

Road Shows Help Afghan Poultry Sector Find New Investors

MAZAR-E-SHARIF - The Balkh Chamber of Commerce and Industries held a series of poultry road shows in the past week in Mazar-e Sharif that let farmers and producers exhibit their produce and machinery and help attract new investors. Financial and technical assistance for the exhibitions came from the German government, as part of its various measures to help Afghan farmers, manufacturers, cooperatives and traders of poultry products increase their incomes. Apart from road shows, Afghan German cooperation pro-



vides funding for modernizing facilities, training and dialogue forums. The German program for promoting Sustainable Economic Development and Employment (SEDEP) at the road shows exhibited new model poultry houses and shop designs. Participants could find out more about new and hygienic slaughtering methods for chicken in new slaughterhouses with adjoining poultry outlets. Islamuddin Amaki, director of the Directorate of Agriculture, Irrigation & Livestock (DAIL) ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

14 Daesh Insurgents Killed in Nangarhar Operation



JALALABAD - At least 14 Daesh insurgents have been killed in an Afghan security forces military operation in eastern Nangarhar province, local officials said on Saturday.

clearing a number of villages of insurgents," he said. He added that military forces are also using heavy weapons in the operation.

In addition, five other insurgents were injured. The operation was launched nearly a month ago in Achin district of the province to clear insurgents and is still ongoing, a commander of 201 Selab Military Corp, Mohammad Nasim Sangin said. Sangin said that there have been no civilian nor security force casualties in the operation so far. "The enemies have not succeeded during this operation and security forces are moving forward. So far we have

Ayoub Hussain, a border police commander in eastern Afghanistan, said that a number of Pakistani nationals are among the dead. "We have seized a number of weapons from Daesh insurgents in this operation. Among the dead are also Pakistanis," he said. The operation comes after Daesh insurgents increased their activity in Achin district of the province recently and frequently launch attacks against security forces. (Tolnews)

Education Activist Calls for More Female Teachers

LONDON - When the Taliban banned girls' education in Afghanistan, six-year-old Shabana Basij-Rasikh started dressing as a boy and for five years risked her life to attend a secret school. Today, 14 years on, she runs Afghanistan's only boarding school for girls, aiming to foster a new generation of leaders across professions who can help create a strong country following decades of war. "It's especially important to educate young girls in Afghanistan because we have not tapped into half of society," said Basij-Rasikh. "We're talking about a phenomenal opportunity for Afghanistan." Despite millions of girls entering education since the fall of the Taliban, many still miss out because of a huge shortage of female teachers, says Basij-Rasikh, now 25, who has won international acclaim for her work championing girls' education. The gender gap in primary schools remains the largest globally with only 7 girls for every 10 boys, falling to 5.5 girls at secondary level. Basij-Rasikh, a speaker on Tuesday at the Trust Women conference on women's rights and trafficking run by the Thomson Reuters Foundation, said she was lucky to grow up in a family where daughters were prized. Her grandfather insisted Basij-Rasikh's mother go to school even though his father disowned him for doing so. Basij-Rasikh's father - an army general who was the first boy in his family to be schooled - was also adamant his daughters should be educated, even when the Islamist Taliban took power in 1996. "My parents knew they were risking our lives in sending...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Agriculture Ministry Builds Over 500 Potato Storages in Bamyan

BAMYAN - The Afghan Ministry of Agriculture has funded construction of over 500 potato storages for farmers in Bamyan province, officials said Saturday. Built at a cost of about 240million Afghani, the storages have a total capacity of over 10,000 tons. Bamyan is known for its potatoes all over Afghanistan, and the province meets most of the local demand for potatoes. This year, farmers in districts of Shibar,



Yakawlang, Punjab, Waras and central Bamyan have benefited from 490 small storages, each with a capacity of 15-19 tons, and 24 big storages, each with a capacity of

