

# 5 Canals Consolidated in Samangan



AIBAK - Work on consolidating five canals has been completed at a cost of 28.5 million afghanis by the World Bank in northern Samangan province. Homayoon Habib, head of agriculture, irrigation and livestock, told Pajhwok Afghan News the canals were embanked in Hazrat Sulatan, Dawlatabad

districts and Aibak city. He said hundreds of water gates were installed on the canals for irrigating farmland in the areas. Khanshiren, a farmer in Hazrat Sultan district, said previously silt accumulated in the canal bed and water leaked through its banks. He expressed happiness and said the completion of

the canal embankment project resolved problems they previous faced in irrigating their fields. According to the Agriculture Department, work on other canals in Qishlaq, Hussaikhel, Loragai villages has been underway at a cost of 23 million afghanis funded by the World Bank. (Pajhwok)

## Bounded Child Labour: I am Working out of Compulsion

PUL-I-ALAM - A 15-year-old boy from central Logar province, employed by a well-off man for 1,400 kilograms of wheat a year, says he is not allowed to work elsewhere. "From dawn to dusk, I have to work hard. Barring emergencies, I'm not given leave... And most of the times, I'm beaten." This is the story of Jamal (not a real name) who works for a rich family in Logar province for 1,400 kilograms of wheat annually. The price of 560 kilograms of wheat is 15,000 AFS while a daily wage is paid 400 AFS for eight hours of work. Livelihood problems of family have forced Jamal to work in the house of this wealthy person, who subjects him all types of hard ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## Khashrod District Chief Killed in Roadside Bombing

ZARANG - The Administrative chief for the Khashrod district of southwestern Nimroz province was killed in a roadside blast on Saturday, an official said. A security source in the province, who wished not to be named, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident occurred six kilometres from the district centre on Saturday evening. He said Khashrod Town Chief Mohammad Hasham Noorzai was on his way to the district centre from the provincial capital, Zarang, when his vehicle hit a roadside bomb. He said the explosion resulted in the killing of Noorzai and destruction of his vehicle. The source added had Noorzai survived the bombing, insurgents were prepared to kill him in shoot out. No group has so far claimed responsibility for the blast. (Pajhwok)

## Soldiers Narrate 'the Risky Journey' on Insecure Highways



KABUL - Security force members, government officials and employees of non-government institutions said they wait for weeks and sometimes for months to travel to the east and southeastern provinces by military aircrafts. They call it a 'risky journey'. People can travel by road to Paktia province but they should join a military convoy visit Paktika province. Some of them take the risk and travel to the province on their own through the Kabul-Gardez highway. TOLONews reporter Tamim Hamid and his team travelled to Logar, Paktia and Paktika provinces and from there to Ghazni and Maidan Wardak provinces by road in a military convoy. Hamid said he travelled in a military Humvee along with seven others while the vehicle has the capacity of five people. He said the military convoys drive at least 45 minutes in less-governed areas to get from Gardez city to Paktika. According to him, people can travel with civilian vehicles to Gardez city in Paktia but the Paktia-Paktika highway cannot be passed without a military convoy. (Tolonews)

## Women Reporters, Seizing on Global Trends, Empower Voices against Abuse

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - In a year when the #metoo hashtag has inspired women across the globe to tell their personal tales of harassment and unwanted sexual advances in the workplace, one team of local female TV reporters in northern Afghanistan is promising to "leave no sister behind" by telling the often harrowing stories of Afghan women and girls trapped by abuse and gender-based violence. In Afghanistan, the challenge of helping women tell these stories is fraught with peril. It requires the use of confidentiality and anonymity to protect women and girls who choose to speak out. Those who report abuse - from simple harassment to severe beatings and rape - risk retribution and often more violence, sometimes including murder, for speaking out. "Our first step is to gain the trust of survivors," says Raihana Rasoly, an anchor and reporter at Ariana Television in northern Afghanistan. "When we report on abuse, we are careful to follow up and stay in contact with those who ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## Mining in Insecure Nangarhar Areas Goes Unsupervised



JALALABAD - Mines and petroleum director for Nangarhar province on Saturday said they could not supervise natural resources in the eastern province due to insecurity. In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Eng. Sayed Saleh Shinwari, said he had requested cooperation from district chiefs and security officials in preventing the riches from being plundered, but none of them took any action. Deposits of minerals including marbles, slate, nephrite and fluorite exist in Goshta, Achin, Haska Mina, Nazian, Dur Baba and Sherzad districts, all insecure areas, he said. Shinwari said a primary ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## Father Kills Daughter; 8 Insurgents Dead in Clash

TIRINKOT - A father has killed his daughter for unknown reason in the capital of central Uruzgan province, where a clash left eight rebels dead, officials said Saturday. Uruzgan police chief Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Sidiqi told Pajhwok Afghan News the murder took place on Friday night in the 4th municipal district of Tirinkot city, the provincial capital. He said the girl had been shot dead by his father and a task team had reached the area for investigation. An official at the Uruzgan Civil Hospital told Pajhwok the girl was delivered to the hospital on Friday night in wounded ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## Firewood, Gold Prices up in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of firewood and gold have increased while that of other essential items remain steady during the outgoing week in the capital Kabul, market sources said Saturday. Sayed Ahmad, a firewood seller in Kampani area of Kabul, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the price of 560 kilograms of unpeeled oak was increased from 7,100 Afghanis to 7,200 Afghanis and the same quantity of cedar from 6,800afs to 7,000afs. He said the demand for firewood was increased and that was the reason of its price hike. But the rates of ...*(More on P4)...(14)*



## Outlook Horoscope

### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries In theory, you understand why it's wise to be receptive to other people's perspectives. You might even go out of your way to ask someone to share their experiences. But, in practice, you're itching to stop talking and swing into action. Although the Pisces Moon encourages reflection, the Sagittarius Sun speaks to you need for speed.

### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus Socializing with your friends and family brings out the best in you today. However, the adventurous Sagittarius Sun is arguing with the dreamy Pisces Moon in your 11th House of Community. Sharing your hopes for the future sounds enticing, but you might not feel supported if others think you're heading in the wrong direction.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You don't know whether or not to take people at face value today. Someone may suggest an activity that sounds fantastic to you, but they become less enthused as your excitement mounts. You wonder if you're reading the energy wrong and could be confused by the entire interaction. But this situation stirs a deeper issue about your natural willingness to go along with others.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You are in danger of letting your compassion spin out of control today. It's one thing to empathize with someone who is in pain, but don't allow their suffering to overwhelm your heart. You can do the most good by carefully managing your boundaries now. Maintaining a clear sense of self is necessary for your wellbeing or you could drown in the process.

### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo As long as you are smiling, the world will smile with you -- or so it seems. You may consciously choose to walk on the sunny side of the street today since you know it's not as pleasant in the shade. However, you soon realize that a significant part of the spectrum of reality is missing from your experience.

### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo You might decide to spend some time on your own today so you can reconnect with your inner world. The imaginative Pisces Moon is visiting your 7th House of Relationships, flooding your fantasies with vague impressions that seem to originate from others. You can't easily tell which feelings are yours and which belong to someone else. Turn down the noise by temporarily avoiding crowds.

### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Your desire to be of service to those you love lights up your world today. Instead of pursuing personal pleasure, you're inclined to share your gifts in the hopes of improving the lives of others. Happily, when your friends feel better, so do you. Just don't lose sight of your own physical and emotional needs. Nothing is gained if you deplete your energy in your effort.

### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Sometimes, you feel unstable when you can't easily find your way back to center. However, exhilaration overpowers any uncertainty today as you revisit a series of events that has brought you to this present moment. Assessing your current position, along with your apparent trajectory, gives rise to a new wave of confidence that you are doing something that will generate enduring positive change.

### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You're on a quest to be the best possible version of yourself today. Your friends and family can see how serious you are about your journey of metaphysical discovery. But they might not be aware of other important facets of your current explorations because you choose to keep some of your process private. You are happy to receive support, but you also believe that no one understands the depth of your spiritual experience.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You may feel as if you're gearing up for showtime but you're still flying beneath the radar today. You don't want to let anyone in on your secret yet, but you are busily developing a plan for the next chapter of your life. Although you're not quite ready to share your ideas, you recognize the immeasurable value of your social network.

### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius You're at the top of your 'game now, and you can enjoy basking in the warmth of the love surrounding you. Something as simple as a smile from the right person can brighten your world. However, you cannot rest on your laurels, for there is plenty of work yet to be done. Thankfully, you don't need to do everything today.

### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces Nearly everyone who encounters you today receives an energetic boost, feeling happier because your paths have crossed. Whether or not you think of yourself as a healer, you seem to possess the magic touch now. Just listening to someone else's problems and giving them a few words of encouragement may be enough to lift their spirits. By visualizing the best possible outcome in any situation.

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

Across clues: 1. Not domesticated, 6. Collections, 10. Chores, 14. Handy, 15. Leave out, 16. Baking appliance, 17. Prod, 18. Connects two points, 19. Sharpen, 20. Randomize, 22. 3 times 3, 23. Certain, 24. Not the borrower, 26. Against, 30. Martini ingredient, 31. Cheer, 32. Murmurs, 33. Backside, 35. Rugby formation, 39. A word that sounds like another, 41. Ancient Greek mistress, 43. Colonic, 44. Clairvoyant, 46. Make a sweater, 47. An uncle, 49. Holiday drink, 50. Carve in stone, 51. Superior to another, 54. Gloat, 56. Arab chieftain, 57. Destroy completely, 63. Mongolian desert, 64. Twosomes, 65. A red fluorescent dye, 66. Ear-related, 67. At one time (archaic), 68. Used, 69. Orange pekoe, 70. Colors, 71. 10 in a decade.

Down clues: 1. A reserve of money, 2. Decorative case, 3. Purges, 4. Diatom, 5. Lascivious looks, 6. Sunrooms, 7. Distinguished, 8. Bell sound, 9. Unbending, 10. Pancake-style combread, 11. Egg-shaped, 12. Sesame seed, 13. Contemptuous look, 21. A form of football, 25. Where the sun rises, 26. Pang, 27. Midday, 28. Hefty volume, 29. Muscle-building exercises, 34. Theoreticians, 36. Lease, 37. Relating to urine, 38. Arithmetic, 40. What a person is called, 42. Grain disease, 45. Insert, 48. Worn away, 51. Fathered, 52. Overact, 53. Leg bone, 55. Tearful, 58. Entomb, 59. Part in a play, 60. Largest continent, 61. Layer, 62. Terminates,

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

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NOITAROPROCVN  
EFIDDLLETUORAE  
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EXEOOYEGDUJID  
DAWRTECHNICAL  
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NTMEFFICIENTY  
OEGRACEMHTAFE  
INPLAYERICILR  
TVGPCHECKTYHO  
CSEXATCLOTMTT  
APPREHENSIONS