

Construction Work on 21m Afs Road Launched in Paktia

GARDEZ - Construction work on a road costing up to 21 million afghanis was launched on Wednesday in the capital of southeastern Paktia province. Paktia Governor Nasratullah Arsala said the road's construction would resolve traffic related issues to a great extent in Gardez city. According to him, the six-kilometer long road would cost 21 million afsh provided by the municipality and would take three months to complete. "The municipality has 15 projects for this year, which will be implemented in various areas of the city and one of the 15 projects is the 5,966-metre road's con-



struction that we launched today." Gardez Mayor Eng. Esmatullah Khalid said the road's construction would add to the beauty of Gardez City. Brooks along both sides of the road and culverts in some areas would also be constructed as part of the project, he said. "The municipality and the provincial administration's technical team will monitor the project throughout its implementation so that the construction is done in good quality." The mayor said several other development projects would be inaugurated in Gardez city over the next few days. *...(More on P4)...(15)*

115 Taliban Militants Give up Insurgency in Faryab



SHIBERGHAN - At least 115 Taliban insurgents joined the peace process in northern Faryab province on Wednesday, security officials in neighbouring Jawzjan said. Jawzjan police chief Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Turkistani told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban group led by Tahir reconciled with the government following an overnight operation by security forces commanded by Gen. Adul Rashid Dostum, the 1st vice-president, in Dasht-e-Laili area of the province. He said the reconciling insurgents also turned in about 100 different weapons on Wednesday morning in Astana area. *...(More on P4)...(16)*

Revenue from Samangan Coalmine up by 166m Afs

AIBAK - Revenue generated from the coalmine in Dara-i-Sauf Bala district of northern Samangan province has increased by 166 million afghanis in the first six months of the current year compared to the same period in 2015, an official said on Wednesday. Eng. Abdul Jabbar Hameedi, head of the coalmine entrepreneur in the north, told Pajhwok Afghan News more than 1.2 billion afghanis had been collected in revenue from the coalmines in Dahna Tor and Shababak areas. The income indicates a 166 million afghanis increase over the revenue collected during the corresponding period last year. He recalled



the revenue figure for the first half of 2015 was 864 million afghanis. Hameedi confirmed coal was being extracted by the residents, with the government charging 1,500 afghanis in tax on one tonne of coal. He said growing demand for coal had translated into a revenue boost. But *...(More on P4)...(17)*

UNSC Condemns Terror Attacks in Kabul, Badakhshan

WASHINGTON - The UN Security Council on Tuesday condemned terrorist attacks in Kabul and Badakhshan and called for bringing the perpetrators, organisers, financiers and sponsors to justice. In a statement, the Security Council underlined the need to bring perpetrators, organisers, financiers and sponsors of the reprehensible acts of terrorism to justice. It urged all countries to cooperate actively with the Afghan authorities in this regard. The 15-membered body expressed its deep sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and to the people and Government of Afghanistan, as well as to the people and Governments of Nepal and India. "They wished the injured a speedy recovery," the statement said. Reiterated their serious concern at the threats posed by the Taliban, Al-Qaida, ISIL (Daesh) affiliates, illegal and armed groups to the local population, the Security Council said that no violent or terrorist acts can reverse the Afghan-led process along the path towards peace, democracy and stability in Afghanistan. *...(More on P4)...(18)*

All Passengers Kidnapped in Greshk District Set Free

LASHKARGAH - Local security officials on Wednesday said the Taliban had released all passengers they had kidnapped in the Greshk district of southern Helmand province. The insurgents hijacked a bus carrying 43 passengers and two trucks in the restive district on Tuesday morning. However, they freed 38 hostages yesterday, keeping five others in their captivity. Provincial police chief, Brig. Gen. Aqa Noor Kintoz, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban had also released the remaining



five captives. "We helped release the five passengers through tribal elders' mediation." The Taliban kept the five men only for having

Road Blockades in Ghazni City Pique Commuters

GHAZNI CITY - Residents of the capital of southern Ghazni province on Wednesday complained many city roads had been blocked by police and the governor's house, creating problems for the people. All roads near the police headquarters and the governor's house have been blocked for traffic in Ghazni