Afghans Lose Everything in Quest for Better Life in Europe

KABUL -Tens of Thousands of Afghans leave their militancy-plagued and economically impoverished country for developed countries in Europe annually to settle there and embrace a more prosperous life, but fortune sides with few. "This was my dream to reach Europe and establish a peaceful and successful life there. To change my dream into reality I had sold whatever I had here three years ago and handed over the money to a human trafficker to take me to Europe. But the dream quickly became a nightmare involving forcible deportation," Mohammad Haidar, 32 told Xinhua. A resident of Wardak's provincial capital Maidan Shahr, just 35 km west of Kabul, Haidar sold his house and farmland in 2012 and left for Europe without legal travel documents and with only the support of a human trafficker. Exhausted from protracted instability in his homeland and long for an affluent life in Europe, Haidar, after months of hard traveling via land and sea and having crossed several countries including Iran, Turkey, Greece and Italy, reached his dream destination, the wealthy country in northern Europe, Norway. "At last, I reached Norway in 2012 and was staying in a camp of migrants there for more than two years," a dejected Haidar said. "Unfortunately, my application for asylum in Norway after processing was rejected and they sent me back to Afghanistan some six months ago." Continued instability, a...*(More on P4)...(16)*

ISIS Loyalists Start Destruction of Graves to Match Atrocities in Iraq and Syria

DAMASCUS - New shocking images have emerged which purportedly shows the loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group destroying raised graves. The ISIS loyalists operating under the brand of 'Wilayat Khurasan' which covers swaths of Afghanistan and Pakistan, are apparently committing the latest fanatic acts in a bid to match the atrocities committed by the terror



group in Iraq and Syria. The group which is reportedly led by the former Pakistani Taliban commander Hafiz Saeed Khan. This comes as the terror group earlier this year released photographs of its militants destroying Christian graves with sledgehammers and carving out crosses in the Iraqi city of Mosul. The...*(More on P4)...(15)*

42 Development Projects Completed in Paktia Province

GARDAIZ - At a cost of AFN 36,546,000 - funded by the National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD/NSP) 42 uplift projects have recently been completed in Ahmad Abad, Ahmad khil, Chamkani, Dandopatan, Sayadkaram, Lajamangal, Mairzaka districts of Paktia province. According to NSP Provincial Manager in Paktia province, these development projects encompass the construction of 2052meters protection wall, irrigation canals, a bridge, 2,835 kilo meters

road, four culverts and excavation of 123 wells along with hand pump installation. Approximately, 5,531 families in various communities have been able to get access to basic human needs upon completion of these projects. Since its inception in Paktia province, the NSP has been covered 1,522communities and able to execute 2,247 development projects in different sectors including transport, water and sanitation, irrigation, power, livelihoods, education, etc while the work of another 709 is currently in progress. (PR)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Not much will get in your way today except for your imagination, either inspiring you to greater heights or triggering a bit of depression. Nevertheless, it would be a shame to waste all the positive potential in your life by succumbing to your doubts or fears. Ultimately, you own the power to create your future by using your dreams to set long-term goals. Once you establish new priorities.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your emotions lure you right to the brink of action, yet at the very last moment you might change your mind. Sometimes it takes a serious wake-up call to motivate you to make a commitment and swing into motion, but not today. You have an opportunity to make significant progress if you can just push past your own self-imposed limits. Take a small step.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your mind is like a hot air balloon today as your thoughts rise high above the mundane events of your life. Your enthusiasm soars and you feel as if you can accomplish nearly anything. Unfortunately, your sense of reality may be distorted, but don't let your blind optimism prevent you from attempting the impossible. Ironically, you just might surprise everyone with your success, including yourself.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your excitement entices you beyond the security of the fences guarding your perimeter today. As a hard-shelled Crab, you naturally seek emotional protection; nevertheless, you are known to let down your guard with close friends and family. Go ahead and take care of your business in the outer world, but don't linger there too long.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your anticipation is palpable and your inspiration is admirable. It might feel as if you are buckled in for the ride of a lifetime, but you may crave even more of an adrenaline rush now. If only you could find someone to give you the keys to a jet plane - your lack of flying skills wouldn't be enough to stop you today. You might find yourself in a pile of trouble if you don't slow down and think before you act.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Although you can feel the electricity in the air now, you're uncertain that all systems are go. You're still somewhat hesitant and might choose to hold off a little longer before initiating launch sequence. This tendency to wait is a familiar dynamic to you perfectionist Virgos. However, if anyone accuses you of being too picky today, just remind them that your cautious logic has proven valuable in the past.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

