



In Kandahar, Carpet Industry on the Upswing

KANDAHAR CITY - The carpet industry has recently made ample headway in southern Kandahar province, where dozens of families are engaged in weaving rugs that have special global fame.

Earlier, the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (DRRD) had distributed carpet-weaving equipment to hundreds of families returning from neighbouring Pakistan and Iran.

Qamar Gul, 45, a resident of the Mir Bazaar area of Kandahar City, is weaving carpets along with her two daughters. She returned to Kandahar a year ago from Pakistan, where she spent 25 years. They had been weaving carpets in Pakistan as well, she recalled. With the support of two daughters, she has been making carpets from dawn to dusk since the MRRD provided her the required tools.

Qamar Gul explains the carpet industry in the province was not in good shape previously, but dozens of families, women and men, are currently eking out a living by weaving carpets.

Receiving 20,000 afghanis monthly, she is happy with her job. She could easily meet financial expenses and other family needs, the woman adds.

Maryam, a returnee from Iran who is living in a rented house, pays the house rent and meets family needs by knitting rugs.

She is also pleased with her work but wants her products to be exported abroad. Maryam also urges the authorities concerned to help sell carpets locally. *...(More on P4)...(9)*

Govt Challenges Remain High Than Achievements: Nabil



KABUL - Presidential candidate Rahmatullah Nabil has accused the National Unity Government (NUG) of politicizing the security forces and running parallel institutions which put a question mark over the system's legitimacy and multiplied economic and security challenges.

Nabil, a former spymaster, is founder of the Mehwar-i-Mardum Afghanistan (MMA) political party and a candidate in the July presidential election.

A total 18 persons have jumped into the presidential race, including incumbent President Ashraf Ghani, Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah, Mohammad Hanif Atmar, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and Nabil.

During an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Nabil criticised the current government officials for

facilitating the Afghan peace process, stressing the need for taking all Afghans on board.

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Nangarhar Attack Ends, 16 Workers, 5 Assailants Killed

JALALABAD - A brazen Taliban attack on a construction company's office came to an end in eastern Nangarhar province on Wednesday, leaving 16 workers and five attackers dead, an official said.

Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News a group of gunmen attacked MQ Company's office close to the airport at around 9:30am.

He confirmed 16 employees of the construction company had been killed. He said two of the attackers blew up explosives attached to their bodies and three others were shot dead by security forces.

Two suicide vests, an explosives-packed vehicle and several hand-grenades were seized by security forces during a search operation.

Inamullah Miakhel, the provincial public health director, told Pajhwok that nine injured people were evacuated to hospital and one of them was in critical condition.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the assault (Pajhwok)

Flash Floods, Snow and Rain Kill at Least 59 in Afghanistan



KABUL - Flash floods, heavy rains and snowfall have killed at least 59 people across Afghanistan during the past two weeks and left thousands homeless, with the southern provinces of Helmand and Kandahar the worst-hit, an Afghan official said on Wednesday.

Some 5,000 people were displaced in

Kandahar alone, the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) said, though a U.N. relief agency reckoned at least 15,300 people in the province had been affected by the calamitous weather.

Hashmat Khan Bahaduri, spokesman for ANDMA,

Pakistan Calls for End to Conflict in Afghanistan



ISALAMBAD - Pakistan insists it is making all-out efforts to facilitate the Afghan peace process, stressing the need for taking all Afghans on board.

Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States Asad Majeed Khan, speaking at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), underlined Washington-Islamabad cooperation

in Afghanistan. Both countries had pursued common goals inspired by shared ideals and common objectives, he said. "We have achieved remarkable successes whenever we worked together."

President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Imran Khan were on the *...(More on P4)...(11)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Books or lectures on spiritual or metaphysical matters could inspire you to pursue a subject and perhaps do some writing, Aries. Contact with friends or colleagues with similar interests could result in fascinating discussions. You might receive some insights about how to pursue your goals more effectively.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Mar 7, 2019 - A new and previously unacknowledged talent for working in social, humanitarian, or spiritual fields could come to light today, Taurus. This could have you thinking seriously about changing jobs or pursuing an entirely new career. The opportunities are there if you look. If you're serious about this change, it's best

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Increased intuition, imagination, and spiritual insight could inspire you to either undertake a course of study or move ahead with related creative projects, Gemini. You might be very pleasantly surprised at what you learn or produce, and so be motivated to continue with whatever you're doing. This could be an inspiring and productive time for you. Make the most of it!

