

Trade Through Chabahar Port on the Rise

KABUL - The development of trade through Chabahar port, along with the expansion of trade with India and Iran, will pave the way for the increase in India's investment in Afghanistan's mining and infrastructure projects.

The ministry of commerce and industry says the new Chabahar transit and trade agreement has been approved by the Iranian parliament and that the capacity of loading and offloading has improved at the port.

The Ministry officials says that although more work is still needed to be done on the port, Afghanistan, India and other countries in the region can now use the port for commercial purposes.

The ministry officials say India and Iran are investing heavily in developing the port and efforts are being done to increase Afghan investment.

"Investment from India, China, and Iran are increasing in Chabahar port, and we are trying to get Afghanistan to also invest in the port," the head of the transit department ...*(More on P4)...(9)*



Rashid Khan Bought for \$1.35m USD on IPL Auction

KABUL - Afghanistan's 19-year-old boy wonder will return to Sunrisers Hyderabad after his successful season with them last year.

Afghanistan's "million dollar baby" Rashid Khan has just been picked up on auction for a whopping \$1.35 million USD by IPL Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Khan returns to the same team after a successful season with them last year. The 19-year-old leg spinner continues to wow the cricket world as he racks up achievements across the world. Khan is currently playing for the Strikers in the Australia



Big Bash League (BBL). However next week's semifinals will be his last match of the tournament before he

flies to the UAE to join his national team for next month's tournament against Zimbabwe. *(Tolo news)*

New Police Chiefs Appointed for Laghman, Farah Provinces

KABUL - New police chiefs have been appointed for eastern Laghman and western Farah provinces, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced on Friday.

Based on a proposal from MoI, President Ashraf Ghani's office had named Brig. Gen. Fazal Ahmad Sherzad as police chief for Farah, the ministry spokesman said.

Similarly, Brig. Nabi Jan Mullahkhel has been appointed as police head for Laghman, NasratRahimi told Pajhwok Afghan News. Sherzad previ-



ously headed the police force in Laghman, according to the MoI spokesman, who said nothing about the last assignment of Mullahkhel. *(Pajhwok)*

Gas Heater Fumes Kill 3 Badakhshan Policemen

FAIZABAD - Local security officials on Saturday said three policemen have died of inhaling fumes from a gas heater in northeastern Badakhshan province.

The dead policemen belonged to the central jail in Faizabad, the provincial capital, said Col. Amir Kala, deputy security chief of the jail.

He said the three policemen were off-duty and they had been invited by a relative as guests. They kept the gas heater on and went to bed on Friday night. The gas produced carbon monoxide poison that killed the policemen.

Provincial deputy police chief Sayed Jahangir Keramat, said the deaths apparently resulted from carbon monoxide poison but they were investigating all aspects of the incident. *(Pajhwok)*

30 Daesh Insurgents Killed, 5 Suspects Detained in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - At least 30 Daesh (Islamic State) militants, including foreigners, have been killed in an air-and-ground operation in the Haska Mena district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday.

Police spokesman HazratHusainMashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News the security personnel launched the offensive in Mariz-Kandaw, Charwazee, Road Khani, Miaji Baba and Kajena areas on Friday.

He said 30 fighters were killed and several hideouts, weapons and ammunitions destroyed during the offensive. Foreign insurgents were among the dead, the police official said.

Security forces suffered no casualties.

Separately, police detained a resident of the Pakistan-administered zone of Kashmir, named Abdullah, along with his wife and four children in Haska Mena district. The detainees are suspected of having links to Daesh. *(Pajhwok)*



Dawod Pledges to Eliminate Corruption from Balkh

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - New Balkh Governor Eng. Dawod has said the eradication of corruption was his top priority and corrupt elements in the provinces would be referred to the judiciary.

The governor expressed the view during a video message, a copy of which received by Pajhwok Afghan News.

He pledged he would consult all stakeholders of the society in the affairs of the provinces and would move ahead through mutual understanding

Eng. Dawod was appointed as the governor of Balkh province almost one month before, but due to the resistance of former

Governor Atta Mohammad Noor, he had been living in Kabul.

Referring to the media outlets in Balkh, he said with the launch of his formal duty in Mazar-i-Sharif, he would execute an effective campaign against corruption in government departments.

"More work had been carried out in Balkh in the past 16-year, but there was massive corruption in the state institutions and I will fight against corruption," he vowed.

Eng. Dawod said he would implement a security strategy in Balkh through which the neighbouring provinces would become stable and his ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Ghulam Khan Custom Stations to Resume Operations

PESHAWAR - Two customs stations in Kharlachi and Ghulam Khan are set to start functioning in the first week of February, a senior official says.

The Ghulam Khan station was closed for security reasons in 2014, but now staff has been posted there. The stations will handle all kinds of import and export consignments.

