



60pc of Rehabilitation Work on Seraj-Ul-Emarat Completed

JALALABAD - Sixty percent of rehabilitation work on the Seraj-ul-Emarat building has been completed in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Monday.

The remaining 40 percent of work would be completed in two and a half months. The landmark, erected over a hundred year ago by ex-king Amir Habibullah Khan, was damaged during the civil war rendered unfit for living.

The rehabilitation of the ancient building was launched 10 years back when Gul Agha Sherzai was the governor of Nangarhar. However, the work was later stopped for unknown reasons.

One and a half years earlier, the Information and Cultural Affairs Department launched the rehabilitation of Seraj-ul-Emarat and 60 percent of work has since been completed.

Nangarhar Information and Culture Director Awrang Samim said rehabilitation work was being carried out by professionals including archilogs.

He said the three-year rehabilitation project was being conducted at a cost of 56 million afghanis provided from the uplift budget of the Information and Culture Department.

He added workers had been able to carry out work at a good clip and had completed more than 50 percent of work in 18 months.

Badam Zarifi, writer and poet, told Pajhwok Afghan News that former rulers - from Amir Habibullah Khan, ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

NSA Mohib Heads to Tashkent after Beradar, Uzbek FM Meeting in Qatar



KABUL - National Security Advisor (NSA) Hamdullah Mohib has arrived in Uzbekistan for meeting with security and government officials of the neighbouring country.

The National Security Council (NSC) social media handler said that Mohib would discuss peace process, regional cooperation, counter terrorism and counter

narcotics with Uzbek officials.

"The two sides are also expected to review progress of the Bilateral Security Commission, an action-oriented joint security cooperation mechanism between the two countries," the NSC tweeted.

Mohib's trip to Uzbekistan happened at time when Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Kamolov and special envoy Ismatullah had met

Taliban co-founder Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar in the capital of Qatar.

In a statement, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said the Uzbek officials arrived in Doha on Sunday for talks Mullah Baradar, who is also head of Taliban's political office. The statement said the Uzbek minister expressed happiness at the meeting with Baradar and conveyed him respects from the Uzbek president. *(Tolo news)*



Taliban Kill 10 Security Forces, Capture 7 in Kunduz

KUNDUZ CITY - At least 10 security personnel have been killed, seven wounded and as many others captured alive during a clash with militants in northern Kunduz province, an official said on Monday.

Khalil Qarizada, a member of the provincial council, told Pajhwok Afghan News the insurgents stormed security check-posts in the Qarghan Tapa area of Imam Sahib district late on Sunday night.

The rebels overran the village, he said, adding 10 security forces were killed and seven others wounded. The assailants captured alive seven others, he added.

Meanwhile, the 20th Pamir Division said the insurgents attacked the Qurghan Taqa area from several directions at around 10pm.

The assault was warded off as a result of strong resistance from the security forces and arrival of reinforcements in the area. It did not provide further details.

Feroz, a resident of the area, said fierce clashes were still ongoing in Imam Sahib district, whose residents were scared and trapped inside their homes.

Mahboobullah Saeedi, the district's administrative chief, confirmed the fall of Qurghan Tapa area into the hand of rebels. However, he did not provide information about casualties Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed the fighters had seized a key military base, two check-posts and killed 18 local uprising members. Six others were seized. *(Pajhwok)*

Taliban Commanders Killed in Faryab Clash



KABUL - The clash occurred in Dawlat Abad district in the province, the provincial governor's spokesman said.

At least six Taliban militants were killed in a clash with security forces in Faryab province on Sunday night, local officials said Monday.

Abdul Karim Yurish, spokesman for

Faryab governor, said that Taliban ambushed security check posts in Dawlat Abad district in the province but were faced with strict response of security forces.

Six militants, including two local commanders Jundullah and Qari Janan, were killed in the clash. ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

5 Taliban Militants Detained in Badakhshan



FAIABAD - Intelligence forces have arrested five Taliban militants in Kishim district of north-eastern Badakhshan province during the past one week, an official said Monday.

Police spokesman Sanaullah Rohani told Pajhwok Afghan News that the National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel had

detained five militants who were planning attacks on military facilities.

He said the insurgents had been arrested in Faizabd, the provincial capital, and at entry gates of Mashad city of Kishim district.

