

Mohib Off to Moscow to Attend Ufa Security Forum



KABUL - National Security Advisor (NSA) Hamdullah Mohib on Monday left for Moscow to attend the 10th annual Ufa security forum, an official said. Tariq Aryan, the National Security Council (NSC) spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News Mohib would be attending the security forum in Ufa city. This international meeting of high security representatives will be held in Russian from June 18 to 20, the spokesman added. (Pajhwok)



Efforts Underway to Increase Fruit Gardens in Afghanistan

KABUL - The officials in the Ministry of Agriculture say that they are trying to increase the number of fruit gardens across the country. "We try to improve the gardeners' benefits by increasing the number of fruit gardens in overall the country," said Akbar Rostami, the Spokesperson for the Agriculture Ministry. Officials say that the fruit harvests have considerably improved to thousand tons this year and the domestic market was good enough. Gardeners have sold their harvests valued millions of Afghanis, Rostami adds. 11,000 tons of peach were produced this year, the official further said. "Creating the peach gardens is one of the main plans of the ministry so that we can bring the gardens' harvest to the market with good price in the spring," he said. Experts say that annually lots of fresh fruits valued millions of dollars are being imported to the country and the government has to provide the market for the domestic fruits. "We have provided the grounds to export the country's fresh fruits through building standard fridges, doing marketing, and standard packaging," said Hakimullah Sediqqe, an economic expert. This comes as the price of some vegetables and fruits have unprecedentedly reduced in the country this year. Recently, the price of each kilogram of fruits like watermelon and vegetables like okra and tomato reduced to 1 and 3 Afghanis in Farah province. (ATN)

3 Die, 4 Injured in Jalalabad Traffic Accident

JALALABAD - At least three people died including a child and another four were injured in a traffic accident in eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday, an official said. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News a car crashed into a passenger vehicle in the 9th police district of Jalalabad, the provincial capital, on the Jalalabad-Torkham highway this morning. He said a child was among three people killed and four others were injured in the accident. The injured had been shifted to hospital in critical condition. (Pajhwok)



One Army Officer Shot Dead, Another Wounded in Parwan



CHARIKAR - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead an Afghan National Army (ANA) officer and wounded another in Charikar, the capital of central Parwan province, an official said on Monday. An official at the provincial hospital, wishing to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News they received the ANA officer's body and the wounded soldier late on Sunday night. However, Abdul Wase Rahimi, deputy police chief, confirmed the killing of ANA officer Hashmatullah on his way from Parwan to Kabul in Khalazee area of Charikar. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the incident. (Pajhwok)

Kunduz Women Want Peace Efforts to be Expedited

KUNDUZ CITY - Women's rights activist in Kunduz called on warring parties to agree on a ceasefire "as soon as possible". A group of women's rights activists at a gathering in the northern province of Kunduz on Monday announced their support to the ongoing peace efforts by the Afghan government and the United States with the help of other allies of Afghanistan but said that the process should be expedited. The activists said that Afghans are tired of war and that all stakeholders should engage in productive talks about finding a political settlement to the 17-year conflict in the country. "An immediate ceasefire is a two-way approach. It cannot be a one-way approach. It is not possible that government announces ceasefire and the other side continues the war. We all want an immediate ceasefire but on condition that it is a mutual decision," said Salima, a women's rights activist from Kunduz. "The reason for our gathering is that we want peace from both sides because the people are tired of war," said Roya Habibi, an activist from Kunduz. The activists said that women should be given an active role in the peace process. (Tolo news)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You're likely to enjoy a change in the rhythm and quality of life, beginning right now, Aries. Do you feel a need to take your friendships beyond superficiality? Perhaps you should reestablish contact with some past friends. After a hiatus, you may have some bonds to repair. You can expect another period devoted to sweeping the cobwebs out of your emotional life and letting in light and promise.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Today you can expect to be more enterprising in your human relationships, Taurus. You may find new friends or enjoy quality time with old ones. It's likely that your love life will intensify. The next few weeks provide excellent resources for improving your emotional well-being. Take advantage of it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



The past month has allowed you to affirm yourself, Gemini, and cement some aspects of your personality. You're now entering a period of consolidation. It's like you conceived a product, created it, and are now finally ready to put it on the market. The current period indicates that you will receive all of the rewards that your hard work has earned.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Today heralds the beginning of a very agreeable period. You will be especially happy, Cancer! You will project confidence, clarity, and charisma wherever you go. You used up a lot of your reserves during the last few months. You've made it to this stage just in time. Certainly you'll agree that this is something to be celebrated!

