

Afghan Army Rescue 15 Construction Workers

KABUL - The Afghan National Army (ANA) forces rescued 15 construction workers in the restive Maidan Wardak province, the local officials said Saturday. The Taliban militants were looking to kidnap the construction workers from Syedabad district where they were on the way to the road construction work in Azadkhel and Haft Asia area. The provincial government media office in a statement said a clash broke out between the Taliban militants and Afghan army soldiers as they tried to kidnap the workers. The



statement further added that the Taliban militants killed the driver of the construction workers and injured two others while attempting to kidnap them. The Afghan army soldiers interfered and stopped the militants to take the workers with them, the statement added. The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the report so far which comes amid rampant insurgency led by the group across the country. Maidan Wardak is among the relatively ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Militants' Attack Claim 4 Police Lives

LASHKAR GAH - Attack on a security checkpoint, obviously conducted by Taliban militants claimed the lives of four police personnel in Nad Ali district of the southern Helmand province on Saturday, a security official said. "Taliban militants attacked a security checkpoint in Naqilabad area of Nad Ali district early Saturday killing four police personnel," the official told Xinhua, but ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Man Beheaded Amid Growing Insecurity in Sar-I-Pul

SAR-I-PUL - A young man has been founded beheaded in northern Sar-i-Pul province amid complaints many officials including the provincial governor and police chief are absent from their offices. The 21-year-old, Abdul Manan, went missing from outside his home after offering prayers last night and his decapitated body was found in the morning in a desert. The victim's ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

23 Infrastructure Projects Completed in Ghor Province

KABUL - National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD/NSP) on Saturday 23 Infrastructure Projects worth AFN 20,297,000 Completed in in Shahrak district of Ghor province. According to NSP Provincial Manager in Ghor province, these projects include the excavation of wells, extension of water supply networks, graveling rural roads, construction of culverts, irrigation reservoirs, irrigation canals, micro



hydro power stations, public baths and protection walls. Approximately, 1,881 families in different communities had an opportunity to gain access to basic human needs upon completion of these projects. Since ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

160kg of Lapis Lazuli Stones, Heroin Seized

KUNDUZ CITY - Police have arrested five individuals including a woman over allegedly trafficking more than 140 kilograms of lapis lazuli stones and 18 kilograms heroin in northern Kunduz province, officials said on Saturday. Kunduz police chief Mohammad Qasim Jangalbagh told Pajhwok Afghan News the stones and the heroin were seized from a 303 public transport bus in Kisa Topa area of Ali Abad district on Friday. He said the smugglers wanted to transfer the materials from Badakhshan province to capital Kabul. Three people



arrested in connection with trafficking the smuggling bid were currently under police interrogation. "We have taken special measures to prevent smuggling of drugs and precious stones. We are fighting against smugglers the way we fight against terrorism. We do not want our youth to become drug addicts or our national treasury is looted," he said. Local officials few ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Prisoner's Escape Bid in Woman's Dress Frustrated in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - A prisoner who put woman's dress and makeup attempted to escape from the central jail in northern Jawzjan province, but failed, the prison's commander said on Saturday. Col. Dil Aqa Adil said Mohammad Nadir, who had been sentenced to 16 years in jail for links with Taliban, tried to walk out of the prison after his parents visited him and had been able to cross two check-posts but he was identified at the last and women-check-point. The 31-year-old had been arrested a year ago. Adil said Nadir was captured by the prison guards after he was identified wearing ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

6 Rebels, Illegal Armed Men Killed in Fresh Bout of Violence

SHEBRGHAN/CHARIKAR - At least three militants and three illegal armed men have been killed and four others injured in separate incidents in north-western Jawzjan and central Parwan provinces, officials said Saturday. Jawzjan governor's spokesman, Mohammad Reza Ghafari, told Pajhwok Afghan News that three militants were killed during a clash with upraising members in Kukuldash village of Faizabad district on Friday night. Another four militants were wounded during the six-hour gun battle, he said, adding the



clash took place when the rebels gathered in Naseri and Joi Wazir area attacked upraising members in the area. He said the rebels were pushed back after reinforcement arrived. However, Taliban claimed inflicting heavy casualties to upraising groups during the fight. But they did not provide the exact figures. Elsewhere, three illegal ...*(More on P4)...(19)*



Skiers take part in the 6th International Ski Competition in Bamyan province on Friday March 4, 2016. Around 75 skiers from 6 countries attend the competition in the mountainous Bamyan province, some 200 km west of Afghan capital of Kabul. (Xinhua/Latif Azimi)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Although you might assume everything will fall into place, you're confronted with the sudden realization that the current circumstances aren't supporting your long-term goals. Nevertheless, you're still tempted to shift into low gear and ram your way through the restraints today. Unfortunately, this kind of impulsive strategy is foolhardy. Don't try to force progress.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your emotions can stand in the way of success if someone blocks your progress today, but the cause of your intense feelings might not be apparent to you yet. Resist the temptation to make judgments because it may take a few days to fully comprehend the dynamics at play now. Your life seems unstable at the moment and it's not prudent to make major decisions until the current turmoil settles.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may feel uncharacteristically pessimistic today, even if major pieces of the puzzle are finally falling into place. Maintain your confidence, whether or not success seems out of reach now. Ironically, the same emotions that are holding you back also contain the seeds for your future progress. Don't accept defeat under any circumstances, even if self-doubt is lurking in the background. Remember, your actions set the stage for the personal transformation ahead.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

