

# MAIL Eyes Promoting Drip Irrigation

KABUL - Drip irrigation system have been introduced in 24 provinces and new efforts are underway to further promote the system in the country, say officials in the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL). The system will soon be extended for use in the irrigation of gardens, said MAIL. "We have introduced drip irrigation into 24 provinces. We started from greenhouses, at macro both levels and at homes. Now we are moving on to use the system in gardens," the agriculture minister Assadullah Zamir said in an event on Thursday. Farmers urged have the min-



istry to implement the system properly. "The drip irrigation is good because it reaches all parts of a plant," Zahra, a farmer in Kabul said. "It has many advantages. The Government should develop the system. It benefits our products," said Sher Zaman, another farmer. Agricultural affairs analyst Yasin Farahman said the drip irrigation should replace the traditional system across the country. "Drip irrigation is a technical system therefore all farmers cannot use it. There is a need to train farmers in the use of the system," said Farahmand.(Tolonews)

## Daesh Militants Set Afire Shrines in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - Suspected Daesh militants demolished and torched at least two shrines and graveyards in the Darzab district of northern Jawzjan province on Thursday. The arson attack was carried out by Daesh gunmen in Sufi Dost Mohammad and Bibi Maryam villages of the district, the governor's spokesman said. Mohammad Raza Ghafoori told Pajhwok Afghan News that Daesh militants destroyed two ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Besieged Paktika Residents at Risk of Famine

SHARANA - The residents of three districts in southeastern Paktika province say they have run out of food items because militants have blocked roads to the towns. The residents of Worumami, Terwa and Waza Khwa districts said they faced high security threats and the shortage of food items. Maulvi Abdul Hai, a local tribal elder, told Pajhwok Afghan News the main ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## Taliban Control Kunduz-Takhar Highway at Night

KUNDUZ CITY - The Taliban insurgents control the Kunduz-Takhar highway at night, as security personnel lack the required facilities and equipment, police said on Thursday. Shirin Baid, one of the policemen based in Kunduz, told Pajhwok Afghan News they were obliged to patrol the highway with little facilities and had no specific security post. ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

## Gov't Security Strategy under Fire as Families Burry Loved Ones

KABUL - The Parents of Behroz Behnam, a pharmacist who was killed at the Sardar Mohammad Daud military hospital, have called on the government leaders to appointed qualified and educated cadres in the security institutions. Behnam's father, Jalandar Shah Behnam, who is a military general said on Thursday that the security ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

## Taliban Stones Woman to Death, Whips Man over Adultery

FAIZABAD - The Taliban insurgents have stoned a woman to death but left the man after whipping him over adultery in northeastern Badakhshan province of Afghanistan. (Photo: File Photo) According to the local officials, the incident took place in the remote and restive district of Wardoj. The ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

# Hizb-E-Islami Exhibits Hekmatyar's Publications

KABUL - The Hizb-e-Islami group on Thursday in Kabul exhibited 118 of scientific works of its leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. The exhibition was attended by representatives of political parties, Jihadi figures and politicians. The exhibits include writings on a variety of subjects such as justice, war for freedom, Islamic governance, religion and woman rights. "In the preface of his book, Hekmatyar has written a scientific review of violence against the women," said MP Sahira Sharif. Visitors to the exhibition called on the Afghan politicians, leaders of political parties and jihadi figures to unite in the view of ongoing crisis in the country.



"50 years have passed since the people of Afghanistan started their struggle, it seems that we have not learnt anything yet," said ...*(More on P4)...(25)*

## Foreign Militants among 64 Dead in Security Forces Operations

KABUL - Sixty-four militants, including Iranian and Pakistanis, have been killed and 37 other wounded during clearing operation in different parts of the country, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Thursday. The casualties have been inflicted on the rebels during the past 24 hours, said a statement from the MoD. The location where two Iranian and four Pakistanis had been killed was not identified in the statement. In the past there have



been reports regarding the killing of Pakistani rebels in the country but the involvement of Iranian nationals in rebel activities was rare. Recently the Afghan officials alleged Iran was cooperating with the Taliban in insurgent activities in Afghanistan. Former Taliban leader Mullah Mansour was killed in a US drone strike in Pakistan's Balochistan province. Mansour was coming from Iran.(Pajhwok)

## 5 Policemen Join Taliban in Badghis

KABUL - Five policemen with their weapons have joined the Taliban ranks in the Bala Murghab district of northwestern Badghis province, an official said on Friday. Zahir Bahand, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the five policemen joined the Taliban at around 1:00am Thursday night in the Jargala Gaw locality. He said the surrendered policemen hailed from the Jawand and



