

Work on Uplift Projects Worth \$340m Underway in Badakhshan



FAIZABAD - Economy department officials of northeastern Badakhshan province on Thursday said development projects worth of \$340 million would be implemented in different districts of the

province current year. Abdul Haseeb Daqiq, provincial economy department director, told Pajhwok Afghan News that construction of a 44 kilometers road between Faizabad

and Baharak district was 83 percent completed and would finish until the coming spring. He said Shurabak Hydropower Dam, construction of 150 kilometers ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

188 Greenhouses Being Built in Daikundi



NILI - Local agriculture officials on Thursday said 188 greenhouses will be built in eight districts of central Daikundi province in order to improve the economy and employment opportunities in the areas.

Sayed Abdul Wahid Ferozi, provincial agriculture, irrigation and livestock director, during the inauguration ceremony of the project said that 188 commercial, semi-commercial and family greenhouses will be built in the province.

Three of these greenhouses would be commercial, 150 of them semi-commercial and the rest 35 would be noncommercial and family based, he said.

The commercial greenhouses would cost 300,000 Afghanis and the semi-commercial and family greenhouses cost more than ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Kunduz Provincial Council Gets New Building

KUNDUZ CITY - The new building of provincial council of northeastern Kunduz was inaugurated on Thursday, an official said.

Amruddin Wali, the provincial council head, who was speaking to the inauguration ceremony of the facility, said that the project cost \$300,000 and funded by the Germany's GIZ organization.

The three-storey building contains 15 rooms and took eight months to complete, he said.

The provincial council had no building and people did not know the exact address of their representatives," Wali said, adding the facility would help people to easily find their representatives. Toryali Kakar, provincial council deputy head, said that the government should also pay attention to development of other parts of Kunduz province. *(Pajhwok)*

More Than 1400 Afghan Families Ordered to Leave Hazara

PESHAWAR - More than 1,400 Afghan families living in two refugee camps in the Hazara division of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have been ordered to leave the region by mid-December.

Notices have been served on the Afghan families to quit the camps that are being demolished to pave the way for the construction of a motorway. "We are in the process of demolishing the Sheikhabad and Ichrian Afghan refugee camps as they come in the way of the motorway," an official said.

District Administrator for Afghan Refugees Naeem Shahzad told journalists on Wednesday the Afghan families had been asked to shift elsewhere or return to their homeland before mid-December. *(Pajhwok)*

Afghanistan Trashes Pakistan in U19 Asian Cricket Cup

KABUL - Team Afghanistan's bowler Mujeeb Zadran got six wickets from Pakistan's U19s during the match and performed a key role in the national squad's success. Afghanistan's U19 cricket team defeated Pakistan by seven wickets in their first match in the U19 Youth Asia Cup on Friday. The match was held in Malaysia.

Pakistan batted first in the game and set 58 runs as target for the Afghan squad, Afghanistan Cricket Board said in a statement. The national U19 team succeeded to complete the target by losing three wickets.

Mujeeb Zadran, who got six wickets from U19 team of Pakistan, performed a key role in the success of Afghanistan's U19s during the match. *(Tolonews)*

2 Police, 3 Taliban Dead in Uruzgan Battle

TIRINKOT - Two police and three Taliban gunmen were killed during a clash on a highway in central Uruzgan province, an official said on Friday.

The overnight clash broke out after some 70 Taliban fighters stormed security posts on the Uruzgan-Kandahar highway in Gardan Gaw area last night, said police official Ghulam Dastagir Almas. He said the clash lasted several hours and the attackers were pushed back because additional forces were quick to reach the site. He said two policemen were killed and two others were wounded. Three attackers were killed and several others were wounded. He said an arms depot and other ammunition belonging to the rebels were confiscated by the police. *(Pajhwok)*

Saffron Production Makes Dramatic Increase in Herat



KABUL - The cultivation and production of saffron have made a considerable rise this year in Herat province, in west of Afghanistan, local officials said, adding that they expect eight tons of processed saffron from farmers this year.

The provincial Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock director Abdul Saboor Rahmani told TOLONews that Herat farmers said they have cultivated saffron in 3,000 hectares of land in the province. He said saffron trade has provided job opportunity to at least 18,000 women in the province.

"A large number of farmers have started saffron cultivation this year, even in insecure areas. We expect to reach to eight tons this year," said Rahmani. TOLONews reporter Jawed Ziaratjaee has visited a saffron farm in Herat, established by Faizi Saffron Company, which has provided job opportunity to dozens of women.

The female workers in the company said they work in groups and in different shifts. The women said they separate the saffron plant from its flower. *(Tolonews)*

Traditional Loya Jirga can Help Solve Afghanistan Problems



KABUL - A number of civil society activists and former government officials in a meeting on Thursday asked for holding a traditional Loya Jirga (Grand Council) for resolving the country problems.