City. Mohammad Ashraf, who sells eatables near the police headquarters, noted the blockades with concern. He told Pajhwok Afghan News police had blocked all important roads. "My sales have slumped after the closure of the roads. In the past, my sales tended to soar in Ramadan, but now the situation is altogether different." A taxi driver, Nabiullah, also grumbled: "We are forced to ply alternative roads for 20 minutes to cover a five-minute distance; we are really in trouble." He blamed police for placing blast walls on different roads of the city. Mohammad Arif, another resident of Ghazni City, believed security could not *...(More on P4)...(20)*

224 Taliban Killed, 278 Criminals Held in Herat Raids

HERAT CITY - As many as 234 Taliban have been killed and another 233 wounded in security forces' operations during the past three months in western Herat province, police said on Tuesday. Talking to reporters here, Herat police chief Abdul Majid Rozi said 35 operations had been conducted during the past three months in Shindand, Guzara, Adraskan, Kushki Kohna, Rabat-i-Sangi and Herat City, the provincial capital. The security forces also arrested 19 Taliban and seized more than 50 weapons during the offensive, he continued. According to the police



chief, 25 terrorist attacks have been thwarted by security forces during the past three months in Herat. Besides the Taliban, 278 suspected criminals were also arrested over their involvement in terror, killing and cooperation with Taliban. Security officials suffered no casualties in these operations, he added. Individuals carrying weapons had been told to end the exercise otherwise *...(More on P4)...(21)*

Child, Traffic Police Officer Dead in Nangarhar Explosion

JALALABAD - At least two people were killed and as many wounded in a roadside bombing in the Behsud district of eastern Nangarhar on Wednesday, an official said. Attaulah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion took

6 Daesh Rebels Eliminated in AAF Air Raids

JALALABAD - Six Daesh militants have been killed in Afghan Air Force (AAF) airstrikes in the Achine district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday. Attaulah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the overnight airstrikes Daesh rebels in the Abdulkhelo locality. He said some of the weapons and ammunitions have been destroyed in the bombardment. *...(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Too much spontaneity might not work in your favor when explaining complex ideas today. You could trip over your own words in your eagerness to present your perspective to others. Fortunately, a small amount of preparation puts your thoughts in order, giving you the structure you need to make your point. Don't be afraid of committing to a specific plan; ironically, working within a rigid framework will free you more.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You may be pushed to follow through with your commitment today if you recently promised to help someone reach his or her dreams. Unfortunately, the situation at work has changed and you must be more practical now than you had hoped. Normally, you're a paragon of simplicity; you say what you're going to do and then you do it in a straightforward manner.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your thoughts are wandering all over the place today and your coworkers might think that you've lost your bearings. However, nothing could be further from the truth. You know where you're going; you're just not sure how to get there. Fortunately, you're willing and able to navigate on the fly. There's no need to wait until you have a plan in place before you start to talk.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your perceptions are very sharp today but you don't necessarily want to express your point of view. You may attempt to hold out by guarding your secrets with a stony silence. Powerful people continue to request, even demand, that you reveal what you know. Eventually, your resistance begins to fade, leaving you with a good feeling about participating in the group process.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Interpersonal dynamics on the job seem to grow more convoluted day by day. Just when you think you've figured everything out, another problem pops up like a carnival game of Whack-a-Mole. Try as you might, you can't keep up with all the changes. Nevertheless, walking away is not an option.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may be sending mixed messages at work today without being aware of it. Perhaps you are trying to keep your options open while others are looking to you for a succinct answer. But you're being pulled simultaneously in two different directions now, and it is driving you crazy. Although your powers of rational analysis often function effortlessly, logic fails you if it can't resolve your dilemma. Trust your intuition not your intellect for the best results.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You believe that adopting a philosophical approach to life will help you shake up your old routine and empower you to embark on a new course. However, people around you are less interested in your conceptual thinking now than they are in seeing solutions in real time. But it's not realistic to think you can completely avoid communication today.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your thinking process is quite circuitous and could even be devious now as you strive to reach your goals. You're intrigued by people's reactions to your ideas, but they won't always share their private thoughts with you. The harder you push others to reveal what's on their minds today, the thicker they will build their walls of armor.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

