman for provincial government Attaullah Khogiani said. The incident, according to the official occurred in Sheikh Musri village of Surkhrud district early morning killing six people including two children and injuring four others. He didn't give more details. People in Afghan villages usually used to live in the traditional muddy and old houses that can easily collapse in natural disaster even in heavy rain and snowfall. (Xinhua)

Kandahar Poultry Farms Witness Significant Growth

KANDAHARCITY - Poultry farms have seen significantly growth in southern Kandahar province in the recent years, with 500 million afghanis invested in the roaring business. Currently, 470 poultry farms are operational in Kandahar, with 12 of them producing eggs and the rest providing chickens to meets 70 percent of the provincial demand. However, poultry farms' owners say that they can offer chicken meat to the entire southern region if their problems they faced



with resolved by the government. Agriculture Department official Eng. Mohammadullah Noori, in an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, said poultry farms in Kandahar had significantly grown in the past few years. Of the 470 farms across ... (More on P4)... (13)

Premature Blast Kills 3 Taliban in Baghlan

PUL-E-KHUMRI - Three Taliban militants including a group commander were killed as their explosive device exploded prematurely in Dahna-e-Ghori district of the northern Baghlan province on Sunday, a security official Abdul Khalil said Monday. "Taliban local commander Qari Abid along with two of his men were busy in making a mine to plant on a road in Dahna-e-Ghori and target security forces but the device exploded Taliban militants who



control parts of Dahna-e-Ghori district some 7 km outside provincial capital Pul-e-Khumri haven't commented on the report. (Xinhua)

3 Die, 4 Injured in Kunar Traffic Accident

ASADABAD - Three people died and four others sustained injuries in a traffic accident in Chapa Dara district of eastern Kunar province on Monday, an official said. Provincial police chief Maj. Gen. Juma Gul Himmat told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place when a car veered off the road and flipped over. The victims, all residents of neighboring Nuristan province, were traveling from Paroon, Nuristan's capital, to Asadabad, the capital of Kunar province. Himmat said the wounded persons had been evacuated to the Asadabad civil hospital but he had no information about their condition. Meanwhile, police arrested three persons on the accusation of shifting landmines in Sarkano district and were being investigated. (Pajhwok)

Eight Insurgents Renounce Violence in Sar-E-Pul

KABUL - At least eight insurgents renounced violence in northern Sar-e-Pul province and joined the peace process, local officials said on Monday. Acting Provincial Police Chief Enayatullah Habibi says that the men joined the peace process on Sunday. He said the group was led by Qari Ahmadi, who is the shadow district governor of Kohistanat district but that he was not part of the group. The insurgents fought against security forces in Kohistanat, according to Ahmadi. Kohistanat is one of the insecure districts in the



province in which the insurgents have activities and frequently clash with the security forces. (Tolonews)

2 Afghan Citizens Shot Dead, 1 Wounded in Pakistan

KABUL - At least two Afghan citizens were killed and another one was wounded in an attack in Khyber Pakhtunwa province of Pakistan. According to reports, the incident took place in Mansehra district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, apparently due to a monetary dispute. The deceased individuals were believed to be relatives who were shot dead by an individual who stormed into their house. The man Wazir Mohammad was killed on the spot while his grandson Mohammad Hashim was



critically injured who succumbed to his injuries on the way to hospital. The other individual wounded in the attack has been identified as Mohammad Iqbal, nephew of Wazir Mohammad. Iqbal is also believed to have sustained critical injuries in the attack, according to The News. Deputy Superintendent of Police Zulfiqar Jadoon along with a police party reached the spot and arrested the fleeing accused. No further ... (More on P4)... (14)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Separating realistic objectives from impossible dreams is such a challenge now that you might just give up before you start. The good news is that your mental wanderings revitalize your spirit, motivating you to attempt something extraordinary today. However, the bad news sets in when you feel discouraged because you fall short of your lofty expectations.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might believe that your social and professional relationships are in fine shape, only to realize that you jumped to an incorrect conclusion about someone's feelings. Don't get defensive if new information contradicts your previous assumptions. You are being offered an opportunity to expand your emotional spectrum today, and it would be a shame if you missed it because of a bruised ego.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You could get into an argument with someone about your divergent goals today. But things are not as they sound in the heat of the moment. If you both try to prove the other person wrong, the conflict will escalate because there won't be a clear winner. However, if you each take a few deep breaths and actually listen to what is being said, you might realize the differences are not as great as they seemed.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Although you can see a domestic issue from all angles today, a sticky dispute conflict could still sidetrack your day. After putting in quite a bit of effort to sort it all out, you might discover that most of the disagreement originated from a simple misunderstanding. But an in-depth discussion only makes the situation worse if everyone is operating off of different assumptions.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You may be inspired or overwhelmed by irrepressible waves of compassion today. Honestly, it seems nearly impossible to create impenetrable boundaries to separate your feelings from those of other people. Your first reaction is to throw on your superhero costume and head out to save everyone.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You know exactly what needs to be done today and your good intentions get you off to an excellent start. However, you are so captivated by your own thoughts that you offer little resistance when they carry you off into fantastical dreamscapes. Unfortunately, your productivity might suffer due to your lack of concentration, but this mental detour may be worth the loss of work. Thankfully, there's no need to justify your imaginative wanderings now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your unusual approach to work today may baffle those around you. You're not trying to leave anyone in the lurch, but you might be so busy with your plans that you don't consider the consequences of your actions. The adventurous Sagittarius Moon seduces you into believing your personal escapades are more important than your routine responsibilities.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You may convince yourself that your current goals are achievable but you could be living in an illusion of your own creation. Rather than waiting until your dream-bubble pops, it is prudent to preemptively make your way back to the basic facts today. After you reestablish your balance on terra firma, you can construct a new plan that's based on reality.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are unusually realistic when it comes to your dreams today. Perhaps you can already anticipate the looming conjunction of the buoyant Sagittarius Moon with weighty Saturn. Although the fear of failure may haunt you, it won't prevent you from mentally traveling to the far reaches of your imagination. Feel free to explore all the possibilities before initiating action in the three-dimensional world. Balance your highest aspirations with what's actually plausible.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

