

5th Mega Book Exhibition Starts from Sunday

HEART CITY - A fifth wide-ranging book exhibition is being opened in western Herat province on Sunday to promote book reading culture and introduce new books to readers. Local officials told a press conference that the exhibition would be held from next Sunday. Herat information and culture director, Arya Raufyan, said book reading was yet to be institutionalized in the country. He said the information and culture department had the plan to open the exhibition next week in order to encourage people, particularly the youth, to read books. Thousands of new books written by new writers and books published in the past 10 years would be showcased at the exhibition, he said.



"The exhibition will showcase books about religion, culture, society, politics, history, philosophy, psychology, sociology and literature and the books for university and school students and tens of western books which are translated into Farsi," he said. He said the books to be displayed at the exhibition would be sold at a significant discount. Meanwhile, Ihsanulhaq Aumid Ahrari, head of Publishers and Books Association in Herat, said the aim of the show was to institutionalize book reading. He said the exhibition would contain 25 booths with thousands of new books of foreign and international writers. He asked residents of Herat to visit the exhibition and help promote the book reading campaign. (Pajhwok)

Wild Storm Paralyzes Life in Balkh, Samangan



AIBAK - All activities have been halted and power supply cut off after strong windstorms hit northern Balkh and Samangan provinces, officials said on Thursday. The wild storm began in Balkh around 10am today and reached neighboring Samangan within few hours. The windstorm is currently underway in Samangan and people could not see each other even within a few meters while sunshades of some shops were blown away. Samangan traffic department director, Col. Abdul Aziz Panjsheri, told Pajhwok Afghan News the storm hit Aibak city, the provincial capital, around 1pm today. He said he had no information about the damage caused by the storm in the province. Mohammad Azim Karimi, a resident of Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital of Balkh, said a strong windstorm appeared in western part of the provincial capital around 10am and blown towards Samangan. He said people could not see each other within three meters of distance due to the strength of the storm. All activities and traffic movements were brought to a standstill in the first hours, but now the Karimi was unaware about damages from the storm. (Pajhwok)

Blast Kills 9 People on Way to Wedding

MAIMANA - Afghan officials say a roadside blast has killed at least nine civilians on their way to a wedding in the northern Faryab province. Javed Dedar, a spokesman for the provincial governor, says the roadside explosion killed 11 people and wounded 12 others on Thursday, among them women and children. He says it is unclear if the civilians, who were travelling to a wedding, hit a roadside mine or were targeted by mortar fire. Dedar says the bride was wounded. Lawmaker Ahmad Tahyanj says nine people were killed and 11 were wounded in the blast, which took place at 2 p.m. Mohammad Tahir Rahmani of the Faryab provincial council puts the toll at 10 people killed, nine wounded. The blast occurred in a remote area, making it difficult to verify details. (AP)

Aryana TV Reporter Killing Widely Condemned

KABUL - Afghan government and different institutions in the country on Friday denounced the killing of Aryana Television reporter and demanded punishment for individuals behind the killing of the brave journalist. Aryana television news reporter Niamatullah Zaheer was killed while a local television reporter wounded in a roadside explosion in southern Helmand province early on Friday. Pajhwok Afghan News Reporter Zainullah Stanikzai said: "We were on our way to the 2nd police district where fighting was underway when the vehicle we were traveling in hit a roadside bomb." President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has expressed his regret over the killing of Afghan journalist in Helmand, a statement from Presidential Palace has said. Ghani said in the statement: "Terrorists and the enemy of Afghanistan proved once again that they did not believe on humanity and would cross every limit to reach to their goals." The president said attacks of this nature would never halt the way of the freedom of expression and would not weaken the resolve of journalists in their mission to keep the masses aware the events happening in the country. He said slain Niamatullah Zaheer... (More on P4)... (17)

