

Ghani Meets Zadran Elders, Vows Projects for Paktia

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has said several development projects would be implemented in southeastern Paktia province to improve people's living standard, his office said on Tuesday.

A statement from the Presidential Palace said the President met with elders, youths and civil society activists of the Zadran tribe from Paktia province late on Monday.

The elders spoke on behalf of others and said the Zadran tribe had always offered sacrifices to protect and defend their homeland but they had been forgotten in terms of privileges, the statement said.

However, they praised efforts of the High Peace Council (HPC) and said the Zadran tribe had been able to contribute to the intra-Afghan negotiations and play a considerable role in this regard.

Ghani also hailed the tribe and said Paktia people always defended their country and recorded victories in the history of Afghanistan.

Ghani said it was the time to resolve Paktia problems ...*(More on P4)...(15)*



Trump Admin Urged to Act Against Haqqani Network

WASHINGTON - Condemning the Kabul terrorist attack, the US-based Free Karachi Campaign has urged the Trump administration to take action against the Haqqani network operating in Pakistan.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack that killed 22 people, including 14 nationals. The attack has been condemned by countries across the globe.

"Pakistan's military establishment and intelligence agency ISI have waged a proxy war on Afghanistan by using its assets -- Haqqani network and Taliban factions,"



said a spokesperson for the Free Karachi Campaign. In a statement, Nadeem Nusrat

stressed: "The US administration must take immediate action against terror ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

11b Afs Saved in Mega Projects Last Year: NPC

KABUL - The National Procurement Commission (NPC) has evaluated 800 projects and prevented possible waste of 11 billion afghanis, the Presidential Palace said on Tuesday.

The NPC presented a report for the last fiscal year to President Ashraf Ghani at a meeting held on Monday evening. Afghanistan's fiscal year begins on December 22.

The NPC reviewed as many as 800 projects that were beyond ministerial prerogative and prevented likely embezzlement of 11 billion afghanis, the state-

ment said.

NPC head Eng. Elham Omar Hotaki, presenting the report to the president, claimed the commission had made huge achievements in preventing embezzlement, monitoring projects, detecting fake firms and documents and speedy implementation of plans.

He said during the ongoing solar year, infrastructure and construction projects had been in focus. Most projects of the Public Works Ministry, Rural Rehabilitation and Development ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Hollywood's '12 Strong' on Afghanistan Opens Across US

KABUL - Based on bestseller Horse Soldiers, this Hollywood movie tracks an elite US military team that embeds with northern warlords immediately after the 9/11 attacks.

Hollywood's latest release, 12 Strong -



based on the bestseller Horse Soldiers - opened in cinemas across the United States last weekend and tells the story of a crack US special forces team sent to Afghanistan shortly after the September 11 attacks.

Their job ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

2 Development Projects Executed in Nangarhar

JALALABD - Two development projects including a water head have been completed and put into service in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said Tuesday.

The second project was a retaining wall completed in Behsud district. Both the projects, the water-head in Kama district, were implemented by Afghan AIDS, PMS and Afghan JICA organizations.

Attallah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the water head was completed near Kama Bridge in Sarband area at a cost of 1.2 million afghanis funded by JICA and PMS donor agencies.

He said the facility with irrigation capacity was built on two acres of land in two years, benefitting around 55 large villages.

A resident of Kama district, Mohammad Liaqat, said the water head would irrigate most areas of the district.

According to another report, a retaining wall was ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

'75pc Medical Stores Sans Pharmacists Nationwide

KABUL - The Kabul University and the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) have signed an agreement on internship and work cooperation, at a time when about 75 percent of medical stores do not have professional pharmacists in Afghanistan.

The agreement was signed on Monday between Dr. Noorshah Kamawal, head of the MoPH medical drugs and products regulatory department and Kabul University chancellor HameedullahFarooqi at the Government Media and Information Center (GMIC).

Dr. Kamawal the shortage of pharmacists was a serious problem for MoPH and cur-

rently barely 25 percent of all 14,300 functioning medical stores inside the country had pharmacists and the rest were being run by unprofessional.

The agreement comes after a Pajhwok Afghan News investigative report said as many as 12,462 medical stores have been issued work permits across the country in 1392 solar year, when 68 percent of the stores had no pharmacists.

MoPH officials had then said the ministry officials would launch an investigation to assess and terminate work permits of medical stores without pharmacists.

Dr. Waheed ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Barmak's Brother Promoted on Day of Hotel Attack: Sources

KABUL - Sources said interior minister Wais Ahmad Barmak's brother was introduced as new deputy intelligence chief at ministry on same day of hotel attack.

Interior Minister Wais Ahmad Barmak has come under fire for allowing his brother to be introduced as deputy intelligence chief at the ministry on the same day of the Intercontinental Hotel siege.

The attack which lasted 17 hours, claimed the lives of at least 43 people although the government has put the official figure at 22.