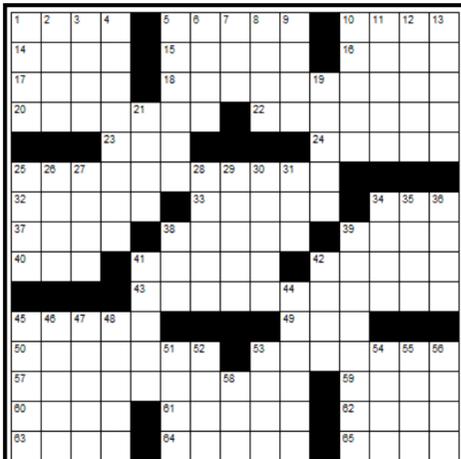
You are known to be a highly effective organizer and people rely on your natural proclivity for preparation. Ironically, you can accomplish more than you expect as long as you don't try to adhere to a tight schedule. It may seem counter-intuitive to think that a lack of planning could somehow make you more efficient now, but that's exactly what happens. It's not that your goals are unworthy of your best effort.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You want to do things your way today, but could run into a wall of resistance if you stray too far from the norm. The good news is fear of judgment from your peers doesn't bother you at all now. You are sure that right is might and your plan will prevail. Unfortunately, you can sell yourself a bill of phony goods while trickster Mercury is conspiring with delusional Neptune.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You harbor high hopes about what you wish to accomplish at work today, but you might have bitten off more than you can chew. The philosophical Sagittarius Moon blesses your 10th House of Career with big ideas while your inner idealist grows more attached to the outcome hour by hour. Fortunately, a practical friend may unexpectedly offer you unsolicited advice that gives you a new perspective about the role you are playing within your social sphere.



Across
1. Blown away, 5. Highly skilled, 10. Competent, 14. Have the nerve, 15. Hebrew unit of weight, 16. Parasitic insect, 17. Brass component, 18. Reaping, 20. Continuing forever, 22. Accord, 23. Aye, 24. Eagerness, 25. Appropriately, 32. Deservedly receives, 33. Cokes or Pepsis, 34. Bother, 37. Remnant, 38. Play a guitar, 39. Scottish hillside, 40. South southeast, 41. Fight on horseback, 42. Sarcasm, 43. Appraisals, 45. An elongated leather strip, 49. Simian, 50. Most destitute, 53. Pimple, 57. Intemperate, 59. Angel's headwear, 60. Orange pekoe, 61. House style, 62. Not odd, 63. Feudal worker, 64. Appears, 65. Stitches.

Down
1. Axlike tool, 2. Pause, 3. Sea eagle, 4. Condemning, 5. Horrified, 6. Trade, 7. Mistake, 8. Cover with asphalt, 9. Not now, 10. Not before, 11. Unable to see, 12. Slowly, in music, 13. Keen, 19. Remains, 21. Catches, 25. What we sleep on, 26. Hearing organs, 27. No charge, 28. Convulsion, 29. Like the Vikings, 30. Surpluses, 31. Flee, 34. Weightlifters pump this, 35. Deliver a tirade, 36. Lock openers, 38. Mayday, 39. Knee pants, 41. Made fun of, 42. Rapsallions, 44. Swords, 45. Malice, 46. Volumes, 47. Ancient empire, 48. Got up, 51. Collections, 52. Not false, 53. "Smallest" particle, 54. Overhang, 55. Killed, 56. Male offspring, 58. Citrus drink.

Yesterday's Solution
annual, arouse, avoid, bakery, bargain, bile, cactus, child, chronicle, clarinet, climb, connotation, devotion, enjoy, express, fetter, focus, glass, glean, hinder, invite, leash, lens, line, renew, rescue, restrain, sort, sour, steadfast, survived, tide, trouble.

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