

Bamyan Women Facilitated with 150 Greenhouses



BAMYAN CITY - At least 150 greenhouses have been established for women farmers in central Bamyan province, an official says. Aimed at ensuring food security and strengthening

livelihoods for farmers, the greenhouses were built at a cost of 4,500,000 afghanis provided from the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL). Abdul Wahab Mohammadi, the agriculture director,

hoped the conservatories in Bamyan city, the provincial capital, and Yakawlang district would help increase the growth of non-seasonal vegetables. He said the female ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

Suicide Car Bomb Targets Foreign Military Convoy

KANDAHAR - Casualties feared as a suicide car bomb targeted foreign military convoy in Dand district of the southern Kandahar province on Monday, a local official said on condition of anonymity. "A terrorist riding an explosive-laden car parked it alongside a road in Dand district and blew it up next to a military convoy of foreign forces today afternoon," the official told Xinhua. Spokesman for Kandahar provincial government, Qudratullah Khoshbakht, confirmed the attack but avoided commenting on the possible casualties. The NATO-led Resolute Support mission has yet to issue any statement on the report. (Xinhua)

8 Police Killed in Taliban Attack on Checkpoint

FARAH CITY - Eight policemen were killed as a result of a Taliban attack in western Farah province, an official said on Monday. Police spokesman Iqbal Bahir told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants attacked a security check-post in Regi area at 2am. The post was overrun by insurgents before the arrival of reinforcements. But the Taliban retreated after reinforcement reached the site. Eight police personnel were killed and a ninth wounded. Qari Yousaf Ahmadi, Taliban's spokesman, claimed 13 policemen were killed and one injured. The post fell to the fighters and several weapons were captured by rebels, he added. (Pajhwok)

5 Dead, 37 Wounded as Bus Flips Over in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - Five passengers were killed and 37 others wounded in an accident in southern Kandahar province on Monday, an official said. Qudratullah Khoshbakht, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident took place when a 303-bus overturned in Panjwai district on the Kandahar-Herat highway at around 6am. He linked the accident to the driver's negligence, saying five people were killed and 37 others wounded. The wounded were evacuated to the Mirwais Hospital in Kandahar City. A hospital official, meanwhile, said 22 of the injured were discharged after being administered first medical aid. The remaining 15 are under medical treatment and they are said to be in stable condition. (Pajhwok)

The Blind Grumble about Slights and Disrespect

KABUL - Despite the existence of laws safeguarding the rights of special people, little attention is paid to individuals with disabilities, who continue to be ignored in housing schemes. Such individuals lack the ability to work or earn livelihoods because they have lost their body parts. Instead of being sympathised with, they are generally taunted and mocked. Government officials acknowledge the problems being faced by the disabled, pledging to provide them all facilities. They say effort are underway to ameliorate their lot. Insult & disappointment Nangyali Noori Nizami, 19, head of the Parwan Blind Association, has memorised the Holy Quran besides passing the 10th ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Pakistan Resumes Shelling Into Kunar; Yet Again: Police



ASADABAD - Local officials of the eastern province of Kunar on Monday alleged that the Pakistani military has fired at least 183 mortar shells into the province from across the Durand Line. Maj. Gen. Jummal Gul Himmat, the provincial police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Pakistani army has fired approximately 183 rockets into the four bordering districts of the province in the past 24 hours. He said the affected districts are Dangan, Narai, Shigal, and Shultan. Himmat said that one of the shells landed at a civilian house in Sawano area of Dangan district, completely destroying the house. A man was also injured in the incident. According to him, the shelling also killed the cattle and destroyed farm lands in some areas. The Pakistani forces have continued sporadic shelling of different border provinces of Afghanistan over the past few years. The shelling from across the Durand Line has frequently resulted in civilian casualties. Many people living in bordering districts have been forced to flee their homes. (Pajhwok)



4 Attackers Killed before Reaching Target in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - Police in the Marroof district of southern Kandahar province on Monday shot dead four suicide attackers before they could reach their goals. Police spokesman Zia Durrani told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in Marroof district when the assailants wanted to target police headquarters through Humvee tank full of explosives on Sunday night. Durrani said the attackers had been identified by police and gunned down before they could execute their plan. The tank was later detonated by the bomb disposal squad. No one else suffered casualties, he added. The Taliban have so far said nothing regarding the incident. (Pajhwok)

Over 400 Dead as Powerful Earthquake Strikes Near Iran-Iraq Border



KABUL - More than 400 people were killed and over 2,500 injured in a powerful earthquake that hit the Iran-Iraq border region late on Sunday. The earthquake was measured 7.3 magnitude on Richter scale. Iranian media emphasised that the quake mostly affected the Iranian side, particularly the country's western Kermanshah region. The Iranian administration has announced a three-day mourning period. According to reports, so far at least 328 people have died and ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries Understanding someone else's perspective isn't always the easiest thing for you to do. Although you might grasp the meaning of their words, practicing compassion can be an intellectual activity rather than an emotional experience. However, you are poised to make a breakthrough today as the reflective Libra Moon travels through your 7th House

