Conditions Not Ready for Full Troop Pullout

KABUL - Amid the ongoing efforts for bringing the Taliban to the peace table with the Afghan government, Gen. Joseph Votel, Commander of the US Central Command, said that politically Afghanistan is not ready for the complete withdrawal of foreign troops.

Votel said that Pentagon has not received any order for troop withdrawal.

He said the US needs to remain in the region in order to prevent the activities of extremist groups such as Daesh and al-Qaeda.

"We have not been directed to withdraw. There are no orders to withdraw anything. It is certainly a function of the conditions on the ground, but it also is of a function of the conditions in the political ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Canadians Sprint in Support of Trail-Blazing Afghan Women

KABUL - In support of trail-blazing Afghan women who often face threats for participating in long-distance races, thousands of Canadians took part in so-called secret marathons on Wednesday. Coming ahead of International Women's Day on Friday and the release of a new documentary

"The Secret Marathon," the events were organised in 16 cities across Canada, the Canadian TV reported.

Due to be released this year, the documentary highlights the enterprising Afghan women who participated in marathons despite cultural and social barriers and security threats.

Hirra Farooqi, the documentary's production assistant, was quoted as saying: ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

AGO Hires 359 Women Employees in Recent Years

KABUL - Over 2,700 incidents of violence have been investigated during the outgoing solar year, a statement from the Attorney General Office said on Friday.

The AGO reiterated its commitment to work harder to protect the rights of women and prevent the incidents of violence against women.

According to the statement the AGO played key role in eradicating violence against women and increasing their employment in the government body. ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

18 Rebels Perished in Security Forces Operations

KABUL - Eighteen militants have been killed in separate clashes in 17 provinces of the country in the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Friday.

Two joint operations, 23 commando raids, three airstrikes had been carried out by security forces for the elimination of rebels hideouts and to avert security threats, ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

Procurement Entity	NPA on behalf of Ministry of Energy and Water
Funded By	Government of Afghanistan
Item Description/ Ref No.	Consultancy Services for Feasibility Study of Lorah Dam, NPA/MEW/98/CS-2406/QCBS
Deadline for EOI Submission	**March 20, 2019 by 15:00 Hours** (Local Time).
Address for Submission of EOIs	Secretary of Bid Opening, Deputy of Operation and Resources, National Procurement Authority(NPA); Administrative Office of the President(AOP). Pashtunestan Wat, Kabul, Afghanistan. Secretary of Bid Opening, Deputy of Operation and Resources, National Procurement Authority(NPA); Administrative Office of the President(AOP). Pashtunestan Wat, Kabul, Afghanistan. **Attention: Taliburahman Rahmani** Facilitation Specialist |Deputy Operation & Resources| National Procurement Authority (NPA), Pashtunestan Wat, Kabul, Afghanistan Administrative Office of the President (AOP) | Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Office PH NO: +93 (0) **791045734** Email: talib.rahmani@aop.gov.af Copied to :mirwais.rahimi@npa.gov.af, ahmad.naqshbandi@npa.gov.af Web site: www.npa.gov.af
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

Procurement Entity	NPA on behalf of Ministry of Energy and Water
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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Mar 9, 2019 - You may be a bit aggravated today, Aries. People seem to be more of a hindrance than a help to you. Don't be too accusatory until you make sure that you're operating honestly and productively. You may automatically go into defensive mode and end up accusing someone of the very thing that you're guilty of.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You have a unique opportunity to review plans and foundations that you've recently put into place, Taurus. As carpenters say, "Measure twice and cut once." This is a key time to review your plans and make sure your structure is secure. If there's any doubt about what you've completed so far, consult someone whose expertise you trust.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your laziness isn't making it easy to get out of bed, Gemini. In fact, all you may want to do today is absolutely nothing. Unfortunately, this may not be possible. Whether it is or not, you can make the best of this feeling as long as you keep yourself in the right frame of mind. Find the element of fun in everything you do, including your work.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may but heads with someone who's equally unwilling to budge, Cancer. Use this conflict as a lesson in perspective. Understand the motivation of the opposite side. The life lesson you may need to learn probably has to do with discipline and the need for honest sweat from your brow.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

