

# Local Firm to Invest \$20 Million in Steel Industry

KABUL - Government officials and members of Khan Steel, a smelter in Kabul, laid the foundation stone for the second phase of the firm that will be completed within three months.

The company will invest \$20 million in the project. By completion of the project, company officials said, the capacity of the firm will increase and it will create an additional 1,000 jobs.

The firm will produce up to 400 tons of steel in 24 hours after completion of its second phase which will be enough to replace 20 percent of imported steel, the officials said.

Government officials said the National Unity Government is committed to supporting the local industries.

"We are trying to balance our exports and imports. The National Unity Government, especially the



president, has full commitment to stand the domestic industries on its own feet and will support them to develop," said Mohammad Khan, the First Deputy of Chief Executive of the National Unity Government.

Khan Steel officials urged government to help them take part in extraction of Hajigak iron ore with Indian the consortium which is interested to invest in the project.

Acting Minister of Mines and Petroleum Nargis Nehan meanwhile said they will help local factories to take part in Hajigak iron ore.

"The Indian consortium has been recognized as winner of the contract and they are interested in negotiations with us. During the negotiations, we will try to sign the contact with the companies which have invested in iron production and discuss with them about ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## Afghan Refugee Battered by Racism, Hardship Plans to Leave New Zealand

Wellington - A refugee from Afghanistan living in New Zealand plans to return home after enduring personal hardship and racist abuse.

Sayed Sadat, 54, has lived in Auckland since 2001, after arriving in New Zealand on a fake passport and later being offered residency. He was 14-years-old when he witnessed the 1979 invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union.

"I am going because I don't know what else to do," he told Newshub.

After 17 years living in Auckland, he's considering selling his car to afford a plane ticket back to his home country, despite the risk of bombings and terrorism. He told Newshub his lack of work in New Zealand and ailing health has left him feeling helpless.

"I've faced many difficulties," he said, reflecting on his time working as a taxi driver. He recalls disrespectful customers who often didn't pay him, once having four customers run off without paying in a single night.

Some customers, he said, would ask where he is from, and then point out Afghanistan's connection to Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind the 9/11 attack on New York.

Mr Sadat has faced disrespect "related to my race and where I come from," he told Newshub. "Now, I'm living in emergency housing and I'm still employed [with] a company," he said, but claims he's been given no work. He did not disclose the name of the company.

Health issues have also hindered Mr Sadat's experience living in New Zealand. He suffers from fibromyalgia and has faced cardiac problems. It was during this time of prolonged unemployment and ill health that he found inspiration in artistic expression.

The horrors Mr Sadat has experienced - including having three of his school friends murdered in Afghanistan - has also compelled him to write. He has had two books published: *Way to Kabul* and *Bearing Witness to Taliban Horror*. He said he has two more manuscripts ready to go.

Mr Sadat admits many "fascinating things" have happened during his life in New Zealand, and says he would stay in the country if he had proper work. But the only logical next step is to remove himself from his current situation, he says.

"I'm not leaving New Zealand forever, but maybe for a few years, to have a sort of peace of mind. But I don't know if I will have peace of mind there [Afghanistan] because I had a very big tragedy," ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## Drone strikes Target ISIS-K Hideouts in Nangarhar Province

KABUL - A series of airstrikes were carried out on ISIS Khurasan (ISIS-K) hideouts in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan, leaving at least six members of the group dead.

The 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan Military in the East in a statement said in the airstrikes were carried out Wazir Tangi area of Khogyani district by coalition forces.

The statement further added that the airstrikes left at least six ISIS militants dead, including a commander of the group identified as Sher Alam.

The security forces and local residents did not suffer casualties



during the airstrikes, the 201st Silab Corps added. The anti-government armed militant groups including ISIS loyalists have not commented regarding the airstrikes so far. *(KP)*

## Acting Mayor Appointed for Capital Kabul

KABUL - The government has appointed the deputy administrative and finance chief of Kabul Municipality as the acting Mayor of the capital.

Sources privy of the development within Kabul Municipality confirm that Shoaib Rahim, the deputy administrative and finance chief of Kabul Municipality, has been appointed as acting Mayor based on a Presidential decree.

The Office of the President, ARG Palace, has not commented regarding the appointment of Mr. Rahim as acting Mayor of Kabul so far.

This comes as former acting ...*(More on P4)...(12)*



## Herat Forces Ready to Ensure Elections Safety

HERAT - More than 800 members of the Afghan National Defense and Security Force marched through Herat City on Tuesday, showing their preparedness for ensuring the safety of the October 20 parliamentary elections.

The campaign for the elections has already started country-wide.

According to the Ministry of Interior, 54,776 members of the Afghan National Security and Defense Force will be de-

ployed for security of 5,100 polling centers five days ahead of the elections.

The ministry said there will be 9,540 reserved forces.

There is no serious security threat against the electoral process in the west zone, a senior security official said who addressed his forces during the military parade.

"We conducted the parade to ensure that people can freely go to the polls and meanwhile the ...*(More on P4)...(13)*



### Outlook Horoscope

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



Move forward with your plan of attack today, Aries. There's an anxious rumble within you that's urging you to get going with a current plan. You have all the facts you need, so don't hesitate any longer. The power of the word is with you. You will be smooth, collected, and confident even in the most nerve-wracking situations. Words will flow off your tongue with ease.

