

Badakhshan Gold, Balkhab Copper Mines Contracts Signed

KABUL - The contracts of extracting Badakhshan gold mine and Balkhab copper mine have been signed in Washington, Afghanistan embassy in Washington said Saturday.

A statement from Afghanistan embassy in Washington, received by Pajhwok Afghan News said the contracts were signed between the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum (MoMP) and Central Limited Company in the embassy on Friday.

The source said that Fazal Rahman Fazalyar, counselor of the Afghanistan embassy, said signing the contracts was an important step about investing in Afghanistan.

Madina Qasimi, Afghanistan Charge de Affair in Washington, said, "These contracts signed today are very important and it proves the Afghan government's



commitment regarding the private sector," She said Afghanistan was moving towards self-sufficiency and the private sector could play an important role in that move. Acting mines and petroleum minister, ...*(More on P4)...*(9)

Taliban Close Kabul-Kandahar Highway in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - Taliban have blown up three bridges in Ghazni province, closing the Kabul-Kandahar highway for traffic, an official said on Saturday. Mohammad Arif Noori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants bombed the bridges on the Kabul-Kandahar highway in Aab Band district.

He said five militants were killed by the bomb they were planting to destroy a bridge in the Qarabagh district of the province.

"The highway has since been closed but people could move use an alternative route," he explained. Afghan National Army soldiers have arrived at the site to control the situation.

Noorullah a resident of the Qarabagh district, said the Taliban had blocked the highway in Lewani Bazaar and Abdullah Gul areas. The militants had set up checkpoints and allowed no car to pass ...*(More on P4)...*(10)

MoD Claims 57 Insurgents Killed in ANSF Operations

KABUL - Afghan Ministry of Defense (MoD) on Saturday claimed that at least 57 armed insurgents were killed during Afghan forces ground and air strikes in the past 24 hours in different parts of the country.

According to the ministry during the operation at least eight other insurgents were wounded.

The operations were conducted in Kunar, Helmand, Baghlan, Kandahar, Nangarhar, Herat, Ghazni, Badakhshan, Urozgan, Nimroz, Paktia, Faryab, Khost, Sar-e-Pul and Logar province. During the operations enemies' hideouts and weapons were also destroyed during air strikes in Farah province, MoD said. *(Tolo news*



2 Killed, 9 Wounded in 2 Back-to-Back Blasts in Kabul

KABUL - At least 2 people were killed and nine others wounded as a result of two back-to-back explosions in Kabul on Saturday morning, an official said, Basir Mujahid, spokesman for Kabul police, told Pajhwok Afghan News the first blast ripped through a vehicle of the Ministry of Interior at around 7:30am.

One police mentor was killed in the blast, he said, adding the second explosion occurred later and resulted in killing of one person and injuring of six ministry personnel and three civilians.

He believed the second victim



was an employee of the ministry. Omid, an eyewitness, told Pajhwok one explosion took place in the ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

BID RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Communication and IT (MCIT) invites from all eligible and qualified companies to take part in bidding process of Hardware and Software Requirement for NIXA project with code No: MCIT/97/ICB/G-04. Interested companies can reach the bidding documents from formal website of MCIT (www.mcit.gov.af), NPA web (www.npa.gov.af/en/bidding-opportunities) or visit the procurement Directorate office at 14th floor of MCIT building. The deadline for submission of offer will be on 07 November, 2018 at 10:00 Am - Kabul Local Time.

Late and electronic offer would not accept and the bid guarantee/security of project is \$ 6,000 Six Thousand USD.

Four Individuals Arrested in Connection with Voter Sticker Forgery

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) operatives have arrested four people on charges of forging voter stickers in Torkham town of Nangarhar province.

According to a statement released by NDS, Afghan security forces seized 4,466 fake voter registration stickers which were replaced in a Corolla type vehicle.

The statement said the fake stickers had been printed in Pakistan's Peshawar and were being transported to Afghanistan for the upcoming election. The detainees were identified as



Badam Gul son of Khana Gul, Muhammad Fahim son of Muhammad Salim, ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



A creative project that you've been working on may be coming to a climactic peak now, Aries. Discuss your progress with others and feel free to hold an informal critique in order to get honest feedback on your work. A piece of art should stir some sort of reaction inside another person. Consider ways in which you can challenge the people around you with your talent.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Be aware that love is likely to wear some sort of disguise today, Taurus. There's something fanciful about the way in which this new romance will manifest, so get ready. Don't think that love always has to be planned and calculated. There is a strong sense of spontaneity associated with the delicious love interest of the day.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Take your loved one out for a romantic dinner tonight, Gemini. Escort him or her on a magic-carpet ride to fantastic places that encourage a playful mood and carefree attitude. Consider having a bottle of wine at a playground. Decorate your house with candles and burn some incense. Create a mood that will calm the nerves and soothe the soul. Your sense of romance is right on target.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



