

# Domestic Products Sales Rise after Border Closure

JALALABAD - A food production and processing factory officials in eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday said their sales had drastically increased after Pakistan closed the Torkham border crossing. The Gift to Zest Factory was founded in Nangarhar 14 years ago and currently produces 55 types of jam, sauce, pickles, ketchup, vinegar and porridge. Sher Mohammad Khiwawal, the factory's owner, he had been working in a factory in Pakistan under a contract as a reseller.



But his contract later cancelled and he decided to establish his own factory in Pakistan before shifting the same to Nangarhar province after demand for his products increased in the market. Currently his factory produced 55 kinds of jam, sauce, pickles, ketchup, vinegar and porridge, he said. "I started my business from 30,000 Pakistani rupees but now my investment has reached 1,000,000 afghanis and we have contracts ... (More on P4)...(16)

## 24 Taliban Killed in Helmand Joint Airstrikes

LASHKARGAH - Twenty-four militants have been killed, including a notorious commander, during joint airstrikes by Afghan and American forces in southern Helmand province, officials said on Tuesday.



Another three Taliban gunmen were wounded in the joint air raids that pounded the rebels in Loymand and Bolan areas near Lashkar-

gah, the provincial capital, and Nad Ali districts on Monday night, said Lt. Col. Mohammad Rasoul Zazai, a spokesman for the Maiwand Military Corps. He ... (More on P4)...(18)

## 11 Rebels Killed in Ghazni Clash, Drone Strike

GHAZNI - Nearly a dozen Taliban militants were killed in a ground and air operation in central Ghazni province on Tuesday, officials said.

In the ensuing clash, eight attackers were killed and four others wounded. The slain Taliban included a notorious commander, Mullah Shoab and Waziristani Taliban.

Ghazni police chief Brig. Gen Aminullah Amarkhel told Pajhwok Afghan News militants stormed security forces posts in Tasan village of Dah Yak district on Tuesday morning.

One policeman and one army soldier were also wounded during the gun-battle, Amarkhel added. Separately, the police chief said, ... (More on P4)...(19)

### Kandahar Governor to Resume Work on March 18

KANDAHAR CITY - Kandahar Governor Dr. Hamayun Azizi, who was wounded in a massive suicide bombing, will return to work on next Saturday, an official said on Tuesday. Currently in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the governor underwent medical treatment Azizi ... (More on P4)...(20)

### 300 Deep Wells being Dug up to Help Poor Growers

KANDAHAR CITY - The police chief for southern Kandahar province, Gen. Abdul Raziq, has launched the process for digging up solar wells for poor farmers.



The process was kicked off in Daman and Dand districts, where some 300 deeps wells would be dug and a solar irrigation system established to help growers. Police spokesman Zia Durrani said Gen. Raziq

wanted to provide irrigation facilities to farmers through digging deep wells in areas where agriculture was hit by lack of water. He said the solar irrigation system ... (More on P4)...(21)

### Taliban Cut off Hand, Foot of Suspected Thief

KABUL - The Taliban have cut off a suspected thief's hand and foot in public, the latest brutal punishment to be meted out by the Islamic extremists in the growing areas under their control, Afghan officials said Tuesday. The young man, identified

as Ghulam Farooq, had been detained in a remote area of the western Herat province that is controlled by the insurgents, who have seized several rural districts in different parts of the country in recent years. Provincial ... (More on P4)...(17)

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Ministry of Finance now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Procurement of IT Equipment for Internal Audit Department and other line ministries against IFB No. NPA/MoF/96/ICB/G-1594 Re-Bid, Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB), procedures specified in the World Bank Guide line.

A complete set of bidding Document in English may be obtained by downloading the same from the NPA website [www.npa.gov.af](http://www.npa.gov.af). Or directly, contact National Procurement Authority, 4th Floor, Administrative Office of President, Pashtonistan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan.

Bids must be delivered to the address above at or before 10:00 AM (Local time), on 30th April 2017. Electronic bids will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of the amount 12,000 USD or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

Email: [Samandar.shams@aop.gov.af](mailto:Samandar.shams@aop.gov.af) copy to [Nizamuddin.bakkshi@aop.gov.af](mailto:Nizamuddin.bakkshi@aop.gov.af)

A pre-bid conference shall be held on 16th April 2017 - at 10:00 AM Afghanistan Time. If applicable

Venue: Project Management office (PMO) - Internal Audit Department Ministry of Finance Kabul, Afghanistan

## Outlook Horoscope

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

It's tricky to work out exactly what is going on between you and a friend. Even when you approach a miscommunication from multiple angles, it seems there's always something else wrong. It's as if you're trying to cut through a giant spider web: everything sticks to everything else until you're bound up in all the threads.

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

Working around people's schedules proves to be a challenging task today. Trying to make room in your own daily routine to lend a helping hand is taxing your reserves of energy and patience. You're willing to do whatever it takes no matter what because past experience has taught you that if you don't accommodate others, they could call it quits on you all together.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

There's something on your mind that you prefer not to think about. You're looking to shake things up, hoping some laughter will ease the tense atmosphere. You can usually count on your wicked humor to break the ice, but it's as if your jokes don't make sense and you can't read your audience. By avoiding a memory that makes you wince, you could be inadvertently creating a similar situation in which you embarrass yourself by going overboard trying to stir up reactions.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You keep looking over your shoulder today, wondering what else will come out of the blue. You're doing your best to maintain your optimism, but you might be distracted by behind-the-scenes tension with a family member or roommate. All you really want is for home to feel like a place everyone can relax, but the current instability may lead you to assume that's a pipe dream.