- You may run into roadblocks today, Leo, but don't worry. These are things you are capable of working around. The tricky part of the situation is that none of these blocks is likely to budge, and you may have absolutely no understanding of why they're there. Try not to take this barricade personally.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your mind is sharp today, and your willingness to work is equally strong, Virgo. Use this powerful combination of forces to your full advantage. You will find that your brain is like a powerful steel trap. There is very little that will escape your attention. The most important thing for you to remember is to not let other people obstruct your progress.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may get out of bed with a jolt, Libra, indicative of the fact that there are forces prodding you from almost every direction. It may seem like you're in high demand, so do your best to appease those who need your attention. The key for you is not to get overwhelmed to the point where you can no longer function at all.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

It isn't a good idea to blame your troubles on others, Scorpio. The only one that you really have to blame is you. You will find that your mind is active today and that it might send you around in circles unless you make a conscious effort to slow it down and get it going on the right path. Deal with the facts of the situation instead of the emotions that may arise from it.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Today it may seem like you're trapped in a power struggle that you can't get out of, Sagittarius. The problem is that this struggle may have very little to do with you and your actions. There's a strong, limiting force that is asking you to slow down. Try your best not to get involved with conflicts that don't concern you.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

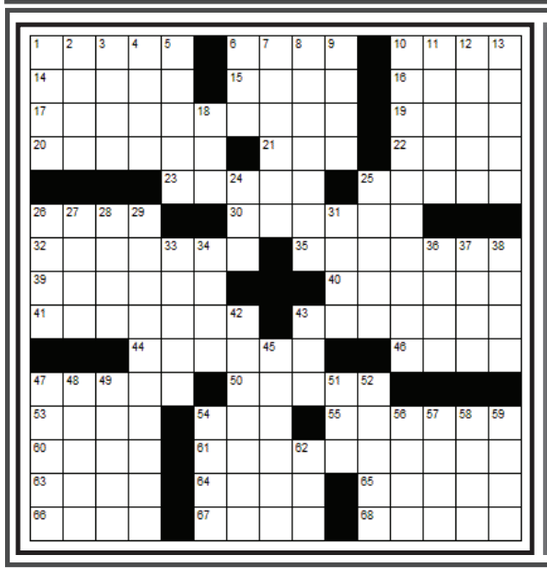
Your solid, grounded, and steady approach may be challenged today, Capricorn. Someone with a strong ego could punch holes in the plan you've so carefully laid out. Try to stick with the facts and do your best not to let this turn into some sort of popularity contest. Be humble and direct. Try not to be too emotional or sensitive.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Take care that your self-esteem doesn't depend on what other people tell you, Aquarius. One minute a bit of flattery may send you high as a kite, and the next minute some criticism may have you feeling down in the dumps. Do your best to not let others blow you up and then deflate you as if you're nothing but a balloon.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your self-esteem should be good now, Pisces. You will find that you can make great strides on long-term projects. This is a good day to put your nose to the grindstone and get to work. There's an extra bit of productive force in the day that will help you achieve just about anything you set your mind to.



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Down

1. Epic, 2. Cain's brother, 3. Search, 4. A city in western Russia, 5. Filched, 6. Anagram of "Ail", 7. Wealth, 8. Betrayer, 9. An exchange involving money, 10. A type of change, 11. Exotic 12. Delineated, 13. Loamy deposit 18. A castrated tomcat, 24. Top part of an apron, 25. Strange, 26. Church alcove, 27. Fuss, 28. Wander, 29. Ousted, 31. Natural satellite, 33. Anagram of "Sneer", 34. Absorb written material, 36. Ripped, 37. If not, 38. Anagram of , "Deer", 42. Permit 43. Large flightless bird, 45. Sophisticated, 47. A condition marked by tremors, 48. Hello or goodbye, 49. Small drum, 51. French for "Summer", 52. A Canadian winter hat, 54. Perishes, 56. A step on a ladder, 57. Infant, 58. At the peak of, 59. Following

Yesterday's Solution

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