

Foundation Stone of a Modern City Laid in Kabul

KABUL - The foundation stone of a modern city, named as "Smart City", was laid during a ceremony in capital Kabul on Wednesday. Smart City is being constructed by private companies on 68 Jeribs of land on Sarake-Chehal Metra of Kabul airport. The initial investment of the city is \$95 million but its revolving capital is \$900 million. An agreement has been inked between the construction companies and the Ministry of Urban Development Affairs and Housing (MUDA) based on which \$50 would go to government's treasury for every cubic meter land of the city. MUDA Minister Sayed Sadat Mansour Naderi said in the ceremony



that a total of about \$75 million would be given to government for the land. IMG_8861 "Including tax and other services, government receives approximately ...*(More on P4)*...*(18)*

Indian Kills Afghan in Kuwait Over Dh39,000

QUWAIT CITY - An Indian trader killed an Afghan man by stabbing him many times during a fight in Kuwait over a business deal worth around Dh39,000, a newspaper in the oil-rich Gulf emirate reported on Wednesday. After the Afghan dealer fell dead at his home in the capital Kuwait City, the India tried to dump the body in his car boot to take it to a remote place to hide it. "He was seen by the victim's Kuwaiti sponsor who phoned the police. "The Indian confessed to the crime and told investigators the victim owed him KD3,000," the Arabic language daily 'Al Watan' said. (Agencies)

Kabul Woman Earns Alone for Daughter's Education

KABUL - A courageous Afghan widow earns livelihood alone in one of Kabul streets in a bid to survive and also meet the educational expenses of her only daughter. Rahela comes out of her home every morning along with her cart to sell Bolani - a traditional Afghan fast-food which is a flat-bread stuffed usually with potatoes and leek. The brave woman says she makes approximately \$3 dollars a day and most of her customers are students. The cart she is carrying, Rahela said, was gifted by a Member of Parliament. "I pay my home rent through selling these Bolanis," said Rahela, who was working at a hospital as a cleaner before starting her own business. Her daughter Roaina, who is in Grade 6, wants to study economics in future. She was only one and half-years-old when her father died. "I work five hours a day with my mother before going to school," said Roaina. (Tolonews)

Finland Suspends Decisions on Afghani Asylum Claims

HELSINKI - Finland on Wednesday said it has suspended its decision-making process for Afghani asylum claims due to an ongoing assessment of the security situation in the country. It said it would also review EU practices and the possibility of returning people to Afghanistan. "The guidelines for making decisions on asylum applications are updated on the basis of the obtained information," the Finnish Immigration Service said in a statement. Afghans



make up a large proportion of the hundreds of thousands of migrants seeking refuge in Europe. Austria earlier this week proposed a tough new bill to deter Afghans while German interior minister lastweek called for them to stay in their home country. In Finland, around 25,000 asylum seekers have arrived this year, with 8 percent of them having come ...*(More on P4)*...*(19)*

Activists to Speak at UK on Encouraging Peace and Tolerance in Afghanistan

LONDON - Two activists seeking to encourage peace and tolerance in Afghanistan are to speak Wednesday at the University of Kentucky. Aref Dostyar and Sofia Ranyar will share their work and passion for Afghanistan and will take questions at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the first-floor conference room at the David Marsbury Building, 329 Rose Street.



Both have worked with tolerance, openness and respect by providing progressive university students with opportunities to critically ...*(More on P4)*...*(20)*

Migrants Choose Russian Cold Arctic Route to Europe

MOSCOW - People seeking to travel to Europe in a bid to find a better life have been trying the cold Arctic route to get to Norway after travelling to Moscow, the Russian capital. Bearing the extreme cold weather, the would-be asylum seekers use bicycles to cross the border from Russia to Norway, one of the world's richest nations and a member of Europe's passport-free Schengen area. Russian laws bar anyone from going on foot to the frontier and it is illegal under Norwegian law to willingly give a lift to people without proper identity papers, prompting some refugees to cover the final stretch by bicycle. However the numbers making the journey through the Arctic port of Murmansk - most of them Syrians fleeing civil war and others from Afghanistan and Pakistan - slowed dramatically due to a shortage of bicycles to cross the border, a source told Reuters on condition of anonymity.

