

Looted Bowl Returned to Kabul Museum

KABUL - A British couple has handed over a 17th-century treasure that they bought in Saudi Arabia after it was found to have been looted from a museum in Afghanistan. According to the UK's Sunday Times newspaper, Patrick von Aulock was shocked to find out that an engraved copper bowl he and his wife, Paola, had bought in a shop in Jeddah in 1994 had been plundered from the National Museum in Kabul. The couple found out about the bowl's true value when they tried to sell it through Christie's auctioneers in London. After seeing the bowl, Christie's head of Islamic art department Sara Plumbly started researching the bowl's history and found it had been stolen from the Kabul museum. With the help of the British Museum, the bowl was handed over to the Afghan embassy in London and will be returned to the Kabul museum. Von Aulock said: "I'm in favor of returning goods to their country of origin," he said. "It's criminal that museums are targeted, blown up and things disappear... I understand that 70 percent of the Kabul museum's artifacts were pinched, if not destroyed," he said. Both Christie's... (More on P4)... (17)



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2 Policemen Dead in Farah Roadside Explosion

FARAH CITY - Two border policemen, including unit Commander Abdul Manan, have been killed in a roadside bombing in the Jawin district of western Farah province, an official said on Sunday. District chief, Samad Yar told Pajhwok Afghan News the bomb incident took place in Tapa-i-Khwaharan locality near the border with Iran at around 5:00 pm on Saturday. Mir Wali border police officer said, four vehicles boarder policemen were patrolling in the area when one vehicle struck a roadside bomb. Militants have not comment about the incident. One week ago, four Afghan National Army (ANA) had been killed in a roadside explosion in the area. (Pajhwok)

Helmand Airstrike Kills 4 Taliban Commanders

LASHKARGAH - Four Taliban commanders were killed in an airstrike in Marjah district of southern Helmand province on Sunday morning. Local officials in Helmand said that heavy casualties have been inflicted on the Taliban through the Khanjar 13 operation. Security officials meanwhile said that 25 to 30 Afghan troops were released from Taliban captivity during the operation. Omar Zwak, spokesman for the Helmand governor's office, said that at least 24 Taliban militants



were killed in recent fighting. "Khanjar 13 military operation is continuing successfully and Afghan forces have moved forward nearly 15 kilometers in the northern and southern parts," said Omar Zwak. He said that Afghan forces have managed to recapture a large number of villages from the Taliban. "Heavy casualties have been inflicted on the militants. At least 24 militants... (More on P4)... (18)

Afghans React to News of Mansour's Death

KABUL - Reaction was swift and widespread on Sunday following the Pentagon's announcement that the Taliban's supreme leader Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour was likely killed in a U.S drone strike in a remote area along the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan. The response to the news by Afghans was also largely celebratory, as many believe that Mansour - after taking charge as new leader - planned deadly attacks on certain

facilities in Afghanistan and against the people in both the capital and provinces. A pause in Mansour's military strategy as Taliban commander. Although hopes for the resumption of peace talks with the Taliban gathered fresh momentum following the reported death of Mansour's predecessor Mullah Omar, on the ground nothing changed and Taliban extended its offensives against Afghan forces in various... (More on P4)... (19)

Kidnappers Obligated to Set Free 12-Year-Old Boy

KUNDUZ CITY - Kidnappers on Saturday released a 12-year-old boy near his home after failing to take him to an insecure area from the capital northern Kunduz province, the governor said. Asadullah Omarkhel told Pajhwok Afghan News the boy, son of a jeweler, was kidnapped on his way to school by unknown gunmen two days ago from Nawabad area of Kunduz City and set him free nearby his home on Saturday. He said the release of the boy came after security



forces controlled all exit points, a move that left the kidnappers with no option but to release the boy. He said security forces had arrested two suspects in connection with the kidnapping and the detainees had confessed to their crime and named two other men involved in the crime. Kunduz acting police chief Masoom Hashmi identified the boy as Mehrullah and said all his kidnappers would be arrested soon. (Pajhwok)

