For Kapisa Youth, No Scheme Initiated in Past 15 Years

MAHMOOD RAQI - The youth of central Kapisa province have hit out at the government for failing to execute development schemes for them since the ouster of the Taliban regime 15 years ago. They complain the government and its international partners have done nothing to ameliorate their lot. Zabihullah Mohammadi, a journalist and civil society activist, said after the fall of Taliban regime people had a lot of expectations.

Many people hoped drastic changes would come to their livesafter Taliban's fall in 2001, but such expectations were still a distant dream, he told Pajhwok Afghan News. No development programme has been initiated

in the province to address grievances of youngsters. "Show me a single youth-related scheme in the province. There is no job-generating project for the unemployed," he said, adding the government had only provided opportunitiesof education, whose quality was low. Mohammadi said due to the negligence of the government, many youth had joined Taliban's ranks or had gone to Iran for work.They returnedas drug addicts from that country, he added. A university student, who did not ...(More on P4)...(17)

With Artificial Turf Herat Football Stadium Ready for Inauguration

KABUL - The Harirud and Maiwand local football teams are set to contest a friendly match on the newly artificial turf of football pitch in western Herat province, The Afghanistan Football Federation (AFF) said on Friday.

The country's first ever stadium out of Kabul with artificial turf would be inaugurated at around 4:00pm in the presence of local officials and AFF members just a head of the friendly match, according to the AFF.

AFF Head Abdul Karim Rahmani said the artificial grass project on the football pitch out of capital Kabul was the first project of its kind, adding that the country football administration's member and delegates from Federation International De Football (FIFA) had visited the project and showed their satisfaction as far as the quality and international standard was concerned.

The project was completed by an Italian company with the financial support ...(More on P4)...(18)

57 Militants Including IS Dead in Security Forces Offensive: MoD

KABUL - Fifty-Seven militants, including 36 Daesh or Islamic State (IS) rebels, have been killed and scores others were wounded and arrested in fresh offensive in the 13 provinces of the country, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Friday.

The security forces conducted fresh offensive in Nangarhar, Laghman, Parwan, Paktia Paktika, Ghazni, Maidan Wardak, Kandahar, Farah, Jawzjan, Kunduz, Badakhshan and Helmand provinces, the MoD statement said.

Security forces targeted militants' hideouts in Achin, Kot

district and used artillery against the outlawed group. A huge amount of weapons were also captured in the offensive.

Two security forces were also killed during the offensive. Militants have not yet spoken about the clashes. (Pajhwok)

Woman Killed for Having Relations with a Man over the Phone

MAIMANA - A 22-year-old woman was shot dead dead by unknown gunmen in northern Faryab province for having relations with a man over the telephone.

The woman has been identified as Gul Jan and has allegedly been killed by the family of her husband in Pashtunkot district.

Provincial police spokesman Abdul Karim Yurish confirmed that the woman was married and the incident took place as her husband is Iran for work. No suspect has been arrested in connection to the brutal murder of the woman so far.

The latest incident involving the murder of a woman for honor comes amid growing ...(More on P4)...(19)

School Building, Bus Terminal Construction Kicks Off in Faryab

MAIMANA - Construction work on a school building and a bus terminal was launched in the Pashtunkot district of northwestern Faryab province on Thursday.

Education Director Ghlam Saakhi told Pajhwok Afghan News the building for Dahindra Boys School would have 10 classrooms, four administrative rooms, one guard room, a water well, 10 toilets and surrounding wall.

The facility would be constructed at a cost of 17 million afghanis being

provided by India and the project would take six month to complete, he added.

The bus terminal's foundation stone was laid by the governor and municipality officials in Maqul area in the jurisdiction of the 1st municipal district.

Nazar Mohammad Sahib Zada, mayor of Maimana, the provincial capital, said the terminal would cost $174,000, with $120,000 to ...(More on P4)...(20)

16 Injured in Rickshaw Bomb Blast

PUL-I-KHUMRI - At least 16 civilians were injured on Thursday evening when a bomb rigged to a rickshaw exploded in Baghlan-i-Markazi district of northern Baghlan province, an official said.

Gawhar Khan Baburi, the district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the improvised explosive device had been planted on a rickshaw that exploded at around 6:00pm in the vicinity of the district's main mosque.