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus Your coworkers rely on your sense of fair play today as they try to untangle a complicated issue that's affecting other employees. You are known for your pragmatic approach to problem solving. However, you also feel an intuitive connection with the underdog in the current conflict now that Chiron the Wounded Healer aligns with your key planet Venus.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You possess an excellent sense of timing today when it comes to getting what you want. The diplomatic Libra Moon's presence in your 5th House of Self-Expression enables you to say the right thing, but knowing when to stop talking is essential. In fact, you're so smooth now that others might not even realize there is a negotiation in process. Your current charm comes with a warning.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You are looking at the wide world through your picture window, safe and secure in your protected corner of the universe. Although you accept the limitations of your current circumstances, you wonder what it would be like to throw caution to the wind and buy a one-way ticket to an unknown destination.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Your schedule seems to slip out of its constraints today, no matter how much attention you give it in advance. Whether you run behind because of circumstances beyond your control or a misunderstanding leads to delays, you might need to abandon your previous agenda and fly through the day by the seat of your pants.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo You're trying to maintain your reputation for being efficient today, but everything you do seems to take more time than allotted. You can't tell if you underestimated the complexity of a task or if you're working slower than normal now. Either way, there's a problem if others are dependent on your production schedule. Rather than allowing discouragement to hijack your day while you obsess about your shortcomings.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Making up your mind is often challenging because you can naturally see both sides of an issue. Finalizing a decision is even harder today now that the moody Moon is visiting your ambivalent sign. But another layer of complication is added when you realize that neither available option works for you.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Trusting the blessings that arrive at your doorstep now can be an uphill battle. You have an eye for realism and usually spot trouble before it arrives. Unfortunately, you may be so good at unearthing what's hidden that you turn a perfectly lovely situation into a swamp full of alligators.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You're eager to do something enjoyable with your friends today, and you're willing to be the ring-leader if necessary. But you may have a hidden agenda in wanting others to participate in your activities because you believe they will support you no matter what kind of mischief you manifest. However, you're probably reading the energy wrong.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Your public image is important to you because you sincerely wish to be taken seriously by your peers. Although you normally strive to be known for your competence, you're more interested now in appearing fair to all parties involved. You are happy to temporarily brush aside your authority and power today so you can become the consummate diplomat.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius You may explore a variety of possibilities to learn more about the world in which you live. You're motivated now to improve your position at work and you think that additional education could be your ticket to advancement. Although there is an obvious link between your schooling and your job, more knowledge isn't the only thing that will impact your career trajectory.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-55 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across clues: 1. Nanny, 5. Dreadful, 10. Kiln-dried grain, 14. Ancient marketplaces, 15. Petulant, 16. Largest continent, 17. Affirm, 18. Decorative, 20. Adjust, 22. Female protagonist, 23. Lyric poem, 24. Tapestry, 25. Large warships, 32. Previously, 33. Small boat, 34. What we sleep on, 37. Midway between white and black, 38. Past tense of "will", 39. Whip, 40. Mayday, 41. Heart artery, 42. Strainer, 43. Loan shark, 45. Thin piece of wood or metal, 49. Mineral rock, 50. A childhood disease, 53. Impressive, 57. Rigid, 59. Gambol, 60. Carry, 61. Notions, 62. Sea eagle, 63. At one time (archaic), 64. Basic belief, 65. A romantic meeting.

Down clues: 1. At a distance, 2. Relocate, 3. Region, 4. Prostitution, 5. Orbital high point, 6. Frayed, 7. Merriment, 8. A D-Day beach, 9. An acute inflammatory disease, 10. Country estate, 11. Active, 12. Tropical vine, 13. Stories, 19. Delete, 21. Doing nothing, 25. Cysts, 26. Hairdo, 27. Foot digits, 28. Disdain, 29. Fancy, 30. Dental filling, 31. Detachable container, 34. Hemorrhaged, 35. Overhang, 36. One who colors cloth, 38. Court, 39. Evaded, 41. Enough, 42. Arid, 44. Not highest, 45. Strike, 46. Adult male singing voice, 47. Flat floating vessels, 48. A small island, 51. Way out, 52. On the left or right, 53. Wings, 54. Gumbo, 55. Pepper, 56. Type of sword, 58. Tall hill,

Yesterday's Solution crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

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EGOODBYETHING
SINDEPENDENTI
INFLECTLOREO
COATINGEIOAI
RSAUCYESNESSD
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NEDINIETORPKX
GRYWCRIMESUOH
LPNUTUREMEHCS
ATNEMNREVOGMK