

Pul-I-Khumri Dam Spillway Close to Collapse



PUL-I-KHUMRI - The hydro-power dam's spillway in the capital of northern Baghlan province is close to collapse and needs reconstruction on emergency footing, officials said on Tuesday.

Abdul Qadir, the Afghan textile mill head in Baghlan Marzak-i-district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Pul-i-Khumri hydropower dam's spillway was on the verge of destruction. He said the spillway could not be reconstructed in long years and it could be washed away in fresh flooding.

According to his information, last year ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Kills 5 Children, a Woman in Paktika



SHARAN - Five children and a woman from a single family have been died as result of the carbon monoxide poisoning in Sharan, the capital of south-eastern Paktika province, a member of the victim's family said on Wednesday.

Noorullah, told Pajhwok Afghan News said five children and a woman of his family were killed due to the carbon monoxide poisoning from liquefied gas late on Tuesday night.

He said that the victims included five children and a woman. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Afghan Refugee Woman Wins Seat in State House



KABUL - Safiya Wazir, a 27-year-old mother of two whose family fled persecution from the Taliban in Afghanistan, beat out Republican Dennis Soucy to earn a seat in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, according to the Concord Monitor in the US.

She is believed to be the first former refugee to serve in the State House. "She's one of the reasons I registered," said Gopal Timsina, who voted for the first time on Tuesday after he turned 18 in July. Timsina's family came to Concord in 2008 from Nepal. "It's great to see minorities stepping up," he said. "And it's good ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

7 Police Personnel Killed, 3 Wounded in Farah Attack



FARAH CITY - At least seven police personnel manning a check-post have been killed and three others wounded as a result of Taliban attack in western Farah province, officials said on Wednesday.

Dadullah Qaneh, a member of provincial council, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants attacked a security check-post in Dehyak locality of Farah City, the provincial capital late on Tuesday night.

Seven policemen were killed and three others wounded in the clash, he said, adding the rebels took away all the weapons and ammunition from the post.

But police spokesman ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Subject: Notification of Intention to Award for Kabul, Afghanistan, G 0464/0465 -AFG: Energy Sector Improvement Investment Program, Selection of Consulting Services for Analytical Studies Component, (NPA Ref. No. NPA/DABS/95/CS-1220/QCBS)

Please be informed that the procurement process for the subject assignment has been completed. **Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS)** now intends to enter into a Contract at the total value of **US\$ 6,690,570.968 Six Million Six hundred Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Point nine six eight inclusive** of Indirect Local Taxes with the successful consultant, namely: **M/s e.Gen Consultants Ltd., Lead 3E, Umar Munshi Associates, Ghani Consultants Ltd, Teslo Solution and Afghan Tarin Engineering Services) as Sub-Consultants** who obtained the highest combined Technical and Financial score.

The Firms or any individual who wants debriefing on any issue related to this procurement may request so in writing within 7 days from the date of issue of this award Notice to DABS. Protest shall not be accepted beyond the deadline. Protest must be addressed in writing to Procurement Directorate of Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat located at 6th floor Dehmazang HQ, Kabul Afghanistan.

This notice doesn't constitute a contract, until deadline completion stipulated herein and completion of further processes.

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Some differences of opinion concerning your love life are likely to come up today, Aries. For example, you may find your beloved taking more liberties than you allow yourself. Take your irritation as a sign that this particular relationship could use some freshening up. The day ahead may bring you just what you seek.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



This day isn't likely to be the highlight of your week, Taurus. You may be aware of constraints at work or home. You're quite likely to hanker for an appropriate reward for your labor. Any type of recognition would be nice at this point. This is a good day to define new personal and professional goals. They'll sustain you through your unending chores.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



It may be that you've been a bit too stubborn lately. You've been doing whatever you want, giving no consideration to financial constraints. Now it's urgent that you take care of any unresolved monetary issues. You definitely have some lessons to learn in the area of fiscal responsibility, Gemini! Do what you can to raise your awareness.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You may find yourself in a situation where you need to choose whether or not to commit to a relationship, Cancer. Old demons could come back to haunt you, renewing doubts and creating fears about a lack of freedom. Ignore these demons at all costs! If you give in to them, you're likely to lose a lot of ground. Be courageous and make a decision on your own.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Today is going to be a great day for you, Leo. You aren't one to embrace rules, constraints, or restrictions of any kind, preferring instead to reside in a fantasy world where no limitations apply. Have you considered that it's possible for you to join the rest of us here on Earth and still retain your liberty and ideals?