Roadside Bomb Kills 1 Journalist, Wounds Another

LASHKARGAH - A roadside bombing in Helmand province on Friday killed an Afghan journalist and wounded another, the police said. The explosion took place in the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah around 10 a.m., according to police inspector Haji Garan. The blast killed Naimatullah Zaheer, a reporter with the Aryana news television. The inspector did not identify Zaheer's wounded colleague or the colleague's media outlet. The reporters were among

a group of local journalists driving to an area where there was intense fighting with the Taliban the previous night. Zaheer was parking the car when the blast went off, Garan said. President Ashraf Ghani condemned the killing of Zaheer, saying in a statement that "such terrorist attacks cannot stop media freedoms in Afghanistan or weaken the country's media" sector. Media advocates say that 2016 has been the deadliest year yet for journalists in Afghanistan. According



a figure released by the Afghan Journalists Safety Committee, at least 11 journalists have been killed in Afghanistan so far this year, the highest annual death toll on record. That death toll does not include Friday's fatality. AJSC figures show that more than 60 journalists have been killed in the past 16 years in Afghanistan. That includes journalists killed in conflict, targeted by unknown gunmen or... (More on P4)... (16)

Policeman among 33 Dead in Uruzgan Offensive

TARINKOT - Thirty-two Taliban, including the group's two notorious commanders, have been killed and 31 others wounded during security force clearing operation in central Uruzgan province, an official said on Friday. Police Chief Brig. Gen. Wali Jan Sarhadi said Sraschkel and Wano localities had been cleared of rebels during the offensive. One policeman was killed and security force captured two tanks from the Taliban dur-



ing a clash. Taliban have not commented about the incident, but the Group Spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi said the Taliban attacked security forces post

Khost Farmers Receive Improved Seed, Fertilizer

KHOST CITY - The distribution process of improved quality wheat seed and fertilizers to hundreds of farmers kicked off on Thursday in southeastern Khost province. Governor Hukam Khan Habibi told Pajhwok Afghan News that 50 tonnes of improved quality wheat seeds and 172 tonnes of chemical fertilizers would be distributed to 1,000 farmers of the province this year. Each farmer would



receive 50 kilograms of wheat seed and 100 kilograms of fertilizer against a 50 percent discount in payment, he said. "We would also distribute an amount of improved seed and fertilizers to farmers through cooperatives, so farmers... (More on P4)... (18)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

The pressure is turned up several notches because you want to show others what you can do today. You are usually ready to fight against anyone who questions your intentions, but you might not know what to do when you discover your biggest enemy now is you. Thankfully, you can change your attitude to reflect the fact that a past failure is not indicative of a current one.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

A slight loss of confidence isn't enough to deter your progress today because your unflappable determination enables you to hold onto your dreams through thick and thin. Nevertheless, someone's harsh criticism of your work might reawaken the residual pain from an early childhood rejection. Seeking approval from others is a waste of your precious time and energy. Your success is the sweetest revenge.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You're not the easiest person to get along with today, even if you decide that cooperation is a smart business strategy. Nevertheless, this non-sense approach sums up your current plan for success; you calculate every detail in your mind and then you act according to your best interests. Although a rational analysis of the facts is useful, it doesn't reveal all you need to know. Author Stephen Covey wrote, "The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You need to choose your own direction today, rather than letting everyone else tell you what to do. The problem is that it would be easier to fit into someone else's plans than to reinvent the wheel and make up your own. However, conforming to another person's agenda isn't as satisfying as acting on creative impulses from within.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're sure that you can achieve your goals now by sticking to your amazing new plan. You put a lot of effort into developing this sound strategy, but the real work is still in front of you as you attempt to turn an idea into reality. Don't panic if something slips out of your sphere of influence.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're quite hopeful about the possibility of working with someone you admire today. But their bright light may shine in a different dark corner than yours, leaving you to continue on your mission by yourself. Don't worry about what might have been; it's a moot point. Bring yourself back to the current reality for a check up on the viability of your aspirations. Put your ideas into motion without thinking about them forever.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You are standing on a solid foundation today and are capable of building the tallest tower without danger of it falling down. Nevertheless, negative self-judgments can steal your opportunity for success before you have the chance to make something big happen. Start slowly and methodically; continue to strengthen your base while you add on to your original idea.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You could do something at work today that others think is crazy. Nevertheless, the last laugh is yours because your unorthodox solution to a problem might just be the one that saves the day. Unfortunately, you will have to go against the grain to demonstrate the efficacy of your resolution to the current dilemma.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You're content to fall back and rely on your charm now that friendly Venus is in your sign. Unfortunately, her square to vulnerable Chiron in your 4th House of Family indicates a lack of support from those closest to you. Nevertheless, you can still turn this tricky situation around and even make some money in the process. But don't wait for others to rush to your assistance. They might eventually answer your request for help.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