The meeting organized by Afghanistan Youths Association (AYA) was attended by more than a thousand people who announced support for holding the Loya Jirga to help develop understanding which was the only way to steer the country out of crisis. Ghorzang Seyal, ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You have run out of patience often over the past few months and once again might find yourself ready to cash in your chips. However, something is different now. It's as if your previously crazy plan has solidified over time and is finally ready to see the light of day.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You may be more flexible now that you see exciting possibilities for your future beginning to take shape. However, you worry that your dreams could vanish in a flash. You're aware that pushing a delicate process of emotional growth too hard or too fast might upset the equilibrium and damage what has already been created.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You might self-identify with Dr. Dolittle's "Pushmi-Pullyu" as you receive cautionary admonitions from someone close to you while simultaneously being encouraged by someone else. At first, you're inclined to listen to those saying yes because you truly want to do something new. However, you become more hesitant today as you think about what could go wrong.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You crave more freedom at work but the nature of your commitments may prevent you from reaching your goal. You're unwilling to sacrifice financial security for the sake of independence. Nevertheless, you're probably seeing the options in terms of all or nothing. The real challenge now is to find ways to express yourself when you're not on the job.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Entering a new phase of personal development can be both thrilling and frightening. A sensible strategy to minimize the fear is to reinforce those routines that work while replacing those that don't. But deciding which pieces to leave behind could be overwhelming. However, you might be relieved of this challenge now as unexpected circumstances seem to choose your fate.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo Your past seems to catch up with you now, but you're not doomed to repeat it. In fact, your current stroll down Memory Lane may be a perfect walk to take with a close friend or lover in order to free you from patterns that have outlived their usefulness. Don't be trapped by the familiarity of your personal history. It has brought you to the present moment, but you are free to take any road you choose into the future.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Although an unexpected shift in the dynamics of a significant relationship might be upsetting at first, the ground feels more solid once the facts are out in the open. Thankfully, you can breathe a sigh of relief if you discover that your greatest fears were unfounded. Nevertheless, there may have been a grain of truth in your suspicions.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio The regular routines of your life offer you emotional security, but they can also stifle your creativity. Shaking up your schedule is exactly what the doctor ordered. You might feel a bit out of sorts because you can't fall back on familiar habits, but your exhilaration is worth the temporary loss of comfort. However, taking a different approach is only the first step.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You are tired of waiting for the perfect moment to act. In fact, you're ready to throw caution to the wind and go for a cosmic joyride. Although you don't know where a gust might carry you, you aren't tied to a particular destination; your goal is to be somewhere else. But your eagerness to fly is not about escaping your current situation; it's about improving the overall quality of your life.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Your friends might think you are being silly because you're overly cautious now. But you are worried that you don't have all the facts and you're willing to wait until you do before making a major move. Nevertheless, an unforeseen change of circumstances could catalyze your decision-making process today and cause you to forget about your prior concerns.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius You're hesitant to commit to a group activity today because it's easier to say no right away than it is to establish boundaries later on. You're afraid that people will expect more from you than you're willing to give. However, you could be so adamant about the limits of your participation that you overstate your case when turning down an invitation.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces Envisioning ways to get ahead at work or inventing schemes to increase your income could actually lead to concrete actions. There's no pressure to do anything today except to explore all the alternatives for advancement by running through every scenario in your mind. Ironically, it's your willingness to let your imagination run free that can generate a radical breakthrough. You're not going to make progress now through incremental steps.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-60 indicating starting positions for words.

Across: 1. Appointed, 6. "What a shame!", 10. Widespread, 14. Home, 15. Be dressed in, 16. Leer at, 17. Denote, 19. Reclined, 20. Nuclear, 21. Coniferous tree, 22. Blood-sucking insects, 23. Children, 25. Agile Old World viverrine, 26. Vipers, 30. Blood vessel, 32. A passage for pedestrians, 35. Drool, 39. Ethically indifferent, 40. Scant, 41. Umpire, 43. Straightaway, 44. Guarantee, 46. Scallion, 47. Preserves, 50. Paths, 53. Anagram of , Wort", 54. French for "Good", 55. Reddish brown, 60. Hindu princess, 61. Anger, 63. Angers, 64. Place, 65. Cravat, 66. Cut back, 67. Filly's mother, 68. Scallions.

Down: 1. Zero, 2. Foment, 3. Not stereo, 4. Anagram of "Dome", 5. To yield or submit, 6. Barley bristle, 7. Layabout, 8. Creative persons, 9. Clairvoyant, 10. A sport involving a ball and a net, 11. Anon, 12. Slash, 13. Basic belief, 18. Frozen, 24. K, 25. Fondle, 26. Remote, 27. A few, 28. " , and it's gone", 29. Urban smarts, 31. If not, 33. Alerts, 34. Beers, 36. French cheese, 37. Feudal worker, 38. Stink, 42. Eulogies, 43. Tall hill, 45. Fire warden, 47. Thin piece of wood or metal, 48. A kind of macaw, 49. Hermit, 51. East southeast, 52. Rope fiber, 54. Emollient, 56. Anagram of "Sees", 57. Agreeable, 58. Cozy corner, 59. Picnic insects, 62. Regret.

Yesterday's Solution: SCRUB, CODE, BITES, ERASE, ABEL, ALAIE, THORIS, BONIA, EITTE, SPIRITLESS, TUTS, EWU, TEEMS, UNDIGO, PLITER, MOIRE, THICKENER, PURR, SEALS, MEMO, SNEAK, TEST, KIWIS, SKITIF, FEE, WINO, UNDISPUTED, EDEN, LORN, INURE, PLEA, LVIT, NABOB, TELL, YAPIS, GUEST.

abundant, alone, askew, attempt, baron, beast, bile, boundary, coat, deke, demented, domineer, doubt, duds, dunk employ, environment, first gadget, garrulous, learn, liege, likely mask meddle, panic, piece

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