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



It's important that you abandon the myth that you don't have any gifts or talents, Virgo. Consider thinking about your talents in the same way you think about your body. When you exercise, eat right, and get plenty of rest, your body responds. Your talents are no different. They need care and nurturing, too.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



If you're waiting for someone to come and fill all of your needs, emotional ones in particular, you may have to wait a very long time! You're responsible for fulfilling your own needs, Libra. If you don't, you will be eternally dependent. This would be unlike Libra, and certainly unlike you!

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



If you have children, their difficulties may remind you of your own, Scorpio. Or it may simply be that their education brings back memories of yours. Are you holding onto an issue from a period in your life that still bothers you? This would be a good moment to ask yourself the question. Ask it, then answer it and put it to rest once and for all!

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Don't spend beyond your means today, Sagittarius! If you happen to be in a crowd of enthusiastic shoppers, it could be disastrous for your finances if you get caught up in the frenzy. On the other hand, perhaps you owe yourself a reward for all your hard work. Is there a gift you could give yourself that doesn't involve money? Time, perhaps?

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Minor tensions could arise today, Capricorn. People close to you, perhaps your mate or parents, seem to be trying to force you to adopt a behavior that you aren't at all willing to follow. Will you negotiate your independence gently or tear yourself free from their domination? The second possibility seems more likely.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

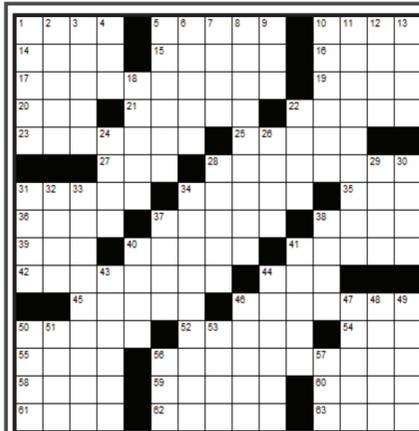


The mood may be oppressive today, Aquarius. After meeting the challenges of the past several days, you're now in need of some well-deserved peace and quiet! Alas, the authorities are unwilling to give it to you. You can expect to be unceremoniously deposited at your desk. Work, it seems, won't wait until you've had a nap. Why not plan an exotic vacation?

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



This isn't a day for sensitive people like you, Pisces. In fact, the one who shouts the loudest and bangs on the table the hardest is likely to come out the winner today. The air of violence will also have an effect on you. You will be somewhat upset, very thin-skinned, and much more vulnerable than usual. It would be wise to try to stay away from commotion if you can.



Across

- Dirty air, 5. Avoid, 10. Small island, 14. Brass instrument, 15. Femme fatale, 16. Counterfoil, 17. Muscle-building exercises, 19. Corporate image, 20. East southeast, 21. Kingly
- Burdened, 23. Labored respiration, 25. Lengthwise, 27. Skirt's edge, 28. Experiencing intense fear, 31. Fertile areas, 34. Shrimp-like decapod, 35. Poetic dusk, 36. Defrost
- Leaf, 38. Brother of Jacob, 39. Charged particle, 40. Midsection, 41. Pieces of insulation, 42. Violent rotating windstorms, 44. Point, 45. Kids, 46. A baby's room, 50. A measuring instrument, 52. Not here, 54. Twosome, 55. Nanny, 56. Finch-like bird, 58. Soil
- Fire residues, 60. Wings, 61. Articulates, 62. Russian emperors, 63. Scream,

Down

- Anagram of "Diets", 2. Untidy, 3. Double-reed instruments, 4. A leg (slang), 5. High regard
- Light wispy precipitation, 7. Diva's solo, 8. One who makes a declaration, 9. N N N N
- Land surrounded by water, 11. Excessively conventional, 12. Olympic sled, 13. Black, in poetry
- Sea eagles, 22. Give temporarily, 24. Expresses relief, 26. Bawdy, 28. Smelter waste, 29. Tidy, 30. Wildebeests, 31. Ear-related, 32. Greeting at sea, 33. Asylum, 34. A woman priest, 37. A temple (archaic), 38. Dines
- Awakened, 41. Driller, 43. Lamps, 44. Coercion, 46. Not a single time, 47. Ancient Roman magistrate, 48. Not urban, 49. Alpine call, 50. Spurs, 51. Dogfish, 53. Laugh, 56. A Buddhist temple, 57. Alcove,

Yesterday's Solution



abuse, allege, arrow barque, cactus, cheer condominium, cover crocus, curse, dies, dismal drive, expedition, fees feet grief, guide, hunch, legend, owner parachute, party, passport quell, refuge, regard