Many of those that had made it to the border post said they were from Afghanistan and were fleeing war and poverty. Some tried to cross illegally at some distance from the crossing point, but were caught and fined, said the source. Osman Alemi, an Afghan national, said the group he was with had cycled some 17 kilometers to reach the Russian border post. "Now we came with bicycles for about 17 kilometers, we passed and finally we have arrived here in the border. We came here to take our exit - our exit stamp and go to Norway," said Alemi. "My life in Afghanistan was in danger, I left there and then in Moscow, I want to go someplace that I can be in peace, and I can live in peace," he added. Migrants are staying in hotels and dormitories ...*(More on P4)*...*(21)*

Drone Crashes in Mountains near Capital

KABUL - An Afghan official says that an American drone has crashed in the mountains south of the capital, Kabul. The Interior Ministry official says the unmanned aircraft crashed in a remote mountainous area of Kabul province shortly after 5 p.m. on Wednesday. The official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to talk to the media on the topic. He says no casualties were caused by the drone crash. An official at NATO's Resolute Support mission, who also declined to be named, says the crash is being investigated. (AP)

Afghans Set up Human Trafficking Network into Europe: German Intelligence



BERLIN - Afghanistan nationals established a network for trafficking illegal migrants into Europe, and it can be expected that the number of refugees from Afghanistan will increase in the near future, according to the data provided to the German government by Germany's Intelligence (BND), according to the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. "A highly professional structure of smugglers has emerged in Afghanistan. The network extends across Turkey and then to Greece, Italy and France," said the Germany's top intelligence officer Gerhard Schindler, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung reports. According to Schindler, deteriorating security and economic situation in Afghanistan plays into the hands of smugglers, as there are more people willing to flee the country. Thus, we can expect an increase in the number of Afghan refugees in Europe. (Reuters)

21.5 Kilos of Narcotics Seized at Tajikistan's Border with Afghanistan in Khatlon Province

DUSHANBE - 21.5 kilograms of narcotics have been seized by Tajik border guards at Tajikistan's border with Afghanistan in Khatlon province. According to the press center of the Main Border Guard Directorate under the State Committee for National Security (SCNS), Tajik border guard on a routine patrol spotted a group of Afghan smugglers who were illegally crossing border river in the Hamadoni district in late Tuesday. "When Tajik border guards tried to detain the trespassers, the latter opened fire at them. The border guards opened return fire and the trespassers were forced to return to Afghan territory," Mohammad Ulugh-hojayev, a spokesman for the Main Border Guard Directorate, told Asia-Plus in an interview. According to him, 20 kilograms of hashish and 1.5 kilograms of heroin were found on the spot. (Asia-Plus)

Death Sentence Sought for Alamyar Allegedly Responsible for Over 1,000 Lives

ASAD ABAD - Residents of eastern Kunar province urge death sentence for Sediq Alamyar allegedly responsible for over 1,000 lives during the war times in Afghanistan. Those who had lost their family members or relatives in the incident said on Tuesday that Alamyar had direct hand in the mass massacre of 1260 people and bulldozing them in Kunar province. "Soldiers of the communist regime went to Karala and Dam villages and told them that government envoys want to talk to you," said a resident of Asadabad, the provincial capital. "After bringing them to one location, all sudden they were shot and bulldozed into two graves." Sadeq Alamyar who was the commander of the 44th Comman... *(More on P4)*...*(22)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Searching for hidden information may be a compulsion, as if you don't really have a choice today. Something at work isn't quite right and you won't be comfortable until you get to the bottom of the mystery; even running into a dead end won't stop your investigation now. However, digging too insistently will lead to headaches and frustration.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You believe the only way you will get anywhere now is to set an attainable goal and relentlessly pursue it, no matter what anyone else says. However, your current unwillingness to relinquish control might actually be a deterrent to your satisfaction. Instead of going on the defense when someone tries to show you a different path to your destination.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are confident that you're on the right track and you're not interested in stepping outside of your comfort zone today. You're quite capable of holding your ground, even if a powerful adversary applies undue pressure. Making your position clear from the start is a wise strategy, but don't waste words in endless debate. You can always explain your intentions more fully after the drama dissipates.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

