



### Nearly 700 Tonnes of Honey Produced in Paktia This Year

GARDEZ - Honey weighing about 700 tonnes has been produced in southeastern Paktia province this year and there is possibility of a surge in honey production in future, an official said on Thursday.

Agriculture Director Mohammad Din Momand told Pajhwok Afghan News bees boxes along with necessary equipment had been distributed to farmers in five districts.

Addressing reports during the distribution of 250 bee boxes to professional individuals here, Momand said 50 each bee boxes would be distributed in Gardez, Zurmat, Zazi Aryub, Syed Karm and Zadran district and hoped the move would help promote the honey business.

Calling it an achievement, he said over 700 tonnes of honey was produced in Paktia this year and the amount would surge in future.

Mohammad Rahman Qaderi, a member of the Provincial Council, demanded that bee boxes distribution scheme should be expanded to other provinces and the number of bees should be increased.

"The Agriculture Ministry and its provincial departments should distribute at least 20 to 30 bee boxes among farmers so they pay more attention to their protection and would make sure that the bees are not lost."

Mohammad Shah Moalem, a resident of Syed Karm district, said: "Five bee boxes are not enough, there is danger the bees could be lost, so there should be more bee boxes," he said.

Abdullah, a resident of Zazi Aryub district said: "Five boxes of bee are not enough, we would strive to increase the number of boxes and reap some benefits, but this number should be increased," he said.

Recently, honey from Paktia received first... (More on P4)...(10)

## Pre-Hajj Operation to Start from Kabul Next Week



KABUL - Pre-hajj flights operation to airlift intending pilgrims to Saudi Arabia for the performance of this year's hajj pilgrimage will start next week from Kabul, the Ministry of Hajj and Religious Affairs (MoHRA) said on Friday.

Nasiruddin Dareez, MoHRA spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the state-owned Ariana and private Kam Air Airlines would carry the pilgrims to Saudi Arabia. According to Dareez, 30,000 people from Afghanistan would perform this year's hajj pilgrimage.

The Civil Aviation Authority said in a statement that Ariana Airlines and Kam Air Airlines would complete the pre-hajj operation to Saudi Arabia. (Pajhwok) The Ariana Airlines would take pilgrims to Saudi Arabia from Kabul while Kam Air flights would take pilgrims from Kandahar, Herat and Mazar-i-Sharif. ... (More on P4)...(9)



### 9 Killed, Score Injured in Faryab Mortar Attack

MAIMANA - Around 40 civilians were killed and injured as a result of mortar shell struck on Jumma Bazaar in the Khawaja Sabz Posh district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Friday.

District Administrative Chief Abdullah Masumi told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened early in the morning.

He said it was ascertained who which party fired the shell and added nine bodies and 22 injured had been shifted to the hospital.

Police spokesman Abdul Karim Yourish said the Taliban fired the mortar shell which resulted in the killing of four people and injured 34 others. A local Taliban Commander Qari Tajuddin said the Taliban did not possess mortars in their weapons and alleged security forces fired the mortar shell. Public Health Director Dr. Mohammad Musamim said four bodies and 28 injured had been shifted to the hospital. He added four bodies remained in the area. (Pajhwok)

### Taliban Release 42 ANA Soldiers in Jawzjan



SHIBERGHAN - Taliban have released 42 Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers in northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Thursday.

The soldiers had been captured by militants as a result of assault on Qush Tapa district three days back.

Police chief Maj. Abdul Wahid Wijdan

told Pajhwok Afghan News the soldiers arrived in Shiberghan City, the provincial capital on Wednesday evening.

The militants had dispatched the certain ANA personnel in local vehicles to provincial capital, he said, adding intelligence, police and ANA personnel had conducted... (More on P4)...(11)

### 30 Students Poisoned in Faryab



MAIMANA - At least 30 students of a university have been poisoned after eating hashish poisoned food in northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Thursday.

Sunatullah, a representative of the students, told Pajhwok Afghan News that all the students that fell ill were the residents of Balchiragh district. He said 30 individuals and two guests

were poisoned after consuming dinner. Dr. Jamal Alami, an official of the emergency hospital, said 24 of the 30 students were poisoned last night. She linked the incident with eating of hashish in food. Feroz Karimi, chancellor of the university, said the students had been living in a private hotel. He added that a team was tasked for investigating the incident. (Pajhwok)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



Get in touch with your vulnerable side today, Aries. Don't pretend to be someone you're not. Realize that you can be yourself and still have a good time without needing to hog all the attention. Stabilize your mind and create space to grow. Take some of the advice that you give to others and apply it to yourself.

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



This is your day, Taurus, so don't let anyone take it away from you. The key will be to get a head start on whatever goals you wish to accomplish. Don't waste time thinking about exactly how you're going to accomplish them. Just get started. The first step is the most important. You're grounded right now, helping you get a better handle on what it is you need to do.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Open up and reveal more of your sensitive side, Gemini. The more willing you are to share with others, the more they will feel comfortable sharing things with you. Your head and heart are in agreement, so use this to your advantage. Ground your mind and use it to take a rational approach to your feelings. The truth of the situation will become clear.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Things should go well for you today as long as you can keep the drama to a minimum. You can jump over any hurdle in your way, so don't worry about a thing. You have a sharp, intuitive wit about you that's grounded in the real world. Take care of the details and plan your next big move. Clean, organize, and throw away things that no longer serve you.

