

'Russia Meeting a Push for Initiating Direct Government-Taliban Talks'

KABUL - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) appreciated the move of any country that supports Afghanistan in establishing peace, a statement from the MoFA said on Saturday.

The Russia summit on Afghan reconciliation process kicked off on Friday in Moscow in which delegations from HPC, representing the Afghan government, the Taliban delegation and representatives from Iran, Kazakhstan, Kirghizstan, China, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and the US participated.

According to the statement, the Moscow meeting is not a follow up of the previous meetings (Moscow Format) held among sovereign states.

Based on the principles and decisions of the Tashkent meeting and the Kabul Process, the Afghan government and Taliban must directly sit around the negotiation table.

The Afghan government emphasized on peace process based on the accepted principles on Kabul and Tashkent summits which were accordance with national and international consensus and



thus the government had not sent any representative to the sent, the statement added. The High Peace Council (HPC) participated in the

meeting hosted by the Russia, as a national but non-government institution, with a view to discuss the dynamic and details ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Samangan Power Bill Defaults Exceed 24m Afghanis



KABUL - Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS) officials in northern Samangan province say a number of government departments and telecom companies default on power bills amounting to more than 24 million afghanis. Ghufraan Rasikh, deputy DABS head, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the defaulters included 33 government departments and four telecom companies.

He said the Samangan prison department owed nearly 7.5 million afghanis, the provincial civil hospital 3.2 million afghanis, the municipality more than one million afghanis, the governor's house 1.4 million afghanis, the education department 700,000 afghanis and the agriculture department 600,000 afghanis in unpaid bills to the power utility. In addition, Afghan Telecom company owes 1.2 million afghanis, Etisalat one million afghanis ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

District Chief Among 3 Killed in Herat Bombing

HERAT CITY - The administrative chief for Kabsan district of western Herat province was killed along with two other people in an explosion inside his office on Saturday, an official said.

Governor's spokesman, Jailani Farhad, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Haji Amir Haft Bala, the Kabsan district chief, was killed when an explosion happened in his office around 2:30pm Yesterday. He said two other people were also killed in the incident. However, Farhad did not identify the two other deceased, but said investigations were underway to find the perpetrators. No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attack. *(Pajhwok)*

Firewood, Gold, Ghee Prices up in Kabul



KABUL - The prices of firewood, Russian gold and ghee have increased while other essential items' rates remain stable during the outgoing week in capital Kabul, market sources said Saturday. Khan Mohammad, a firewood seller in Charahi Shaheed area of Kabul told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of 560 kilograms of peeled oak increased from 6,800 Afghanis

to 7,000 Afghanis and the same quantity of cedar from 6,600afs to 6,800afs. He linked the hike in firewood price to high demand as the weather is getting colder. However, the prices of fuel and gas remain stable. Abdul Hadi, a worker in Wazirabad Fuel Station, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the price ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Ministry of Energy and water, (herein after referred as purchaser) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders **Design, Supply and Installation of 5 MW HYBRID SOLAR PV POWER PLANT AT Paktika PROVINCE** against IFB No **NPA/MEW/97/W-2298/ICB** Bidding will be conducted through the **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** procedures specified in the Afghanistan procurement law.

A complete set of **Bidding Document in English** may be obtained by interested bidders by downloading the same from the NPA website www.npa.gov.af. In case of problem in downloading from website, interested bidders may contact to National Procurement Authority, Administrative Office of President, Pashtonistan Watt - Kabul, Afghanistan.

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Bids must be delivered to the address above at or before **10:00 Hrs. (local time) on 11th December 2018**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend in person.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security amount (Bank Guarantee) in US \$ or an equivalent amount in freely convertible currency as **(400,000 US \$)**

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



This will be a great day for you, Aries. Everything you touch will seem to turn to gold. The day's events will fall right into place. You will take pleasure in being calm and efficient. But what you may not realize is that this could happen every day. Take the time to see what's going right today in order to make it happen again tomorrow!

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Today you may be feeling a little surer of yourself than usual. You can be fairly shy and reserved. Today you should try and make people a little more aware of you, to take you seriously. It's time that people respected you more, especially the people around you. Try to think of yourself before you think of other people. You're worth it!

