

'Paktika Security Men Involved in Drug Smuggling'

SHARANA - The appellate court in southeastern Paktika province on Sunday accused some officials of their involvement in drug smuggling, saying a number of other officials had been prosecuted on the same charge. The appellate court head, Asadullah Waziri, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Paktika produced zero poppy but was home to a large number of drug addicts. He said they had received a ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Kickbacks Taken outside Pak Embassy in Kabul

KABUL - People have to wait 'for days' outside the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul to obtain visa due to increasing number of applicants and lack of facilities at the embassy. The Pakistani embassy blames the situation on the increasing number of people applying for visa, saying the Embassy issues visas to thousands of Afghans on a daily basis. A Pajhwok Afghan News reporter visited the diplomatic mission at 2am midnight and saw some 300 people, including 20 women, sleeping in streets and on roadsides in front of the embassy. The applicants said they had to wait from dawn to dusk to submit their passports and other documents for visa issuance. ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Taliban Raid Kills 20 Policemen

QALAT - At least 20 Afghan policemen were killed early Sunday when Taliban fighters stormed multiple security outposts in the volatile southern province of Zabul, officials said, as the insurgents escalate their annual spring offensive. Local officials made desperate calls to Afghan television stations to seek attention as they were unable to get hold of senior authorities for help, highlighting the disarray in security ranks. The coordinated attack is another stinging blow to NATO-backed Afghan forces. It comes just a month after the Taliban killed at least 135 security forces in northern Balkh province, in the deadliest insurgent attack on an Afghan military base. "This morning, a group of Taliban fighters armed with heavy and light weapons launched coordinated attacks on several police checkpoints in Shah Joy district of Zabul province, killing 20 policemen," provincial governor Bismillah Afghanmal told AFP. A district official told AFP that ...*(More on P4)...*(20)



Riyadh Summit Vital for Afghanistan: Experts

KABUL - Afghan political analysts believe the Arab-Islamic-American Summit in Riyadh 'is a chance and platform' for Afghanistan to overtly speak about terrorism supporting countries and its aftermath. President Ashraf Ghani has already reached Riyadh to participate in the three-day first-ever summit. Besides the host, King Salman, US President Donald Trump, 55 heads of state and government from the Muslim world have been invited to participate in the grand meeting deemed as an opportunity for the participating countries to discuss how to overcome the menace of terrorism and extremism across the world. Bashir Ahmad Bizhan, a political affairs expert, said the summit had a huge importance for Afghanistan and urged the president to avail the event properly. "The president should clearly show the real picture of Afghanistan which ...*(More on P4)...*(19)



First Day of Ramadan on Saturday, Predicts Kandahari

KABUL - The holy month of Ramadan will begin on May 27 as the moon is likely to be sighted on Friday, a noted Afghan astrologist predicted on Tuesday. Abdullah Kandahari told Pajhwok Afghan News the moon could be seen on Thursday in Saudi Arabia for seven minutes and for a bit more time in Morocco. However, he said the crescent could not be spotted in Saudi Arabia if there was cloud,



thus Friday would be 30th of Shaban and Saturday the first of Ramadan. Kandahari said complete information would be shared with the people on next Thursday. The first sa-

15,000 Hectares of Farmland Cleared of Locust in Samangan

AIBAK - More than 15,000 hectares of farmland has been cleared of grasshoppers in northern Samangan province, local officials said on Sunday. Plants Protection Manager at Agriculture and Livestock Department Gulabuddin Ghayasi told Pajhwok Afghan News an anti-locust

campaign, launched on April 1, would continue for 75 days or Jun 25. He said six teams involving 90 workers were fighting against the grasshoppers in parts of the Taikhonak area of the provincial capital and Hazrat Sultan and Dara-I-Sauf districts. He added nearly 16,000

hectares of farmland had been cleared of grasshoppers during the ongoing complain over the past 50 days. Some of the teams have been able to conduct the campaign in areas under Taliban control. They have cleared hundreds of hectares of farmland with the help of Taliban. ...*(More on P4)...*(21)

ANA Artillery Units Pound Taliban Hideouts, Leaving Scores Dead

GHAZNI - The Afghan National Army (ANA) artillery units pounded the hideouts of the Taliban insurgents in southeastern Ghazni province of Afghanistan, leaving scores of militants dead. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said the ANA artillery units pounded the hideouts of the Taliban insurgents in Waghez district of Ghazni. MoD further added that 48 insurgents were killed in the artillery strikes and at least 28 others were wounded. In the meantime, MoD said at least 5 insurgents were killed and 6 others were wounded in

a similar operation in northern Kunduz province of Afghanistan. According to MoD, the hideouts of the Taliban insurgents were pounded by the artillery units of the Afghan army in Gortapa area of Kunduz. Both the northern Kunduz and southeastern Ghazni provinces are among the volatile provinces where the Taliban insurgents and militants belonging to the other insurgent groups are actively operating. The Taliban insurgents frequently carry out attacks in Kunduz city and the group managed ...*(More on P4)...*(22)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

It may seem as if you're starting your day doing those things you intended to do yesterday but never quite got off the ground. Thankfully, the cosmos is giving you a second chance today, so don't wait for a better moment. Although you can ride on the energy generated when the Moon shifts into enterprising Aries, it's easier to get started than it is to finish whatever you begin.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You want to come clean today by sharing your feelings with a close friend or romantic interest. However, opening your heart isn't as simple as it is in books or movies. Each time you start to say something, your words precipitate a defensive reaction. Your tendency is to emotionally withdraw, rather than questioning the reasons behind this dynamic now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You have so much spring in every step today that you may be bouncing off the walls. Unfortunately, you are so emotionally reactive now that your unbridled enthusiasm could hinder your productivity. The ardent Aries Moon activates your 11th House of Long-Term Goals, but there's no reason to let your irrepressible energy ruin your plans when you can channel it to your advantage.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You may be feeling the pressure as you try to clarify your next move. Red lights are turning green and you are eager to hit the gas pedal. However, you don't know your current location and your GPS can't get a proper signal. Instead of admitting defeat, start asking questions and see who comes up with the best solutions.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