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

It's easy to fill up your time with engagements and errands to give your mind something to do. An emotional sore spot is playing a sad song on low volume in the back of your head today, and you're doing everything you can to change the tune. Chatting up everyone you encounter is one way to drown out your feelings, but there's an even better solution available.

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

One second you're smiling with the breeze at your back, but the next moment you feel like you're fighting against the wind. Your moods are unpredictable even when you try to think ahead and prevent surprises that could throw you off kilter. Worrying about people criticizing your erratic behavior only adds to your anxiety, but they're probably not judging you as harshly as you are now. Releasing your attachment to the outcome of the day will do wonders to take the edge off.

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

You have one eye trained on the people around you today, because your quick reaction time allows you to keep up. Rapidly changing moods make constant readjustment a necessity. Although you're willing to do the dance of social niceties, you can't help but hope that everyone will calm down soon. Your attempts to smooth things over leave little time to tend to your own feelings, which aren't in the best shape either.

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

The moment you find time to pencil in some downtime, it's as if another task magically appears at the bottom of your list. You may try to do as much as you can out of the public eye now, because you don't have the energy to deal with any more emotions than your own. Perhaps you remember a time when you took a risk yet went completely unnoticed.

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

There might have been a stage in your life when you were not allowed to do things your way, which contributes to your exaltation of freedom now. A childhood memory of just such a time may slip into your consciousness today, triggering your desire to take flight and rise above it. However, you're not doing yourself any favors by applying cheap thrills as an anesthetic for old emotional wounds.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

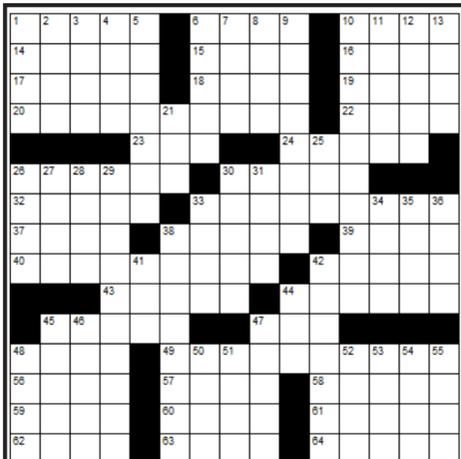
You're doing your best to act the part today and maintain an air of professionalism. Sometimes it's easier to switch to manager mode and moderate everyone's disputes when your own inner sky is cloudy. However, turning away from your emotions won't make them go away, nor will working overtime save you from facing your own feelings. Making a gray sky blue takes time; but unless you accept the situation as it is now.

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

You love floating in a cloud bank of ideas because you can sustain a more objective point of view. Some folks may consider your philosophical approach too intellectual, but it's actually just an extreme awareness of the risk of ignorance. Maybe it's not something you talk about very much, but you question your worth more than people know, and it informs your decisions daily.

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

It's as if a time machine sent you back to an earlier chapter of your life. The past feels so vividly real that you almost expect to see your younger self in the mirror looking back at you. However, you are still accountable to everyone else's timeline now, and you must keep pace with the world as it rushes on. But don't make the mistake of thinking you can bury bittersweet feelings when they resurface.



### Across

- 1. Meddle, 6. Largest continent, 10. Was cognizant, 14. Nigerian monetary unit, 15. An indistinct shapeless form, 16. Exploded star, 17. Lazybones, 18. Mend (archaic), 19. Egg-shaped, 20. Corridor, 22. Formally surrender, 23. Alcove, 24. Foot joint, 26. Envelop, 30. Devilfish, 32. Two-door car, 33. The skin of a traditional canoe, 37. Astrological transition point, 38. Compel, 39. Double-reed woodwind, 40. Stimulates, 42. Soft leather, 43. European currency, 44. Make plump, 45. "Beau \_\_\_", 47. A parcel of land, 48. "Oh my!", 49. Cures bacterial infections, 56. Wise men, 57. Harvest, 58. Tint, 59. Chocolate cookie, 60. French Sudan, 61. Satiates, 62. Composer Jerome, \_\_\_, 63. Hurried.

### Down

- 1. Trim, 2. Zero, 3. Anagram of "Silo", 4. Mining finds, 5. A short moral story, 6. Monastery, 7. Killed, 8. Greek letter, 9. Temporary cessation, 10. Boisterous, 11. Book of fiction, 12. Avoid, 13. Welt, 21. Wander aimlessly, 25. Greatest possible, 26. Behold, in old Rome, 27. Person, place or thing, 28. Circuit breaker, 29. Subjugation, 30. Bogs down, 31. Circle fragments, 33. Clown, 34. Assist in crime, 35. Was a passenger, 36. Avid, 38. Guns, 41. Destroy the inside of, 42. Gratify, 44. Watch chain, 45. Menacing look, 46. Keen, 47. Fat, 48. Out of control, 50. Half-moon tide, 51. Story, 52. Buckeye State, 53. Chat, 54. Doing nothing, 55. To tax or access.

### Yesterday's Solution



after, bargain, bless, board, cast, claim, close, confidence, critical, daily, dead, engrave, exchange, first, foolish, force, grasp, hats, learn, moment, never, outlet, passage, right, silent, single, slab, swing, tough, trust, usual, within, wonder, worthy.