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



This would be an ideal day to think about your personal interests in all areas of your life, Gemini. You've surely noticed that in various relationships you tend not to consider yourself and what you get out of it. The configuration of the planets today can help you concentrate on yourself and think about what you give up in return for your need to please others.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer, don't be surprised if you meet people who are quite self-centered today. In general, it could be that you have a hard time understanding people who are egotistical and don't participate in activities with others. Today you could try looking at them as if they had something to teach you - the value of living a bit more for yourself and less for others.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Today could be rather constraining, Leo. Despite your great aspirations, today will be marked by the need to take care of the small problems that arise in everyday life. In other words, just what you love. That said, being more down to Earth or in contact with the realities of the world can never do anything but good for you.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Even if it's true in general that Virgo have strong bodies like you, there are times when it's important that they take care of themselves. This would be an ideal day to be more aware of that fact. It isn't that you're going to have health problems. Rather, the planets are positioned in the middle of abundant activity, suggesting that you'd be wise to take care of your body - your greatest asset.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Today might be a little rough for you, Libra. It's as if reality were waiting to trip you up. Nothing about you is realistic. If you're still a bit childish or irresponsible, today may be rather hard on you. It's nothing serious, so don't worry. However, if you feel as though your back is to the wall, don't react. Try to calmly accept what's happening to you.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



- Here's a day that will be rather calm for you, Scorpio. Peace has replaced all your soul searching. You feel in contact with life's daily routine, including aspects that you don't always consider like the weather, people's expressions, or small coincidences. You seem to be floating on a cloud. You're going to have a good deal of confidence today!

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



It's time to get yourself together. You have a tendency to be all over the place. You need to channel your energies into something you really care about. Tell yourself how proud you would be if you could get this done. Don't give up and don't change directions on your way. Stay focused!

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Today you should think about your overdependence on money and material possessions, Capricorn. Don't you think you spend too much of your precious time thinking about money and where you're going to find it? Are you careful with your money? Do you stick to or even have a budget? These are important questions and this is a good day to find the answers.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

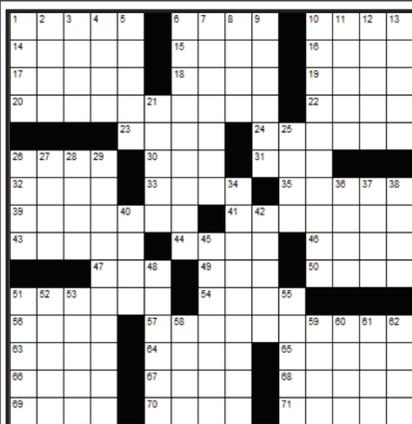


The last few weeks have been a little too serious for your tastes, but this is good for you every once in a while, Aquarius. You may have a tendency to want to play, which sometimes keeps you from getting your work done. Take today to try and get your daily life organized so you can have time to take care of your responsibilities and have a little fun.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces, you're someone who needs to have a lot of time to yourself. You often dream of curling up in bed with a good book or going for a bike ride. This is just your natural rhythm. Don't try and ignore it, because doing so could only mean problems for you. Give in from time to time. If you don't, at least use today to think about how you could.



Across

1. Melodies, 6. Tailless stout-bodied amphibian, 10. Wicked, 14. A kind of macaw, 15. Graphic symbol, 16. Not yours, 17. Severity, 18. At the peak of, 19. South American, eapon, 20. Frugal, 22. Beers, 23. Not stereo, 24. Showy, 26. Iridescent gem, 30. Flee, 31. Long-haired wild ox, 32. Infamous Roman emperor, 33. Incite, 35. Insect stage, 39. Disentangle, 41. Syrupy, 43. Drive, 44. Pitcher, 46. Require, 47. 52 in Roman numerals, 49. Historic period, 50. Sounds of disapproval, 51. Astrological constellations, 54. Expunge, 56. Baking appliance, 57. Manufacturing, 63. 1 less than 10, 64. Metal money, 65. Reddish brown, 66. Picnic insects, 67. Fluff, 68. Academy award, 69. Not more, 70. There-

Down

1. Filly's mother, 2. Relating to urine, 3. Palm starch, 4. Weightlifters pump this, 5. Billiards bounce, 6. Capable of being trained, 7. Result, 8. Dwarf buffalo, 9. Position, 10. A long artificial mound, 11. String quartet instrument, 12. Arm of the sea, 13. Rental agreement, 21. Back tooth, 25. Shower, 26. Confined, 28. Backside, 29. Solitariness, 34. To that (archaic), 36. Yeses, 37. Eccentric person, 38. Probabilities, 40. Diva's solo, 42. Not written exams, 45. Marriage ceremony, 48. "Stick" of frozen water, 51. Divided into zones, 52. Sheeplike, 53. Dings, 55. Community spirit, 58. French for "Black", 59. A musical pause, 60. Ancient Peruvian, 61. A Freudian stage, 62. Frolic,

Yesterday's Solution

WASPS, ETC, VETS, AFROIT, TOLIE, UNID, DAYDREAMER, LIMA, ERAISER, BATA, NOIR, GASP, MIAO, FRIENDS, UNKEMPT, EATABLE, SOIREE, BABITAL, TAPERED, BELLOWS, MILLED, ESNE, TINAPT, CYNIC, MELT, SITE, RUSSET, BRIO, DIFERENCE, EVER, DOUR, ERICA, DENY, ONLY, DIETER

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