When it comes to romantic relationships, Cancer, you might find that you're playing more of a game of hide-and-go-seek than a combined effort toward friendship, trust, and honesty. It could be that you're purposely trying to hide in order to test the stamina of your opponent. You might want to take a new approach now, one that involves an effort toward connecting instead of distancing.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You're apt to be somewhat fickle when it comes to love and romance right now, Leo. The key for you now is freedom. The problem with this mindset is that it might be misinterpreted. Your partner may think you simply aren't interested in him or her anymore. Remind your partner that it's OK to love someone while also needing time and space to do things on your own.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You may be confused when it comes to matters of the heart, Virgo. Perhaps you feel cheated when the object of your desire doesn't give you complete attention at all times. The fundamental security of your being is your responsibility, not someone else's. Find a way to incorporate your dreams into the dreams of others instead of always working toward goals at opposite sides of the spectrum.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your fairytale imagination of how your romantic life should run is hooking you up with many different opportunities, Libra. Whether you realize it or not, the optimal situation you seek is within your grasp. Make sure that you aren't trying to manipulate a certain person into becoming the person you want him or her to be.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your dreams work out quite nicely in your head, Scorpio, but the problem now is how to turn them into some sort of real life scenario. Be careful of taking too intellectual of an approach. When it comes to relationships, things don't normally happen logically or rationally. You're going to have to leave a great deal up to chance, so just learn to deal with things as they come.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Love and personal relationships are likely to take on a much dreamier and more romantic tone now, Sagittarius. Your eyes are apt to sparkle as you speak or even think of the person you care about the most. The unmistakable glow that surrounds you is likely to attract others to your side even if you aren't in the market for a romantic relationship right now.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



When it comes to relationships with others, be careful about insisting that everything be done only your way, Capricorn. It could be that you have such high expectations of your partner that he or she will never be able to live up to your standards. Basically, you're setting the stage for failure by demanding that the person for you be of a certain make and model.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

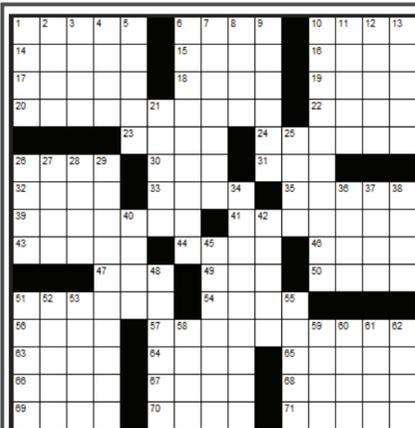


Your fantasies could come true now, especially when it comes to relationships, Aquarius. This could be the moment you've always dreamed about, so get ready. The attractive, romantic person in the corner has been keeping an eye on you all night. Your blood is pumping faster than ever. Remind yourself that all dreams can come true on a day such as today.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



While you normally like all of your romantic relationships to be extremely nurturing and comforting, you may find that this isn't always possible, Pisces. There's a disconnect between you and a close partner right now that could be hard to rectify. Time is really the only thing that's likely to resolve this sort of problem. Remember that all of your relationships can't always go exactly according to plan.



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- Ottoman title, 6. If not, 10. Gentle, 14. Go in, 15. Litigates, 16. Bright thought, 17. France's longest river, 18. ___ du jour = Meal of the day, 19. Happy, 20. A lively whirl, 21. Italian dance, 22. Egghead, 23. Emanation, 24. Full of complexities, 26. Headquarters, 30. Bar bill, 31. Poetic dusk, 32. Prima donna problems, 33. Chalcedony, 35. Summary, 39. Barricade, 41. Terrestrial, 43. Hellenic language, 44. Possesses, 46. Layer, 47. Spy agency, 49. Not cold, 50. Type of sword, 51. Trim, 54. Copied, 56. Former Italian currency, 57. Hard coal, 63. Angle of a leafstalk, 64. Hindu princess, 65. Berths, 66. Cultivate, 67. False god, 68. Jottings, 69. Evasive, 70. Provisions, 71. Quench,

Down

- Fur, 2. Dwarf buffalo, 3. Blend, 4. Sister and wife of Zeus, 5. Rink, 6. An artificial language, 7. Cradlesong, 8. Secure against leakage, 9. What's left behind, 10. Mediterranean woody annual plant, 11. Lazybones, 12. Gain knowledge, 13. Father, 21. Coach, 25. German for "Mister", 26. Large mass of ice, 27. Food thickener, 28. A few, 29. Particularly, 34. A lover of foreign culture, 36. Flake, 37. Away from the wind, 38. Combustible pile, 40. Related, 42. Daisylike bloom, 45. Knickknack, 48. A type of fungus, 51. Gladden, 52. Confederate States, 53. Broil, 55. Curses, 58. Zero, 59. Not warm, 60. Greek letter, 61. Journey, 62. Being,

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