The blast left 16 civilians injured, including six children and two members of an uprising group (anti-Taliban militia).

The injured have been evacuated to hospital. The town's chief accused the Taliban of carrying out the explosion. He said the insurgents wanted to kill Taroor Gul Mohammad Tarakhel, a public uprising commander, but the commander escaped unhurt in the blast.

There has been no word from Taliban about the incident.(Pajhwok)

Afghanistan-Netherlands Test Match Starts in Hague

HAGUE CITY - The Afghan National Cricket Team is all set to play four-day match against the Netherlands at The Hague city Friday.

The four-day competition is an integral part of the cricket schedule for sides below the 10 Test playing countries and is a pathway to Test cricket.

The winner will take on the 10th-ranked Test team in an ICC Test Challenge in 2018. If the ICC Intercontinental Cup winner wins the ICC Test Challenge, then it will secure Test status until the next ICC Test Challenge, which will take place in 2022.

Afghanistan, which defeated

Scotland 1-0 in a two-ODI series and drew 2-2 with Ireland in a five-ODI series before travelling to the Netherlands, is happy with the acclimatization process in Europe ahead of the four-day engagement.

"It was a good experience for us to play against Scotland and Ireland as it has helped us get familiar with the conditions. It is always a challenge to play in different conditions and ...(More on P4)...(21)

No Work for Afghan Would-Be Soldier Despite Degrees

KABUL - Rahmatullah Amiri is an Afghan with several military certificates from credible institutions in the United States but has spoken out about being unable to get a job in the military.

He said he has completed three full military training courses in the U.S and holds 17 certificates in total but even these have not helped him secure a post.

Amiri claims that nepotism in appointments in security institutions will undermine the continued aid to Afghanistan by the international community.

Amri is 29 year old and

a resident of Shindand district of western Herat province.

He says he pursued his education at the United States' Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC). "The majority of those who go abroad for military or nonmilitary education do not come back due to security issues and other problems in the country; but I returned to my country with a high ...(More on P4)...(22)

Outlook Horoscope

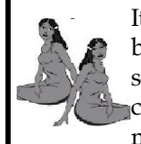
Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You might feel like your world has grown larger than life, and significant portions of your creativity are out of your control. However, a period of intense upheaval is already slipping into the past and you need to follow through by initiating changes at work. Extending your spheres of influence could affect your relationships, especially with those in your immediate environment.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You're picking up some very strange signals today that could easily distract you from your goals. You might even think you've become slightly unhinged if you can't make heads or tails out of your current experience, but there's really nothing to worry about at all. Nevertheless, sharing your inner conflicts without expecting anything in exchange is enough to the get the balling rolling in your direction.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



It's best to unfold your story gradually today but you're too anxious to share your best-kept secrets. Unfortunately, your spontaneous disclosure won't make you feel any better, and might emotionally agitate others in your circle of friends. Nevertheless, initiating a conversation about a subject dear to your heart brings a smile to your face. But it's not enough to steal a moment or two of happiness; you long for a much more meaningful exchange.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

The very things that have been blocking your path seem to quickly fade into the past today. Although you might not be ready to swing into action yet, circumstances can force your hand. If someone does something that annoys you now, you won't be able to just sit quietly because you feel the need to even the score immediately.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

A social cause might have you so fired up today that you can't help but jump up on your soapbox and speak out. Sometimes it takes a lot to grab your attention, but you're hooked now and won't be able to move on until you respond to this important issue. However, your straightforward reaction opens a portal into a parallel universe; nothing goes according to your plan.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You want to take care of business today, but responsibilities on the home front could interfere with your busy schedule. Rather than sharing your predicament with anyone, you prefer to keep your worries to yourself until you fulfill your commitments. Only after you honor your promises will you feel comfortable discussing your difficulties about your job performance. Nevertheless, you don't have to wait.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Relationships with your friends and associates are complicated today because sparks may fly over agendas that are not really in conflict. However, it might seem as if the disagreement is irresolvable until you start to delve deeper. Magnetic Venus receives an intensity booster from potent Pluto that could send you spiraling into the darkness, but this is an unexpected blessing since you could discover a misplaced rainbow.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You may have so much work on your plate now that you just want to escape through the nearest exit. But you're not usually one to run out on something that's unfinished. Nevertheless, you can stir up a hornet's nest if your unexpressed anger gets the best of you. Instead of waiting until it's too late, lay your feelings out on the table.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You're pushing into new territory these days and you won't be able to continue looking in your rearview mirror for long. Even if you're feeling nostalgic today, you can't just slip into your time machine and dial up powerful experiences from the past. Nevertheless, you can bring old memories forward into the present moment. In the final analysis, you have a chance to rewrite your personal story in a way that positively impacts your future.