Rocket Attack on Herat City Kills 1 Civilians, Wounds 7

HERAT - At least one civilian was killed and seven others injured as three rockets fired by militants slammed into western Afghanistan's Herat city on Sunday, police said. "Two out of three rockets fired by enemies landed near the provincial governor office, killing one civilian and injuring seven others," provincial police chief Majid Rozi told Xinhua. The incident occurred at around 01:45 p.m. local time on Sunday and no group has claimed of re-



sponsibility. However, some locals said they heard five blasts. The rocket attacks on Herat city took place amid reports on the death of Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansoor, who according to Afghan government, was killed by U.S. drone attack in Pakistan on Saturday. Taliban outfit has yet to respond. (Xinhua)

Notice of Contract Award

Da Afghanistan Bank has been recently exercised a tender for supply and installation of IT & Office Equipment to DAB Human Resources Department. After successful completion of the evaluation process, it was resolved by the management that the contract would be awarded to Skill Tree Group Company. Followings are the details information.

Bidding Description	IT & Office Equipment to DAB Human Resources Department
Contract Reference	G12-Rebid
Method of Procurement	National Competitive Bidding
Implementation Agency	Da Afghanistan Bank
Name of Bidder Awarded	Skill Tree Group
Contract	Shash Darak Road, Dawakhana street Kabul Afghanistan.
Currency Awarded with Amount	USD-104,110.00

The above is for public Notice and anyone (firm/individual) who has observation on the proposed award should contact officially Da Afghanistan Bank on or before 31 May 2016.

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

There's plenty on your plate this week, yet you already see that everything could take longer than planned. Fortunately, it's possible to make your life easier by setting priorities today so you can utilize your time more efficiently. You're in a feisty mood while your ruling planet Mars opposes the Sun, but you might not have anywhere to direct your energy.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Everyone seems to have precise ideas of where you should focus your attention. Normally, you would be happy to do what's expected of you to keep things copasetic, but not today. You're less interested in other people's goals than you are in your own. However, you'll have more fun now if you let yourself be swept up in someone else's agenda.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You have been operating on overdrive ever since Mercury went into retrograde motion three weeks ago. Now, as the trickster finally turns direct, you're ready to take some time off before you run out of steam. Although there may be signs that you can slow down ahead, you can't call it quits just yet. Don't take your frustration out on anyone else; getting into an argument will only waste your precious energy. If you're feeling depleted today.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

People are pushing you to do more than you can today, but you're resigned to give them what they request because you don't want to let anyone down. Nevertheless, it's crucial to defend your right to say no if you're feeling overextended. You may have to express your anger in order to hold your ground.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Recent discussions with a loved one have brought you back down to earth, but they haven't squelched your dreams. Regardless of what anyone says, there's no harm in entertaining fantasies as long as you're not trying to escape from the real world. If you find yourself embroiled in an argument over the practicality of your ideas, don't try to justify them.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You might think you must make a decision right away, but an impulsive choice now leads to nothing but trouble. However, Mercury's direct turn excites your nervous system and fires up your adrenals, giving you an irrefutable feeling of urgency. Luckily, there is more time to consider all your options before you must act; believe it or not, everything is happening right on schedule. Nevertheless, ambitious goals make for outstanding achievements.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Someone may not be totally honest with you now and could even be secretly working against your honorable intentions. But don't lash out if you think a friend isn't being loyal; just take whatever you learn in stride. Making people feel guilty only wastes your time and complicates your relationships. Be grateful you discovered the truth today, for what you don't know can cause more damage than you think.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Unexpressed negativity is stressful to manage today, especially if your anger or fear has nowhere to go. You might not know what's motivating you now or how deep your emotions run. Jumping into a little disagreement can escalate it into a major argument. Although you could justify taking a stand, your pride is seducing you into believing full engagement will resolve your differences.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Keeping your feet on the ground is crucial today while confronting disharmony in a relationship dynamic. You want to stay true to your ideals while also honoring someone else's path. You may be reluctant to set aside your dreams, even if prior commitments restrain you on a short leash. Let your moral compass be your guide but don't get discouraged; sometimes it's challenging to balance the vagaries of your heart with other people's realities.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