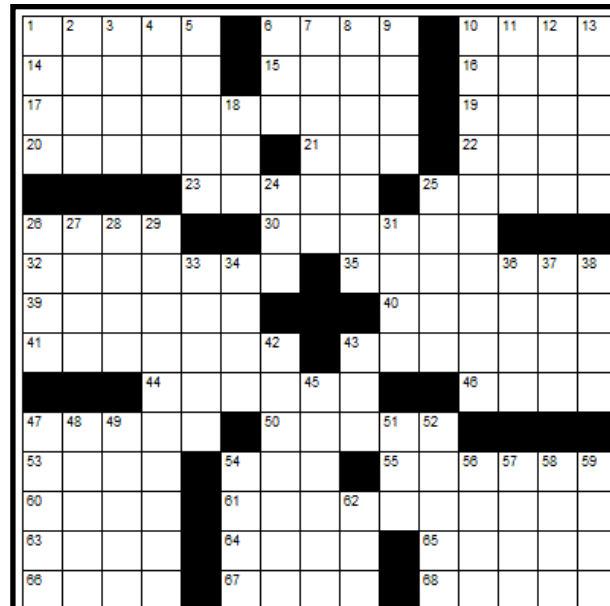
You're a bit hesitant to take a risk today, even if your calculations show that you have a great chance of beating the odds. Instead, you might hang back and wait until your possibilities improve. Don't just make a plan and execute it exactly as conceived. Listen carefully to your intuition while the Moon is in your sign. Your emotions are a bellwether for the future. If something feels right in your gut now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Your identity is wrapped up in your career now, which has grown in ways you never imagined just a few short years ago. You may have a significant decision to make about your main source of income. Unfortunately, you might have to disagree with the thinking of your socially astute friends, which is a real dilemma since you don't want to alienate them.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You might not believe you deserve the current success you're experiencing at work these days. But this kind of self-effacing thinking isn't useful; in fact, it's probably not even true. Try to find the origin of your negativity and then make the connection with the present moment. However, you must also acknowledge what's different now. Once you see how the past doesn't control the present, you'll be free from it.



Across
1. Range, 6. Keen, 10. Notion, 14. Show respect towards, 15. List of options, 16. Deaden, 17. Unimprisoned, 19. Found in a cafeteria, 20. A Native American tent, 21. Before, poetically, 22. Twin sister of Ares, 23. Sugary, 25. Not written exams, 26. Exhausts, 30. Pertaining to a bride, 32. Disquiet, 35. Economic independence, 39. Stir, 40. Backfire, 41. A flavorful addition, 43. Deprive through death, 44. Main course, 46. Apothecary's weight, 47. Hoisting device, 50. Consumer of food, 53. Frigid, 54. Petrol, 55. Spartan, 60. Pearly-shelled mussel, 61. Eclipse, 63. Boyfriend, 64. Depend, 65. Appear, 66. Circle fragments, 67. Being, 68. Units of computer data.

Down
1. Close, 2. Ice cream holder, 3. A single time, 4. Defecate, 5. Sea eagles, 6. French for "Friend", 7. Superficiality, 8. Resistance to change, 9. Guy, 10. Entwined, 11. Indian millet, 12. Electronic letters, 13. Chasm, 18. Not many, 24. Diminish, 25. Cowboy movie, 26. Petty quarrel, 27. Relating to aircraft, 28. Brace, 29. Prodigious, 31. Harsh or arduous, 33. Utilizing, 34. Lease, 36. Lion sound, 37. Pueblo ceremonial chamber, 38. The original matter (cosmology), 42. Pieces of leg armor, 43. Wager, 45. Artists' workstands, 47. Aqualung, 48. Hermit, 49. Of a pelvic bone, 51. S, 52. Rehabilitation, 54. Pierce, 56. Deviate, 57. Modify, 58. Thorny flower, 59. Female sheep (plural), 62. Type of whiskey.

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VIOL AMUSE GLEO
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