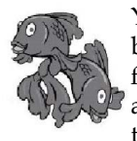
Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You have many little tasks to do today and you're not sure how you will get them all done. However, you can accomplish a lot in a very small amount of time if you put your heart and soul into your work. You grow motivated to find answers to larger questions about your life as you watch your friends sink deeper into Pluto's mysterious realms.

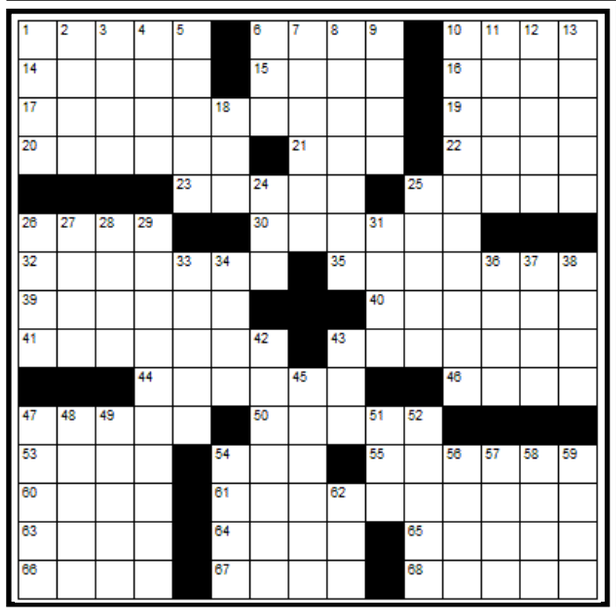
Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

A relationship at work grows messy today as someone stops walking their talk. You don't know whether or not to trust the words you hear, or to only pay attention to their actions. Unfortunately, cerebral Mercury dynamically squares warrior Mars, bending you out of shape and reminding you to be prepared for anything you might face.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You may have plenty to do at home today, but your job duties must come first. Thankfully, you are particularly adept at juggling all the components of your life now. Although you might want to do everything at once, the only way you'll get through the day with flying colors is to make a detailed list of exactly what you want to accomplish. Narrowing your attention is an absolute must. The more you focus on your priorities.



Across

1. Boxes lightly, 6. Biblical garden, 10. Assist in crime, 14. Bestow, 15. Arrived,16. Digestive juice, 17. Gibberish, 19. Norse god, 20. Ancient ascetic,21. Indian bread , 22. Start over 23. Aromatic solvent, 25. Duck down, 26. Winglike, 30. Trim,32. Hide from knowledge , 35. Policeman, 39. Plunderer, 40. The concluding part, 41. Indigenous, 43. The junction between two neurons, 44. Harvest fly, 46. Scallion, 47. Lingo, 50. Vetoes, 53. Gloomy, 54. French for "Summer", 55. Per, 60. Dogfish, 61. A destroyer, 63. Fur, 64. Backwards "Reed" 65. Birthing coach, 66. Carry, 67. Unique, 68. Piques.

Down

1. Alike, 2. Add, 3. Charity, 4. Gown, 5. Rock, 6. Euro forerunner, 7. Cursed, 8. Trade barrier, 9. A noble gas, 10. Indigenous, 11. Stayed, 12. Leave out, 13. Adult male singing voice, 18. Type of airplane, 24. Cool, once, 25. Finally (French), 26. Unit of land, 27. Give temporarily, 28. Keen, 29. Re-beautify, 31. Questionable, 33. Send, as payment, 34. Relating to urine, 36. Superhero accessory, 37. If not, 38. Stink, 42. A flask for carrying water, 43. A single-reed woodwind, 45. Internal-combustion engine, 47. Adjust, 48. Juliet's love, 49. Self-reproach, 51. Hearing organ, 52. Potatoes, 54. Cocoyam, 56. Computer symbol, 57. Decorative case, 58. A young male horse, 59. Historical periods, 62. Attempt.

Yesterday's Solution

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