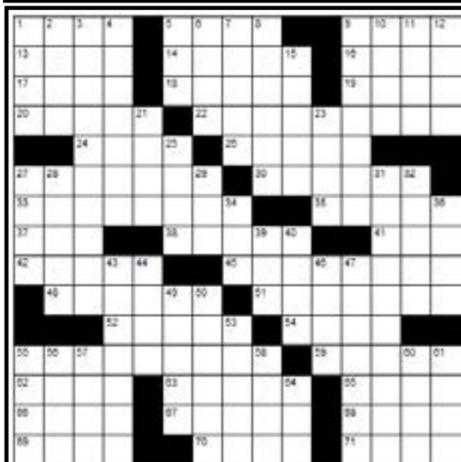
You are so impatient today that it's crucial to stay in touch with your inner parent to minimize the chance of doing something foolish. However, you could complicate things by scattering your energy or losing your temper with someone who seems to be blocking your freedom. If you find yourself itching to be somewhere else, remember that there will be time later to navigate into new territory.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your problem-solving skills may be tested today because you can't just think your way through the current obstacle course. Trust what you feel in your heart now instead of relying on your conceptual prowess to solve a current dilemma. Nevertheless, you won't be satisfied until you get to the truth of the matter, so you need to do some in-depth research and ask some tough questions.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You need to make a choice that restricts your progress at home or at work because you just can't do everything. Thankfully, there is a simple solution to your predicament, but it requires you to reframe your assumptions. Mercury turns direct today, reminding you to fix every little problem that popped up over the past few weeks. But don't buy into this illusion of urgency.



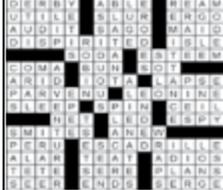
Across

1. A feudal vassal, 5. Prank, 9. Proven information, 13. Feudal worker, 14. Highly skilled, 16. Double-reed woodwind, 17. Mimics, 18. Ancient Athenian philosopher, 19. Iron oxide, 20. A bodily fluid, 22. Protocol, 24. Swimming hole, 26. Nymph, 27. Gauge, 30. Horse sounds, 33. Formal written defense, 35. Anoint (archaic), 37. Cheery, 38. Water balloon sound, 41. Cover, 42. Construct, 45. Staggering, 48. Deft, 51. Modern sing-along, 52. Leers, 54. Confined, 55. Lost hope, 59. Everglades bird, 62. Cry of pain, 63. Tapestry, 65. Relocate, 66. Balm ingredient, 67. Doctrine, 68. Pinnacle, 69. One who colors cloth, 70. Marsh plant, 71. Where a bird lives.

Down

1. Loyal (archaic), 2. Catch a glimpse of, 3. Jobless, 4. Pillage, 5. Dip lightly, 6. Doing nothing, 7. Demise, 8. Choice, 9. Alien, 10. Border, 11. Outlay, 12. French for "Head", 15. Woolen hat, 21. Vagabond, 23. Murres, 25. Lower limbs, 27. An enclosure, 28. 3-banded armadillo, 29. Tear, 31. Green chalcedony, 32. Move furtively, 34. Total, 36. Border, 39. Arctic bird, 40. Snare, 43. Tenant farmer, 44. Roman robe, 46. Algonquian Indian, 47. Executioner, 49. Homeric epic, 50. Panic, 53. Twilled fabric, 55. Twosome, 56. Evasive, 57. Blackthorn, 58. British title, 60. Nights before, 61. Words, 64. Unhappy.

Yesterday's Solution



accord, among, attend, capricious, charge, chose, close, craze, dessert, dimension, donation, exchange, force, frenzy, gain, glove, guard, heart, hose, hurry, issue, jiffy, minute, motor, music, oars, report, rest, runs, stroke, study, support, switch.