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Recent new ideas, insights, and visions could motivate you to invite friends with similar interests over today, Cancer. You will want to share your experiences, listen to their stories, and try to make sense of it all. This may be an important process, even if some of what's said doesn't seem to make sense. Write down your thoughts and go over them later.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



An invitation to a social event in your neighborhood could put you in touch with artistic or spiritually inclined people. There could be some fascinating exchanges, Leo. The event might continue into the night. No matter how late, no matter how tired you are when you get home, try to get a little exercise to clear your head and quiet your mind.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Spiritual insights you received over the past few days could turn your thoughts to serving others. You might have a talent for teaching and choose to share what you've learned in this way, Virgo. You should feel especially healthy and energetic, so you may be tempted to plunge ahead. Plan carefully. Even the most admirable of enterprises needs to be faced in a practical frame of mind.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Romance should pick up speed today, Libra. You could discover that you and a current or potential romantic partner have many spiritual interests in common. You might attend some lectures or workshops on one of these subjects together. Take care not to plan too much at once. One or both of you could run into conflicts and end up disappointing the other.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You might have intense dreams and visions tonight that could be almost prophetic, Scorpio. These premonitions could be personal, but they're apt to be more worldly, such as political events or something in the life of a celebrity you admire. What you sense should be positive, so there are no warnings involved. Write them down so you can verify them later. You might be surprised!

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



A lecture given by a magnetic speaker could excite your imagination and interest you in a new and intriguing field, Sagittarius. You could also learn about some books on the subject that you want to read. This could give you new motivation to pursue some cherished goals that you've let slide for a while, perhaps inspiring some writing of your own. Friends could prove supportive in this enterprise.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



A friend or colleague could introduce you to a way to increase your income by doing what you love most, Capricorn. This may involve the creative arts, healing, or spiritual or metaphysical matters. Although this might take weeks or months of preparation to put into effect, it should be worth the effort. Check out the facts and think about it. If you still like it, go for it!

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

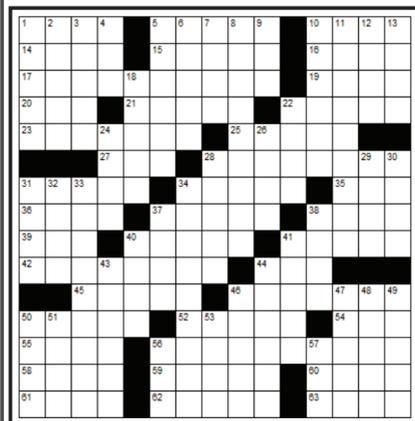


Enthusiasm for spiritual and metaphysical studies could have you feeling optimistic about the future. Your physical energy is high, Aquarius, and this suggests that you want to try yoga, tai chi, or another discipline that combines physical exercise with developing psychic and spiritual faculties. Friends could want to join you in this activity. Let the insights flow, and write them down.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Today you might want to host a meeting of your metaphysically inclined friends, Pisces. Discussions could lead to insights that none of you would have come up with alone. Your minds will be going a thousand miles an hour. None of you may ever be the same! Don't forget to take notes of your discussions. You won't want to forget a thing you've heard or said.



Across

1. A ball of yarn, 5. Cooktop, 10. Does something, 14. Lasso, 15. Disney mermaid
16. Sneaker or pump, 17. Frugal, 19. Arid, 20. Little bit, 21. Part of a stair, 22. Style of interior furnishings, 23. Herring, 25. Scornful smile, 27. A flatbottom boat, 28. Double-crosses, 31. Female fox, 34. Bay window, 35. Uncooked, 36. Biblical garden, 37. Behind, 38. Of higher order, 39. Poetic dusk, 40. Smell, 41. Burdened, 42. A thick fruit drink, 44. Solidify, 45. Quarries, 46. Sorcerous, 50. "Hogwash!", 52. Small terrestrial lizard, 54. Color
55. Ear-related, 56. Graniteware, 58. Small brook, 59. Panache, 60. Remote, 61. Tall woolly plant, 62. Rental agreement, 63. Depend,,

Down

1. Calcium carbonate, 2. Neighborhood, 3. Lyric poem, 4. A common cyst, 5. Develop complicating consequences, 6. Mount, 7. Agreeable, 8. Gear changing device, 9. L, 10. Declare with confidence, 11. Motleyed, 12. Lawn mower brand, 13. Clairvoyant, 18. Heavenly hunter, 22. Found on rotary phones, 24. At what time,, 26. Encounter, 28. Large long-necked wading, bird, 29. Be worthy of, 30. An aquatic bird, 31. V V V V, 32. As just mentioned, 33. A lover of foreign culture, 34. Dutiful or submissive behavior, 37. Sore, 38. Timbuktu country, 40. Goulash
41. Lawful, 43. Seer, 44. Reproductive cell, 46. Mommies, 47. Rub, 48. Hearing-related
49. Apprehensive, 50. Harbor, 51. Blend, 53. Big party, 56. Snake-like fish, 57. Armed conflict,

Yesterday's Solution

another, author, basket break, chart dance decision, deem, develop elope, immense instrumental, leave, letter, major, measure, mesa might, near, number paper, plead, please prayer, protest, proud