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



You may have to bring yourself down to ground level in a rather sobering fashion, Leo. Maybe you're forgetting an important piece of a goal that you've been shooting for. This is a good day to review your progress and deal with any details that require attention. Keep your adventurous spirit alive, but have at least one foot on solid ground.

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



You have a tremendous ability to understand the inner workings of any situation, Virgo. You may need to give someone a reality check to make sure they're on the same page as you. Use your criticism constructively so you don't alienate yourself from the people. Help to fill in the blanks in a situation that isn't fully understood by all parties, and move the project to the next level.

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



Don't say anything about someone behind his or her back that you wouldn't want to say if the person were standing right next to you, Libra. Feelings are easily hurt on a day like this. People will instinctively know that you've been saying negative things about them. Come clean with any confessions that you might need to make toward someone you love. Be honest and open with your feelings.

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



When it comes to decisions, Scorpio, do what's best for you today. Don't feel like you need to perform certain tasks just because of guilt over a past situation. Do things because you want to, not because you feel obligated to someone else. The only obligation you have is to you. If it's truly your desire to help someone out, then go for it, but don't sacrifice too much of yourself in the process.

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



It's time to settle down from the rapid-fire activities of the past few days and retreat to a quieter state of mind, Sagittarius. Take care of the details you failed to attend to while you were out having fun. Now is the time to turn inward and reflect. Rely on your inner reserves as opposed to your outwardly directed actions. Stay grounded and let your emotions work with your rational side.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



This is an excellent day in which your thinking is clear and your emotions stable, Capricorn. Use this powerful combination of a solid frame of mind and compassionate feelings to express yourself in a sincere, positive fashion. There's a great deal of power on your side helping you track down your goals and get exactly what you want.

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

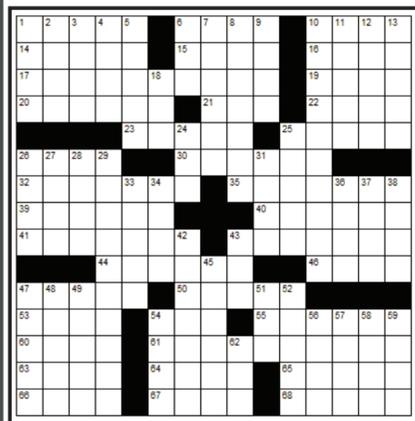


Turn your energy inward today, Aquarius. Make a detailed list of what you need to get done in order of priority. It's time to take inventory and get organized. Detail-oriented projects are favored, and you have much more patience and concentration than usual. Slow down the pace and remember to smell the roses as you pass by.

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



Your head and heart are working in concert today, Pisces. Things are coming together just as you expected them to. Have confidence in yourself. More than likely, you have the perfect solution to every situation. Maybe your incredible perception of the circumstances will catch someone off guard. Be prepared for some surprised reactions.



#### Across

- Incited, 6. Boats, 10. Taxis, 14. Lively, 15. Hindu princess, 16. Double-reed woodwind, 17. Famous, 19. A soft sheepskin leather, 20. Robust, 21. Spelling contest, 22. Pesky insects
23. A pinnacle of ice, 25. Coarse edible red seaweed, 26. Light bulb unit, 30. A type of fungus, 32. Yet, 35. Crucial, 39. Property, 40. Hooded cloak, 41. Greek goddess of fertility
43. Meat from a deer, 44. Shrew, 46. Vipers, 47. Savory jelly, 50. Pestered, 53. Resorts
54. Cacophony, 55. Periodical, 60. Indian dress, 61. Miscellany, 63. Therefore, 64. Margarine, 65. Large bulrushes, 66. Adolescent, 67. Lean and sinewy, 68. Pays attention to,

#### Down

- Every single one, 2. Delight, 3. Arizona river, 4. Always, 5. Amounts owed, 6. Genus of macaws, 7. Unpleasant person (British), 8. Patella, 9. On the left or right, 10. Horn of plenty, 11. Agitated, 12. Ships, 13. Feel
18. Type of whiskey, 24. Beam, 25. Sofa, 26. A division of a hospital, 27. Away from the wind, 28. Streetcar, 29. Video entertainment, 31. Type of cereal grass
33. Loft, 34. One who colors cloth, 36. Throw, 37. At the peak of, 38. Focusing glass
42. A pasta dish, 43. \_\_\_ populi, 45. Sex, 47. Something of value, 48. Surplus, 49. Plaster
51. East southeast, 52. Profoundness, 54. Sailing ship, 56. Debauchee, 57. Doing nothing
58. Matured, 59. Not more, 62. Gentle,

#### Yesterday's Solution



agent, analysis, apply arrest, board chase commit, compact, companion, count, douse, dream dwarf east, enigma escape, expel, faster fault, final, gets, gore guarantee, laptop, manage merge, opportunity