Qari Inamullah, brother of Maulvi Abdul Hamid Jan Nesar, the Taliban's ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You're quite sure of yourself and solid about many things except one. When it comes to romantic relationships, you feel a bit unsure and inadequate, Aries. It could be that you're indecisive about how to proceed. There's a strong urge to take charge, but also a tendency to slow things down and let others take the lead.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



When it comes to love and romance, things are definitely in your favor, Taurus. The thing to be aware of today is that there might be some manipulation on the part of someone close to you. Take care that someone else's need for freedom isn't negatively affecting your relationship.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Things regarding love and romance may be a bit dicey for you, Gemini. You may find that you have to make a few adjustments in order to remain on the same page as your loved ones. Neither one of you may feel like taking the lead at this time, causing some hesitation in the relationship. While each of you is trying to second-guess the other, confusion is likely to reign.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



The more tightly you try to hang onto something, Cancer, the more likely it is it will want to slip through your fingers. Grab what you want, but don't squeeze too hard. Maintain an important balance between showing someone you care by taking them under your wing and allowing them the freedom to be their own person.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Matters involving love and romance might not go exactly the way you'd like, Leo. You could be waiting for your partner to make the next move, since you're unsure of which way the relationship is progressing. At the same time, it may be that your partner is the one waiting for you.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Things should be going well for you in the love and romance department, Virgo, but you could find that today things get a bit tenuous. While you want things to be clear and planned out, it could be that your partner longs for more freedom and spontaneity. Tension may result if either party becomes too set in their ways. The tension may arise when neither partner wants to take the lead.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



People may be wondering how to proceed while you're off doing your own thing. Don't go in one direction and leave someone else behind, Libra. In matters regarding love and romance, you may have to slow down and communicate with your partner. Take the lead and try not to get slowed down by other people's indecisiveness.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Recent events in the love and romance department may have you feeling like you aren't getting your needs met, Scorpio. Remember that other people aren't mind readers the way you are. If someone's behavior isn't right with you, say so. Romantic partnerships should uplift and support your dreams, not something you make personal sacrifices for just to maintain.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Be careful that you aren't manipulating a romantic situation so your partner loses any power, Sagittarius. You may think your actions are noble and well meaning, but you may be creating a scenario that has no basis in reality. People could be impressionable, but that doesn't mean you should take advantage of this by promoting your own interests at the expense of another's.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Things in the love department may be looking up for you, Capricorn, but beware that you aren't getting pushed around. Your partner could feel the need for more freedom in the relationship, while you're hoping to find more commitment. Take it one day at a time. Don't get ahead of yourself by projecting scenarios that may not come to fruition.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

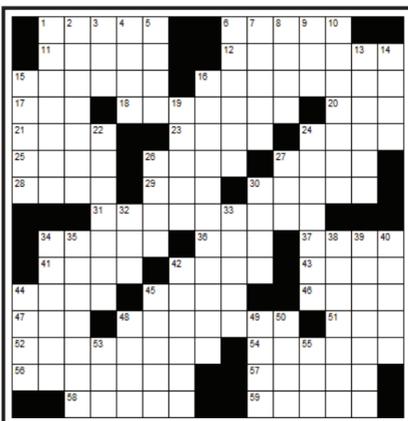


You may find that you're indecisive when it comes to issues concerning love and romance, Aquarius. For some reason, you have a tendency to pull one way and then the other, yet neither way seems very rewarding. Don't feel like you have to take concrete action at this time. In fact, if you do, this commitment may cause you more frustration later.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Try to get more grounded in your actions regarding love and romance, Pisces. You may need to take a more reserved approach in your actions in order to get where you need to go. At the same time, however, your freedom-loving, adventurous side may feel the need to roam more freely. This is a tough combination of energies to work with, so do your best to find a balance.



Across

- Monetary penalties, 6. Manager, 11. Picture, 12. Name, 15. A citrus fruit, 16. Participant
- Beer barrel, 18. Caught, 20. French for "Summer", 21. Dogfish, 23. Gunk
- Infants, 25. Long ago, 26. Car trunk (British), 27. Essence, 28. Moving within
- A large vase, 30. Hockey footwear, 31. Elkwoods, 34. Gives forth, 36. Muck
- After-bath powder, 41. Demolish, 42. Citrus fruit, 43. Always, 44. A ceremonial staff,
- Sit for a photo, 46. Wander, 47. An Old Testament king, 48. Knickknack, 51. C
- People with red hair, 54. Magician, 56. Gallivant, 57. Leave out, 58. Doled out, 59. Storehouse,

Down

- He fights blazes, 2. Follower of free verse poetry, 3. Indian bread, 4. Hens make them,
- Observed, 6. Surgical cord, 7. Chose, 8. Copied, 9. Bamboozle, 10. Hideaway
- Urticate, 14. TTTT 15. Relative of a giraffe, 16. Field-crop experts, 19. Fruit of the oak tree, 22. Spray very finely, 24. A small kitchen appliance, 26. Insects, 27. Calypso offshoot,
- On the left or right, 32. Consumed food, 33. Unit of luminous flux, 34. Found at the end of a pencil
- Paving material, 38. Popular salad ingredient, 39. A young hare, 40. Belief system
- Wealthy, 44. Shopping place, 45. Stage, 48. Cried, 49. Was indebted, 50. Scrabble piece
- Hasten, 55. Nil,

Yesterday's Solution



above, acuity, amazing amen, began, blink border defeat, delete desire, disappointed, dynasty, election fears, fight, furtive, future, knife, known, marry, more nation, neglect, never, organize,