Colonel Kabir Ahmad Barmak, the minister's younger ...*(More on P4)...(20)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You finally get a chance to settle down today, but a simple thought takes root in your mind and begins to develop until it becomes your number one priority. You may attempt to set it aside, but it continues to find its way back into your awareness while growing in importance. There is nothing wrong with following through with your idea by creating a plan.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus Managing your emotions can be an uphill battle because your moods swing widely now that the evocative Moon is back in your sign. However, the intensity is so powerful that you are ready to defend your current position as if it was a life or death matter.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You might avoid one-on-one conversations today because you're afraid of where they might lead. You're unable to sustain the same lighthearted chatter that you often delight in pursuing, but you're in no mood to talk about trivial subjects. Ironically, you may also steer clear from discussions about more serious topics, since sharing your deeper feelings is a source of discomfort, too.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You may be surprised with the unexpected intensity of an emotional discussion today, especially if someone believes their power is being threatened. If you ruffle any feathers, soften your approach or just step away from the center of the conflict. However, if another person's behavior encroaches on your territory, it's time to make a stand to clarify your boundaries.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You have a specific agenda at work today and you won't allow anyone to distract you from your current goal. Your ability to concentrate is so strong now that you might not notice important events that are unfolding in your immediate environment. Your determination is admirable, but your focus is not an all-or-nothing proposition.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo You are driven to get ahead today and will use your clever wit to further your cause. You're serious about everything you do while cerebral Mercury in industrious Capricorn hooks up with ruthless Pluto in your 5th House of Self-Expression. Even if others think you are being playful, you are primarily concerned with using your productivity to fuel your plans for the future.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Facing hard facts about your past empowers you to move forward with more resolve than ever before. New insights into your personal history can magically untangle knots of mistrust that have previously blocked your creative evolution. A deeper understanding of your untapped talent can supply you with a reawakened passion that inspires you to begin to fulfill your potential.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio You want to rely on the support of your closest friends and family, but this strategy doesn't always translate into a smooth execution of your plans. Unfortunately, other people's resistance to your efforts may impede your progress now. However, your willingness to stand up for what is right can make a big difference in the outcome.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Although you're typically more concerned with embarking on adventures than acquiring possessions, material matters outweigh other issues today. An obstinate Mercury-Pluto conjunction falls in your 2nd House of Income, compelling you to focus on financial details now. However, you must first develop a clear sense of purpose in order to shift from a strategic big-picture view to a perspective that takes care of business one item at a time.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You are a sight to behold as you progress toward your goals with unrelenting persistence. Obstacles may pile up in front of you today, but you are prepared to do anything to meet the challenges. Your mind is like a steel trap while cerebral Mercury forms a powerful conjunction with unrelenting Pluto in your ambitious sign, strengthening your mental fortitude.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius You are beginning to obtain results and receive recognition for your efforts, but much of your heavy lifting is still out of sight. You have gathered important information that you want to pass along to others, but it's tough to get anyone to listen today. Nevertheless, your hammer of reality starts to fall when messenger Mercury joins incisive Pluto, intensifying communication.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces Reality lands with a thud as you learn something significant from your friends and colleagues. You're less interested in being accepted as a member of group than you are in being respected for your hard work and integrity now. Your ability to change your mind because of new data earns you the trust of your peers. Above all, avoid stubbornly clinging to a position that becomes more and more difficult to maintain.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-64.

Across

- 1. Stagnated, 6. Style of hairdo, 10. Agreement, 14. Go by car, 15. Half-moon tide, 16. Employ, 17. A red fluorescent dye, 18. An abandoned calf, 19. Weightlifters pump this, 20. A device for applying, 22. Extend credit, 23. Vaporize, 24. Positive pole, 26. Wardrobe, 30. Liabilities, 32. A Great Lake, 33. A toy home, 37. Cain's brother, 38. 3-wheeled vehicle, 39. Not amateurs, 40. Remainders, 42. Front parts of human legs, 43. Grimy, 44. Journey, 45. Ascend, 47. Record (abbrev.), 48. Cook, 49. Inebriate, 56. Abominable Snowman, 57. Newbie (slang), 58. Mistake, 59. Swing around, 60. Feudal worker, 61. Abounds, 62. Faucets, 63. Outbuilding, 64. It makes dough rise, ,

Down

- 1. Bright thought, 2. Let go, 3. Speech disorder, 4. Wicked, 5. Resident, 6. Open, as a bottle, 7. Kind of moss, 8. Carpenter's groove, 9. Functional, 10. School of thought, 11. Broadcast, 12. Hag, 13. Care for, 21. Feline, 25. Greatest possible, 26. Blacken, 27. Lubricate, 28. Mining finds, 29. Crystallizes, 30. A small round piece of linen, 31. Large N. American deer (plural), 33. "Dam!", 34. Murres, 35. A short musical composition, 36. Anagram of "Sees", 38. Rotary engines, 41. Not brilliant, 42. An extended social group, 44. Annoy, 45. Pincer, 46. Abatement, 47. Cloaked, 48. Vesicle, 50. Snack, 51. Anagram of "Note", 52. Algonquian Indian, 53. Region, 54. Male turkeys, 55. At one time (archaic), ,

Yesterday's Solution

Grid for yesterday's solution with words: LEXVI, PLATO, LAUD, EVERN, RAYON, ULNA, NITE, OVERTHROWN, DIORAMA, TOUCHED, RIP, SHADY, DEPARTMENTS, AGONY, EBONY, RID, RIG, PROST, CLADE, ESP, BAGLE, CANON, STEADFASTLY, BATTIKLY, EFT, INANELLY, STERNUM, DISTRAUGHT, AERO, ESSIE, BROTLI, TALL, SEIER, STONE, ERIST

about, after, basic, bother, clean, cliff, dignitary, direct, discharge, fact, farther, feature, filter, follow, forest, fruit, further, gifts, invent, meant, mutual, name, nest, often, plumb, redeem, rhyme, rice, rife

Word search grid with words: S A D D L E W O R R Y P U, M B F X C O M U T U A L S, Y O D I R E C T I T J U A, R U W L F E A T U R E M G, A T D I S C H A R G E B E, T R R E H T R U F L O X N, I U T F O L L O W T F S E, N S G N M E M Y H R O H T, G C I C A Q R E H T R A F, I L F G L E R E D E E M O, D E T A N I M R E T S E N, B A S I C A F T E R T C W, I N V E N T L F I L T E R