As the premier hosts of the zodiac, you feel blessed with an extra layer of good cheer today and you're eager to take any opportunity to shine your light. You're at the top of your game now, capable of turning your intuitive hunches into concrete action. Your ultimate goal is to put others at ease and you can do this as long as you don't get too attached to your own agenda.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Don't forget to notice the most apparent and obvious details, even while searching for the meaning of life. Ironically, the greatest magic isn't found in a hidden mystery, but is right there in plain sight. Valuable spiritual epiphanies are yours for the taking today if you focus your awareness on what's happening in front of your nose.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Living up to other people's expectations is challenging today, especially if you're busy obsessing over your long-term goals. However, you must be discerning about what you say; if anyone realizes that you're not fully present, they may not want to work or play with you. Although it's nerve-wracking to juggle both realities, there is undeniable potential to your dreams and you have a serious chance to make them real.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You may be annoyed as you attempt to weigh the thrill of the outer circumstantial events now with your innate need to be responsible. It's crucial to allow yourself the flexibility of spontaneous emotional reaction. There's no reason to calculate your response today; just act as you feel, even if additional preparation would put you more at ease.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

A conflict in your immediate surroundings could demand your undivided attention for a while today. The problem is that a small misunderstanding might pull a conversation off center before you even know it. Thankfully, if you respond directly, everything probably can be settled before it blows out of proportion. In fact, if you're honest about your feelings.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your overactive imagination lurks around every corner today, but you can finish your chores if you keep your goals in sight. Although you can't drift off into La-La-Land, luckily, you are quite capable of maintaining professional appearances while still exploring your rainbow-colored dreams. Now, more than ever, your practical world is intertwined with your spiritual practice. Taking care of business is required.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across: 1. in aware, 6. Beers, 10. Relating to urine, 14. Stage between egg and pupa, 15. Chair, 16. Snack, 17. Wall climbers, 18. Rescue, 19. Whimper, 20. A toy that fires pellets, 22. Bobbin, 23. Skin irritation, 24. Black Sea port, 26. Auctioned, 30. Hasten, 31. One time around, 32. Double-reed woodwind, 33. Acquire deservedly, 35. Relative magnitudes, 39. Cobnut, 41. Large flightless bird, 43. Collection of maps, 44. Modify, 46. Biblical kingdom, 47. Utilize, 49. East southeast, 50. Lairs, 51. Vestiges, 54. School session, 56. Every single one, 57. The scientific study of caves, 63. Pang, 64. Sea eagle, 65. Small egg, 66. Clairvoyant, 67. Catches, 68. Ascended, 69. Countercurrent, 70. Visual organs, 71. Locations.

Down: 1. Paper holder, 2. Wash, 3. Murres, 4. Nights before, 5. Fish broth, 6. Partner, 7. Cowhide, 8. Overhang, 9. Unsaturated alcohol, 10. Not ready, 11. Debauchees, 12. Small islands, 13. Pincer, 21. Different, 25. Blown-gun missile, 26. Couch, 27. Death notice, 28. Take it easy, 29. Drunken revelry, 34. Without a sound, 36. It ebbs and flows, 37. Computer symbol, 38. Units of resistance, 40. Being, 42. Cubic meter, 45. The easing of tensions, 48. Ancient ascetic, 51. Make fun of, 52. Sped, 53. Hurt, 55. Berths, 58. Quarry, 59. 57 in Roman numerals, 60. Dethrone, 61. Delight, 62. Cravings.

Yesterday's Solution: account, ahead, attack, bade, bear, bleed, blink, boon, broach, bronze, bunion, conflict, craft, crown, deep, delete, distant, earnest, easiest, hues, humid, ilex, lead, lilt, lunch, maple, mouth, network, pink, proud, radar, rare, recent, reflex, resort, shade.

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