A casual interaction might trigger unexpressed feelings, possibly bringing a dormant resentment back into awareness now. Your response to someone else may be swift and harsh as logical Mercury receives a reality check from stern Saturn. Tread carefully today or you could inadvertently hurt someone as you express your heartfelt anger passionately.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You might surprise someone with a preemptive strike today if you think there is a serious threat to your financial stability. Although you may be anxious to confront a powerful person, be absolutely sure it's necessary before you start something that morphs into a prolonged battle of wills. Keep in mind that winning an argument is not as crucial now as getting your point across.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your sharp words could cut like a sword today, even if that's not your intention. Your delivery drips with sarcasm and your heightened passion might diminish your objectivity. It's critical to remain as transparent as possible in all that you say now. However, balancing your unrestrained honesty with a healthy dose of compassion is the kindest way to create positive change. Make an effort to cultivate an atmosphere of cooperation; simply put.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may think that you are being extremely rational in your approach now, but cerebral Mercury has left your fair-minded sign for more tumultuous waters. However, someone else's erratic energy might be spilling over into your life. Nevertheless, an emotional outburst won't solve anything, and could even leave you feeling exhausted, Fortunately.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You feel the need to express your position in no uncertain terms as communicator Mercury highlights your passionate sign. But you might not be sure about what information to share and which details to keep to yourself. You can become rather broody and obsessive as you try to sort out how much to reveal today. But the truth is there are many ways to establish your boundaries.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You've made up your mind about a career decision now, yet your blind confidence can turn into rigid self-righteousness if you ignore the feedback from others. Unfortunately, your denial could become a problem professionally if your boss isn't pleased with your close-minded attitude. It's pointless to think that you will change the dynamics of a situation by rationalizing your actions. Go ahead and build your case today.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Finding the origins of your stress is challenging today, but an unspoken truth could resurface over and over again in a series of minor disagreements. However, you might actually be arguing about something that's completely irrelevant while the real issue lurks just on the outskirts of your awareness. Take a deep breath and save your opinions until after you've had time to calm down. In the meantime.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Relationship dynamics have been weighing on your mind lately and they won't stop bothering you until you tackle the problem directly. Unfortunately, you might not even realize where the tension is coming from, making it more difficult to resolve the situation. But don't shift the blame onto anyone else; instead, take full responsibility for your feelings and communicate your point of view the best you can today.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your workmates may not be very supportive today as they take you to task on an issue that you thought was fairly straightforward. This disagreement creates additional anxiety because you aren't sure you can trust your logical analysis, even if others are demanding that you do what makes the most sense. If your heart continues to tell you something different, follow its message instead of the words inside your head.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62.

Across: 1. Wise men, 5. Nipples, 10. Church alcove, 14. Mimics, 15. Foreword, 16. Trigonometry, 17. Wonderful, 19. Chinese mafia, 20. Dawn goddess, 21. Swelling under the skin, 22. A bushel has 4 of these, 23. Smiled contemptuously, 25. Like the Vikings, 27. What we breathe, 28. Child's two-wheeled vehicle, 31. Cacophony, 34. Crisp slices of potato, 35. East Indian tree, 36. Afflicts, 37. Jimmies, 38. List of options, 39. Prefix meaning, 40. Legumes, 41. TV, radio, etc., 42. Sliding roofs on cars, 44. By means of, 45. Goliath, 46. Faintness, 50. Woodworking tools, 52. Future fungus, 54. One time around, 55. Auspices, 56. Improve, 58. Zero, 59. Christmas song, 60. Ear-related, 61. Sketched, 62. Habituate.

Down: 1. Married partners, 2. A cook might wear one, 3. Ganders, 4. Belief, 5. Kindling, 6. Ceased, 7. "Smallest" particle, 8. Failures to attend, 9. Mayday, 10. Certify, 11. Continued, 12. Drop down, 13. Hens make them, 18. Creepy, 22. Not amateurs, 24. Hearing organs, 26. Klutz's cry, 28. Front parts of human legs, 29. Hindu princess, 30. Gull-like bird, 31. Prohibits, 32. Place, 33. Next to, 34. Artisan, 37. Hireling, 38. Average, 40. Feathery scarves, 41. Mimeograph, 43. Carpentry tool, 44. Manly, 46. Painful grief, 47. Gladden, 48. Lustrous fabric, 49. Eyeglasses, 50. Cleave, 51. Food thickener, 53. South American country, 56. Card with one symbol, 57. 16 1/2 feet.

Yesterday's Solution: activate, adjust, adoration, beach, betray, bridge, clause, date, dear, devalue, devote, dreamy, enjoy, esteem, estuary, event, extreme, feeble, freeze, frozen, glisten, housing, impossible, inform, jade, lore, musical, panic, period, plateau, seal, turkey.

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PERIODEBRIDGE
ODEVOTEEVENT
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LCTSRYSEELIEA
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