It might feel as if there isn't enough time to do everything on your agenda today. Although your immediate problem could be compounded by a lack of resources, it's more likely that your self-esteem is what's in short supply now. No matter what is causing your concern, don't grow discouraged; your current difficulties are not an indication of failure.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although there are significant issues stewing at work, your current behavior at home this weekend has major consequences over the weeks ahead. Consider your goals; if you take on too much, circumstances may force you to let some things go. Make the necessary adjustments to your plans by reading the cues from reality before it's too late. The sooner you initiate action, the easier it will be to lighten your load.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your natural tendency to rely on your common sense helps you stay focused on your highest priorities now. Even if difficult interpersonal dynamics aren't resolving as quickly as you wish, you can still make smart decisions today that set an ambitious course for improvement. Be absolutely clear about your intentions and do not lose sight of your destination no matter what happens. Your faith in your own abilities is currently your most valuable asset.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Although you might be satisfied with the overall direction of your life, there are specific goals that for some reason are not being achieved. You know what you want to do but might not have the ability to pay your way now. Someone close to you could act impulsively today, adding to your emotional stress. Your innate ability to roll with the uncertain circumstances is your best defense.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are tempted to follow a creative path to paint your picture of the future, even if it's totally unrealistic now. Nevertheless, shifting circumstances require you to make fundamental changes to your plans. You might conclude that you've blown an opportunity or missed your chance, but this is not the case. There is plenty of work to do and success won't happen overnight.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Although you are fortunate to have supportive allies offering you positive feedback, it's still tempting to doubt a recent decision. Thankfully, you're able to keep a smile on your face today, even if you encounter difficult situations. But this is not a smart time to give up on your plans; if the demands of life seem overwhelming, remember that Saturn the Tester is giving you a personal wake-up call.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

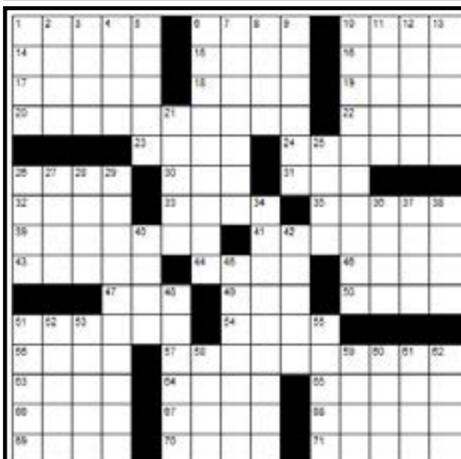
Acknowledging your own weaknesses is all too easy while the radiant Sun squares your key planet sobering Saturn. Although it's demoralizing if you don't match up to your high ideals today, you could judge yourself too harshly. Remember, this period of existential testing isn't occurring because you've done anything wrong. Instead of beating yourself up because you're not perfect.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Don't attempt to push the edge of the envelope today. Instead, restrain yourself just enough to maintain the status quo. Paradoxically, it's easier to feel free if you accept the limitations that circumstances are placing on you now. Rather than trying to eliminate all the sources of resistance, work within the safety net that your social network provides.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

People prevent you from stepping over your limits today, even if you're not aware they are holding you back. The sooner you respond to a restrictive situation, the easier it will be to overcome it. Stop worrying about the things that might not work and focus singularly on your goal instead. You probably won't experience the most relaxing day, but with a bit of serious intention and sincere follow-through you have the power to turn it.



Across
1. Versed, 6. Food from animals, 10. Where the sun rises, 14. Point of greatest despair, 15. Dogfish, 16. A flat mass of ice, 17. String, 18. Jar tops, 19. Satisfactory, 20. Bowels, 22. Death notice, 23. Wise one, 24. Make wealthy, 26. Tuft, 30. Hotel, 31. A parcel of land, 32. Pang, 33. Way in, 35. Woman's sleeveless undergarments, 39. Gatekeeper, 41. Liberty, 43. Large Asian country, 44. Curdled soybean milk, 46. Alone, 47. Hairpiece, 49. French for "Wine", 50. Plod along, 51. Third sign of the zodiac, 54. Corrosive, 56. So be it, 57. Fastidious, 63. Assign a grade, 64. French cheese, 65. Chivalrous, 66. Foundry, 67. Nameless, 68. Danish monetary unit, 69. Away from the wind, 70. Gave temporarily, 71. Move stealthily.

Down
1. Against, 2. Daybreak, 3. Modify, 4. A coniferous tree, 5. Amount of hair, 6. Cancerous, 7. Distinguished, 8. Assistant, 9. Anagram of "Steals", 10. Easy, 11. Pretext, 12. Relating to audible sound, 13. Fangs, 21. Subarctic coniferous forests, 25. Schnozzola, 26. Dry riverbed, 27. Computer symbol, 28. Not bare-foot, 29. Edible marine gastropod, 34. Efficacious, 36. False god, 37. Game on horseback, 38. Dirty air, 40. Principal, 42. Anagram of "Incur", 45. Applause, 48. Used to adjust rocket engines, 51. 3rd Greek letter, 52. Electronic letters, 53. European blackbird, 55. Certain basketball shots, 58. Sea eagle, 59. Forsaken, 60. Double-reed woodwind, 61. Forearm bone, 62. Search.

Yesterday's Solution
argue, bless, chair, clean, condor, crumble, data, dipsy, displeasure, forget, found, gospel, grout, information, joint, lemon, leotard, lever, miser, morsel, order, phone, plate, ports, prude, purge, quarrel, relay, rent, repeat, rite, rose, rule, should, silence, sits.