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



Don't get so stuck in your ways today that you insist on having the one true answer without really considering the options. You must be aware of a lot before you commit yourself one way or another. The people around you are apt to get annoyed with your narrow-mindedness, for this is how you will be viewed unless you stop.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Quietly step into the background if things aren't going the way you'd like, Gemini. Don't try to stick your nose into someone else's business, even if you think you know the right way to proceed. People probably have strong opinions, and they won't be swayed in any direction. The best you can do is take care of yourself. You will probably find that this means you shouldn't be seen or heard.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You may have gotten yourself tangled up in a deep mental drama over a series of recent incidents, Cancer. Your mind may be working overtime in order to solve the riddles. It's quite possible that the reality of the situation is that you're simply making a big deal over nothing. Today is one of those days in which you will face the harsh reality that comes as a consequence of your over-the-top thinking.

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



You may feel as if your smile is unwelcome today, Leo. It may seem to you like there's some sort of gloom and doom to people's attitudes that makes them unwilling to accept any sort of good news. Don't let this stop you from maintaining your own cheerful state. It's important that you not probe too deeply into the reasons behind other people's behavior now.

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



Keep careful track of things today, Virgo, for you will find that the smallest detail will make the biggest difference. Don't hesitate to go with your hunches when something simply doesn't sound right. Stay focused and try not to get caught off guard when emotional issues come out of nowhere and disturb your thoughts. Trust yourself regardless of what's going on around you.

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



Be aggressive and forceful when it comes to exerting your will, Libra. Let others know that you won't be a pushover. Your opinions are extremely important, and they need to be heard by the people who matter the most. Have faith that whatever you say has the power to come true, especially when you enlist the help of those around you.

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



You may feel as if your hands are tied today and you're faced with absolutely no options, Libra. Don't despair over a situation that seems insurmountable. Think of yourself as a terrific magician who can burst out of the strongest chains. You have tricks up your sleeve that can help you escape just about any situation in which you find yourself.

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



Today is one of those days in which you will be bursting at the seams to share big news with your friends, Sagittarius. Perhaps you just received an important package or piece of information and you can't wait to spread the news. Be careful about who might be lurking around, however, because there could be others listening in. They may not necessarily be acting in your best interests.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your reluctance to speak could get you in trouble today, Capricorn. You may hesitate to share what you know for fear of what others might think. You should realize that you're using this as an excuse to hide what's really just selfishness. Share your knowledge with others and you will be amazed at the knowledge that comes back to you in return.

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



There may be a great tension between you and someone older today, Aquarius. Perhaps there's someone who's adopting a sort of "parent knows best" personality that's starting to annoy you. Take a breather. Realize that this person isn't being critical or judgmental but just giving you advice. You should open your eyes and understand that this advice could be very useful.

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



There's apt to be a comfortable feeling about today that should make you feel quite secure and nurtured, Pisces. Perhaps you're feeling protected by a strong force, maybe an internal one, that's reminding you that as long as you stay within the lines, everything will be fine. There's a familiarity to things that will make it easy for you to navigate any rough waters.



#### Across

- Vipers, 5. A sloping mass of loose rocks, 10. 10 10 10 10, 14. An escape of water, 15. Aircraft, 16. Shade of blue, 17. Illogical, 19. Flows, 20. It comes from a hen, , 21. Caper, 22. Demolish, 23. Sewing tools, 25. Whole, 27. Not cold, 28. Fool, 31. Moon of Saturn, 34. Slumber, 35. \_\_\_-zag, 36. A chess piece, 37. Complaining, 38. Audition tape, 39. Hole-making tool, 40. Unit of gold purity, 41. Fertile areas, , 42. Unnaturally frenzied, 44. Sick, 45. Fend off, 46. Experience, 50. Embarrass, 52. Expire, 54. Cool, once, 55. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 56. Snake-like, 58. Cain's brother, 59. Willow, 60. Nameless, 61. Ploy, 62. Begin, , 63. Feathery scarves, ,

#### Down

- Outsider, 2. Twilled fabric, 3. Plaster, 4. Calypso offshoot, 5. Small piano, 6. Coagulates, 7. Hindu princess, 8. The passing of a law, 9. Snake-like fish, , 10. A paved surface, 11. Makes equal, 12. Religious sisters, 13. Cumberbund, 18. Claw, 22. Stair, 24. East Indian tree, 26. Comply with, 28. Of a pelvic bone, 29. Citrus fruit, 30. Prima donna problems, 31. Streetcar, 32. Hawkeye State, 33. Abides, 34. Most strident, 37. Walk in water, 38. Broad valley, 40. 11th Hebrew letter, 41. Bygone, 43. Get cozy, 44. Enclose, 46. Not lower, 47. Rhinoceros, 48. Columbus's birthplace, 49. Unlocks, 50. Food thickener, 51. Hindu Mr., 53. Diva's solo, 56. Mayday, 57. Bar bill, ,

#### Yesterday's Solution

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