GulRehman, head of the Peshawar Model Customs Collectorate (MCC), said on Friday development work on the customs stations in Kharlachi and Ghulam Khan is in full swing. Speaking at ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You may be growing weary of running around and you're looking forward to slowing down today. But your friends might invite you to accompany them on a special outing and they won't take no for an answer. However, your fear of missing out, combined with your reluctance to let others down, prompts you to acquiesce.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus There may be some unexpected recognition coming your way today, even if you don't know what you did to deserve it. However, delayed appreciation is still better than none at all, yet you could be amused at the timing. Although you have worked diligently in the past, you're not sure your recent contributions have been up to par.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini Your primary job today involves cleaning up an emotional mess you created yesterday with your surprising revelation. But if everything is neat and tidy, you might need to spill the beans now, so you can straighten up later. Your verbal wordplay is on point and your desire to converse with others is insatiable. Put your communication skills to work by sharing something significant with your friends.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You don't want anyone to know about your unstable emotions today and you're quite surprised when you find out people are talking about you. You're even more shocked when you realize how much they're making up with a total disregard -- even a disinterest -- in the facts. Fortunately, you can choose not to let the insensitivity of others bother.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You are surrounded by amazing people, some of whom even inspire you to stretch beyond your self-imposed limits and strive for greatness. But you might incorrectly believe that time is running out and that you must take action on a major project right now or sentence it to the recycling bin for an indefinite sentence.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo It's surprising to others when you don't appear to have a solid grip on the flow of your thoughts today. The problem is you still feel emotionally rattled by someone's recent inappropriate behavior. Rather than overreacting, you could clam up and say nothing at all while you continue to process all that happened. A cool, calm and collected conversation may be all that's needed to clear the air now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You're attracted to the most unusual people and things now. It almost doesn't matter who or what it is, as long as it's weird. Your friends might think you've flipped your lid, but your temporary flirtation with eccentricity is encouraged by radical Uranus's magical connection with your key planet Venus today.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio You are overly protective of your feelings today, perhaps because you don't want to take the time to justify your desires to anyone. You're not interested in surrendering your individual freedom to decide what is valuable and beautiful. There's no room for cultural biases or social norms in your heart.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius It may be necessary to deal with some crazy energy now -- crazy even by your progressive standards. Although you're primed for fun, it's a challenge to keep all the balls in the air, especially when your most fundamental assumptions suddenly start to unravel. But as strange as someone's idea is, it could very well be the perfect solution for managing the chaos.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Gritting your teeth, burying your feelings, and getting on with your chores might seem to be the best bet for making it through the day. However, you're like a lightning rod now, attracting one new brilliant idea after another. But experiencing multiple strokes of genius can be exhausting, so make sure to schedule some rest and recreation later in the afternoon.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

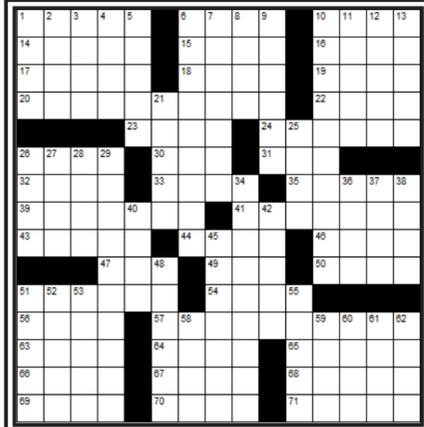


Aquarius You possess an extra helping of charm today and will happily dish it out upon request. You don't even need to take your positive attitude on a test flight, since you already know exactly how it handles. If given a chance, check in with your network of friends since their emotional support reminds you of what is possible. But don't run yourself ragged trying to keep up with everyone else.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces In your own weird way, you're as grounded and calm as can be today. Of course, you always seem to pick some of the most hectic days for indulging in fantasies, time traveling or deep contemplation. It boils down to the fact that you've earned the right to be called an expert on escaping this world to explore others. However, the real key to your current success is how to apply all the wisdom you learn.



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1. Runs away, 6. L L L L, 10. Marries, 14. Neighborhood, 15. Wisecrack, 16. Send forth 17. Fall color, 18. Forearm bone, 19. Skin disease, 20. Middleman, 22. Rip, 23. A city in western Russia, 24. Orb, 26. An aromatic ointment, 30. A castrated tomcat, 31. Before, poetically, 32. Wings, 33. Unleavened bread, 35. A kind of macaw, 39. Childcare, 41. Porridge, 43. Malicious burning, 44. Fathers, 46. Backside, 47. Cup, 49. Mesh, 50. No, 51. Body, 54. Colored part of an eye, 56. Not under, 57. Noteworthy, 63. Ploy, 64. Rascal, 65. Dental filling, 66. Beers, 67. Within, 68. Not tight, 69. Permits, 70. Lascivious look, 71. Slats,

Down

1. Current, 2. Lake (Scottish), 3. Reflected sound, 4. Nobleman, 5. Mixture of rain and snow, 6. Made uniform, 7. Cradlesong, 8. Connects two points, 9. Scant, 10. Meteorologist, 11. Master of ceremonies, 12. Kuwaiti monetary unit, 13. Cubic meter, 21. Sweetener, 25. Buttocks, 26. Zero, 27. Winglike, 28. Beams, 29. Relax, 34. Intermediary, 36. Relating to aircraft, 37. Coarse file, 38. Away from the wind, 40. Rectum, 42. Active, 45. Cheer, 48. Type of pet rodent, 51. Reef material, 52. Small egg, 53. Adjust again, 55. Expertise, 58. Sea eagle 59. Dwarf buffalo, 60. Smudge, 61. Whip, 62. Visual organs,

Yesterday's Solution

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