There's no holding you back today; in fact, you're like a bird that's outgrown its nest, free to soar on the winds of change. You might grow nostalgic now as you take a quick trip down Memory Lane. But don't spend too much time reminiscing about the past. Luckily, you're ready to explore new lands without carrying any emotional baggage.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You are fearless when pursuing an emotional connection today. Although you tend to be rather cautious when delving into the realm of passions, the presence of the brash Aries Moon in your 8th House of Deep Sharing emboldens you to sink into the mysterious shadows. However, you could be so intense in your desire for affection that you scare away the very person you want to attract.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Everyone seems overly demanding today and you don't know whether or not you can provide what they want. Naturally, you enjoy making others happy, but you're not willing to engage with someone who is acting mean-spirited. It really doesn't take much effort to be nice. When people treat you like they don't care, believe them. You will rest easier once you make a clear distinction

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You might be right on the edge of a serious conflict, yet you can't figure out how you arrived at this uncomfortable spot today. It's as if you walked into a story that was already written, but you're not interested in arguing with a loved one over whose way to do something is better.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are so friendly today that almost no one can resist your charm. Although you're not seeking the depth and intensity that some might require in a conversation, your lighthearted approach offers a sweet respite to even the most serious person. There's no doubt about who you are while the spontaneous Aries Moon activates your 5th House of Self-Expression.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

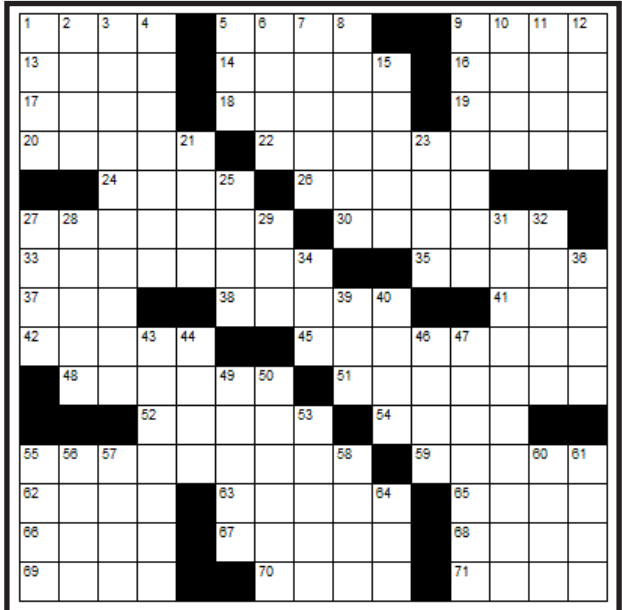
Your ambitious nature may have already prompted you to make big plans for the day. However, you secretly wish you could scrap them and just follow your whims. Fortunately, with a little shuffling you can walk away from an overly structured agenda and just take each twist and turn as it arrives today. Paradoxically, you'll end up accomplishing more with less on your schedule now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You want to rattle cages and raise eyebrows today. You're on the hunt for something totally out of the box now that the Moon charges into impulsive Aries and your 3rd House of Distractions. The big question is how can you creatively express the absolute uniqueness of being you? Sufi poet Rumi's response was, "I want a trouble-maker for a lover, blood spiller, blood drinker, a heart of flame."

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

A plethora of innovative money-making schemes are popping into your head now. You're riding a creative rush, yet good ideas don't turn into practical plans on their own. Unfortunately, methodical thinking doesn't come easily today; it's more natural to jump from one epiphany to another without following through on anything. Ironically, there's no reason to force a potential opportunity into reality.



Across
1. Gunk, 5. Circle fragments, 9. Steals, 13. Hindu princess, 14. Chairs, 16. Wings, 17. Makes a mistake, 18. Unit of gold purity, 19. Green, 20. Tearful, 22. Revolutions, 24. A muscle of the thigh, 26. Donkey, 27. Having no personal preference, 30. Impassive, 33. From the far east, 35. Drunkards, 37. Tippler, 38. Ways out, 41. Fitting, 42. Swelling under the skin, 45. Singer, 48. Comestible, 51. Remedy, 52. Depart, 54. Mongrel, 55. Littleness, 59. A barrel slat, 62. 53 in Roman numerals, 63. Go in, 65. Nile bird, 66. Annul, 67. Shop, 68. Applaud, 69. Adolescent, 70. Hurried, 71. Evasive,
Down
1. Team, 2. Unusual, 3. Unreciprocated, 4. Challenge, 5. Request, 6. Back, 7. Chocolate substitute, 8. Condition, 9. A pasta dish, 10. Margarine, 11. Farm building, 12. Collections, 15. Begin, 21. Tale, 23. Anagram of "Wort", 25. A romantic meeting, 27. Schnozzola, 28. Wear away, 29. Lenient, 31. Liable to be accused, 32. Drench, 34. 54 in Roman numerals, 36. Bristle, 39. Not bottom, 40. Fraud, 43. One thousand thousand, 44. Cain's brother, 46. Rectum, 47. Framework of strips of wood, 49. Paths, 50. Happenings, 53. Prevent legally, 55. A promiscuous woman, 56. Not yours, 57. Assistant, 58. Arid, 60. Ampule, 61. Catch a glimpse of, 64. Scarlet,

Yesterday's Solution
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ALAMO SUE OSES
LURID STUB RIMS
IMPRESARIO PANE
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REGIMEN BATTINEE
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