Murghab district and were recently deployed in police ranks. He said fresh security personnel had been deployed at the check-post which left vacant after the surrender of five policemen to Taliban. (Pajhwok)

## 20 Taliban Militants Killed in Foreign Forces Airstrike

KANDAHAR CITY - At least twenty Taliban militants were killed in an airstrike conducted by the foreign forces in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan. According to the local security officials, the militants were targeted as they were planning to launch a coordinated attack on Nish district. Provincial police spokesman Zia Durani said the airstrike was carried out in Lam area located between Nish and Khakriz districts. He said the airstrike was conducted amid ongoing operations by the Afghan forces to clear Nish district of militants. ...*(More on P4)...(26)*

## Kabul Plans Green City Project

KABUL - Officials of Kabul municipality on Thursday said that the Green City program, known as CGC, will be implemented with the financial support of USAID and UN-Habitat, the United Nations Human Settlements Program. They added that the implementation of the project will create thousands of jobs for residents of the capital city. \$20 million is expected to be spent on the project. From the total amount, \$8 million will be spent this year in at least 15 sub districts in

Kabul. The acting mayor of Kabul, Abdullah Habibzai, said the project is the initial step toward implementing a Green Kabul strategy. The implementation of the project will help improve clean environment in the city. "InshaAllah, the implementation of the project will bring tangible change in localities, crossings and all areas of Kabul city," said Habibzai. "We have agreed to purchase 150 vehicles for the collection of garbage in Kabul city," said ...*(More on P4)...(27)*

## Outlook Horoscope

### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're skipping through your day with a smile on your face. Although today's events are nothing to write home about, everything seems like a game when the playful Leo Moon is brightening your 5th House of Recreation. But sooner or later, a lunar shift to exciting Virgo reminds you that there's work waiting with your name on it. Anticipating the shift in gears will help you maintain your good mood even after it appears the party is over.

### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You relish the opportunity to breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that your feet are back on solid ground again. Reestablishing your center of gravity enables you to feel more confident in your decisions. Although basking in your comfort zone is a nice reprieve, you naturally want to direct your energy toward something productive now. Find a hands-on activity to occupy your creativity before the Moon enters.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your positive message is believable today because it's coming from a place of true optimism. You're happy to offer uplifting words to anyone who needs them, knowing it reinforces your good mood as well. However, when you're back inside your familiar four walls at home it could seem like the light that brightened your disposition is just illuminating all the chores that must be done. Rather than being discouraged by this sudden change in the atmosphere, whistle while you work.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your restlessness may increase throughout the day, but there are proactive measures you can take to stop one small slip from turning into a full-blown negative spiral. Putting your ducks in a row as early as possible prevents overwhelm later when the Moon gets serious about organization in meticulous Virgo. Writing down errands and tasks helps you keep grounded in your efforts instead of drowning in details.

### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

People gravitate to you like a bonfire on a chilly night because your warmth is so inviting. You're happy to be generous at first, picking up the lunch tab and lending a friendly ear to someone who needs it. But you may grow more antsy as the clock ticks, recognizing your own house needs to be put in order.

### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may begin the day with a plan to cut yourself some slack; honestly, you of all people deserve to take it easy sometimes. But oddly enough, you pick up speed throughout the day and before you know it you're searching for more things to do. The productive Virgo Moon enlivens your 1st House of Self, putting you in your element and pushing you to reshuffle your priorities. There is no substitute for hard work. No rest is worth anything, except the rest that is earned.

### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It's not easy to turn down an intriguing invitation, and recharging your batteries sounds like a better idea today. Social commitments you made earlier may hold little appeal after the virtuous Virgo Moon moves into your 12th House of Rest. There's no harm in canceling your plans now, but don't let unfounded anxiety keep you from connecting with others. An old English proverb cautions, "Worrying is like sitting in a rocking chair."

### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You feel like a superstar when your peers recognize you for a job well done. Your industrious efforts are paying off now, and you're ready to ride this wave of accomplishment to even greater heights. However, your confidence can only carry you so far.

### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You can see a gleaming future in your mind's eye but it's up to you to move toward your ultimate goal as you navigate through the real world. Sometimes doing the required work is less invigorating than imagining the end product, but both are required in order to make progress. Thankfully, the Moon's shift into your 10th House of Responsibility empowers you to intuitively make the right choices that lead to success.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

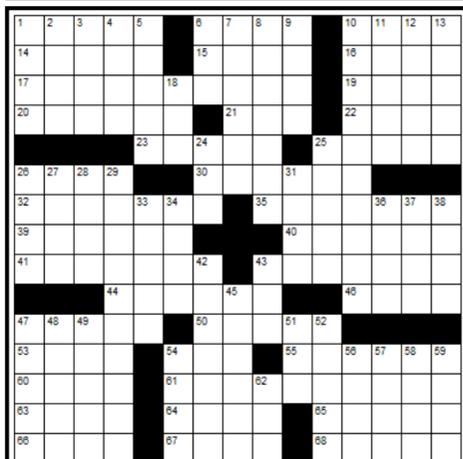
Traversing your inner world is a major endeavor, but it can also give you a greater appreciation of yourself. Once you take a courageous step in the direction of self-acceptance, it's rewarding to see the speed at which you progress. Thankfully, you will be ready to reestablish yourself in the material world when your quest comes to an end. Sinking your teeth into an activity that grounds your energy aids in your process of self-actualization.

### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Playful banter lifts your spirits, but something changes when the conversation goes deeper. The energy isn't the same once you start to explore the logistics of a relationship, and it could be disconcerting at first. It might seem like you're talking to a different person once the dialogue heats up to an uncomfortable temperature. Nevertheless, authenticity is more important now than emotional security.

### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You keep saying yes today, because the longer your to-do list, the more excited you feel about accomplishing every last task. You might even volunteer to help someone else tie up their loose ends, feeling certain that luck is on your side. However, when the picky Virgo Moon moves into your 7th House of Others, your previous obligations demand your attention. You may need to let a friend down because you put too much on your own plate.



**Across**  
 1. Fictional deer, 6. Vice President, 10. Metal fastener, 14. Districts, 15. Covetousness, 16. Yucky, 17. An open letter, 19. French for "Black", 20. Anagram of "Steals", 21. Fury, 22. Tall woody plant, 23. Strike, 25. Dispatches, 26. Killer whale, 30. A type of bivalve, 32. American clarinetist, 35. Three book series, 39. Law officer, 40. A type of rhododendron, 41. Invigorate, 43. Agreeableness, 44. Anagram of "Warder", 46. Sleep in a convenient place, 47. Heathen, 50. Sweetie, 53. Adjoin, 54. Not in, 55. Attraction, 60. 53 in Roman numerals, 61. Lift bridge, 63. Cocoyam, 64. A romantic meeting, 65. Blockage of the intestine, 66. Observed, 67. Toboggan, 68. Agile Old World viverrine.

**Down**  
 1. To diet, 2. Region, 3. Kittens' cries, 4. Low in pitch, 5. Small islands, 6. Animal doctor, 7. Being, 8. Tallest mountain, 9. Combustible pile, 10. Wilderness, 11. Fruit of the oak tree, 12. Slalomed, 13. Anagram of "Preys", 18. Shade tree, 24. Charged particle, 25. Take by force, 26. Leer at, 27. A soft sheepskin leather, 28. Hood, 29. Esteem, 31. Streetcar, 33. Expert, 34. Again, 36. Hodgepodge, 37. Obtains, 38. Cheers, 42. Instinctive, 43. Big fuss, 45. Spin, 47. Loses color, 48. Put up with, 49. Direct the course, 51. Bar bill, 52. Bit of parsley, 54. Probabilities, 56. Heap, 57. Biblical garden, 58. Chills and fever, 59. In order to prevent, 62. Married.

**Yesterday's Solution**  
 BABY HASTE SATE  
 AGUE BAKEN TROW  
 CROSS BRED OBOE  
 KEY KNOWN SLOTS  
 SESSION AFTER  
 ORB UGLINESS  
 STOOD SNEER TAT  
 TIFT COPRA DUMA  
 EFF KEPTIS LIMNEY  
 MASTODON LAM  
 CAPER DISEASE  
 EARTH IDEAS REC  
 FRET RIFIGTIONAIO  
 FEEL DIVAS ORAL  
 SANE SCALE WANE

again, angry, appoint, bade, beautiful, bound, copious, cross, fare, forest, gets, graze, guard, hatred, hedge, heels, hire, idiot, imply, invent, leader, light, object, pail, participate, plenty, query, quiet, reliable, replace, rile, screw, sect, table, taught, teach.

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