People around you are so chatty today that it begins to grate on your nerves. Ironically, you're often the one who can be so talkative that others request your silence. Nevertheless, the tables are turned now and you might not be very diplomatic in your search for peace and quiet. It doesn't cost anything to be nice; a little kindness on your part soothes everyone's ruffled feathers. A taste of your own medicine is good for you every once in a while.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

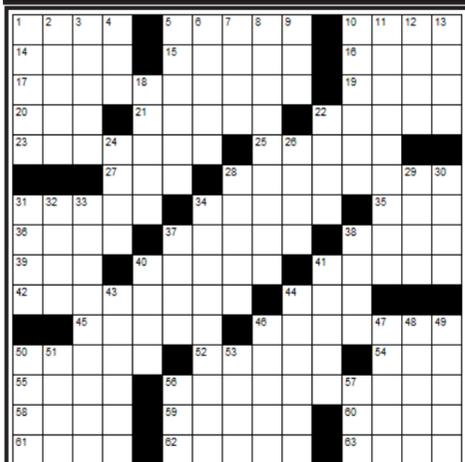
You are apt to use your persuasive communication skills at work today in order to move closer to achieving your long-term goals. Unfortunately, your interactions with others are stressful now because your current objectives could run into a conflict of interest with theirs. Cut yourself some slack and seek ways to nurture your spirit, rather than relentlessly aiming at the summit.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You express your creativity so subtly today that people in your immediate environment could easily misread your energy. Others may see you as self-protective now and slightly withdrawn. But you are actually eager to demonstrate your emotional availability to someone you trust, even if this type of vulnerability normally makes your skin crawl.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You might not be in the mood to be the star of the show now. Fortunately, you can use this time constructively to quietly work behind the scenes and build up the confidence of those around you. People will respect your dedication if you are unwavering in your drive to do your best while remaining out of the spotlight. There's no need to shout your feelings from the rooftop; you'll receive the recognition you deserve when you least expect it.



Across

- Knife, 5. French for "Storehouse", 10. Cocoyam, 14. Sea eagle, 15. Monetary penalties, 16. Egghed, 17. Streamside, 19. Wings, 20. A law enforcement agency, 21. Long times, 22. Gives forth, 23. Chooses, 25. Lazybones, 27. G, 28. Spirit-like, 31. Pertaining to the moon, 34. Bordeaux and Dubonnet, 35. Petroleum, 36. Utilized, 37. Evanesces, 38. Pout, 39. Not used, 40. Exhausted, 41. Exploits, 42. Helped, 44. Regret, 45. Demolish, 46. Noblewoman, 50. Fragrant oil, 52. Death notices, 54. 52 in Roman numerals, 55. Haul, 56. Supplying, 58. Eat, 59. Willow, 60. Biblical garden, 61. Mats of grass, 62. Ganders, 63. Church benches.

Down

- Feudal workers, 2. Clan, 3. Blacksmith's block, 4. Spelling contest, 5. Decadent, 6. Novices, 7. Nameless, 8. Retired, 9. Eastern Standard Time, 10. Hard glossy coating, 11. Excited, 12. "Darn!", 13. Poems, 18. Formula 1 driver, 22. L L L, 24. Quaint outburst, 26. Membership fees, 28. Aligned, 29. A man's skirt, 30. Large N. American deer (plural), 31. Roman moon goddess, 32. Applications, 33. Magazine vendor, 34. Depot, 37. Equips, 38. Clairvoyant, 40. Russian emperor, 41. Estimate, 43. Pictures, 44. Hit the sack, 46. Years, 47. Leave out, 48. Tendon, 49. Indications, 50. Contributions, 51. Threesome, 53. French cheese, 56. Mist, 57. Cool, once.

Yesterday's Solution

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