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo, this would be a good moment to get rid of anything that still stands between you and achieving your goals. A certain obstacle might be sparking the impulse you have to blend into the background. Don't forget that you're an individual. This isn't something to be overcome. It should be celebrated!

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



The signs say that you can expect a very profitable few weeks ahead, Virgo. You've worked hard lately, and it's only natural that you have finally arrived at this stage. You're going to be able to measure the distance you've come and evaluate your power. Whatever you do, don't think small!

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



The cosmos will ask you to make more of an effort, Libra. To do so means you will have to come back down to Earth and join the rest of us mere mortals. You may be cultivating your independence a bit too much. You seem to be pulling away from people. You should try to mix more and get involved in a cause that's bigger than you. Accept working with others as a necessary component of your life.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



A quest is in store for you, Scorpio. You're likely to engage in a search for physical or intellectual space. You may be asking yourself philosophical questions. Or perhaps you're thinking of taking a long trip. Which will it be? Will you read philosophy or go to China? At this point, only the stars know.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



In navigating your emotional life, Sagittarius, you may feel you've made a great effort in the past month. You've been available and conciliatory, and done your best to maintain harmony. Your efforts have paid off. Now you feel a yen for more spontaneity. It seems that the enterprising and reckless you has returned! Go ahead - you deserve this release after all of your disciplined effort.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn, the cosmic signs indicate that your emotional universe will once again glow with positive energy. You will meet more people, and your encounters are likely to be profoundly gratifying, emotionally and intellectually. All told, the coming month is wonderfully promising for you. Two key things to anticipate are pleasure and sensuality.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



For you, Aquarius, the next few weeks portend a period of timidity. You will probably go out less, introduce yourself to fewer new people, and be less prone to showing off. But any relationships you do form will be much more intense than usual. The month ahead is quite promising, though you may have to readjust some of your attitudes.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You may have spent the past few weeks exploring other horizons, Pisces, meeting new people, going out more frequently, or taking short trips. But there's a significant change of rhythm in the air. You will settle down and bask in the comfort of your home. You will find that you have just the incentive you need to stabilize yourself for a while. Expect some pleasurable moments in the domestic realm.



Across

- 1. Potato state, 6. Mammary gland of bovines, 11. Award, 12. Growing in extreme abundance, 15. Be against, 16. Behaving amorously, 17. Pelt, 18. Frighten, 20. Holiday drink, 21. Took flight, 23. Dagger handle, 24. Murmurs, 25. Being, 26. Glove, 27. Tight, 28. A musical pause, 29. In song, the loneliest number, 30. Oxeye, 31. Difficult, 34. Skims, 36. French for "Name", 37. Stair, 41. Defrauds, 42. A temple (archaic), 43. By mouth, 44. Found on most beaches, 45. Sandwich shop, 46. Infamous Roman emperor, 47. A large vase, 48. Vixen, 51. European peak, 52. Maidenlike, 54. Concise summary, 56. A side of a coin, 57. Expensive fur, 58. Ceased, 59. Glowing remnant,

Down

- 1. Urge, 2. Make downhearted, 3. Fuss, 4. Chop finely, 5. Margarine, 6. Fill with optimism, 7. Float, 8. Small boat, 9. Eastern newt, 10. Catastrophic, 13. Bigheaded, 14. Hens make them, 15. Put forward, 16. Brotherly, 19. Rhinoceros, 22. Marsh, 24. Coffin, 26. Gangs, 27. Letter after sigma, 30. A hemispherical roof, 32. Years (French), 33. Classical Greek, 34. Dung beetle, 35. Plot, 38. Molasses, 39. Not later, 40. Plunks, 42. Cut down, 44. Japanese wrestling, 45. Compacted, 48. Group of cattle, 49. Church alcove, 50. Streetcar, 53. Lair, 55. Diminish,

Yesterday's Solution



- split, spree, stall, start, swing, tonight, fiber, finch, found, heroes, later, mobile, party, peanut, pearl, purple, rendezvous, round

