

Release of Taliban Unlikely to Aid Afghan Peace Process



KARACHI -Pakistan released two key Afghan Taliban leaders last week reportedly at Washington's request in an apparent attempt to revive a stalled peace process. The development follows a meeting earlier this month between U.S. special

envoy to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad and Pakistani and Taliban officials in Doha. The release of Mullah Abdul Ghani, commonly known as Mullah Baradar, and little-known commander Abdul Samad Sani is ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Retired Police Officers Protest Over Non-Payment of Pension



KABUL - A number of retired police officers on Tuesday staged a protest against what they said not receiving their pensions since May this year. Around 80 retired personnel of the Minister of Interior (MoI) took part in the protest rally in Chaman-i-Hozori area of capital Kabul. Abdul Haseeb Arian, a retired officer, talking on behalf of others, said about 1,000 police officers, including 200 generals, who had retired in the beginning of the current year, had not been paid their allowance so far. He added they had repeatedly shared the issue with the Finance Ministry and the departments concerned but nothing could be done. ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Airstrikes Kill 31 Taliban in Ghazni's Qarabagh District



GHAZNI CITY - Local officials on Tuesday said airstrikes killed 31 Taliban insurgents in the Qarabagh district of southern Ghazni province. Clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban militants have been ongoing in the troubled district over the last several months, forcing security forces to remove posts except from the district center. Naqibullah, a resident of Qarabagh district, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Taliban had asked shopkeepers of the district center to close their shops. "Hotels and bakeries in the district center have been shut for the last one month and the Taliban three days earlier told ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

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For

Rehabilitation of Lower Kokcha Irrigation - Zone II: Archi Main Canal (AMC), LKIP/AMC 0+018 to 20+450 km Canal Lining and Civil Works

IFB No: NPA/MEW/97/W-2181/ICB

National Procurement Authority (NPA) on behalf of on behalf of Ministry of Energy and Water invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Rehabilitation of Lower Kokcha Irrigation - Zone II: Archi Main Canal (AMC), LKIP/AMC 0+018 to 20+450 km Canal Lining and Civil Works** (the Works), IFB No: NPA/MEW/97/W-2181/ICB

Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures in accordance with ADB's [Single-Stage: One-Envelope](#) bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible countries of the ADB as described in the Bidding Document.

Interested eligible bidders may download bid document in English version from NPA Website: www.npa.gov.af or obtain by email from address: Mohammad.javid@aop.gov.af, aziz.rodwal@aop.gov.af copy to: Zabihulrahman.Rahmani@aop.gov.af, bahjuazimi@yahoo.com, waisuddin.rahimi@gmail.com, or receive by flash memory at the address given below **from 08:30 AM to 04:00 PM** on any working day from Saturday to Wednesday. On Thursday from **08:30 AM to 03:00 PM**.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security (Bank Guarantee) mentioned as below in USD or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency

Bid Security (USD) or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.	Valid as per below
USD 340,000.00	28 Days Beyond Bid Validity Period

A pre-bid Meeting will be held on **17 November 2018, 10.00 AM (Local Time)** at below Address:

Address: Program Management Office, Ministry of Energy and Water, Darulaman Road, Kabul, Afghanistan.
Attention: Eng. Fardeen Azimi
Email: bahjuazimi@yahoo.com,
Telephone: 0799 43 53 43

Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **December 11, 2018 10:00 hours (Kabul local time)**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids are being opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission at the same place of bid submission, in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person.

The address referred to above is:
Address: Administrative Office of the President, National Procurement Authority (NPA), Geodesy Building, 1st Floor, Pashtunistan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan
Attention: Mohammad Javid, Procurement Specialist
Email: Mohammad.javid@aop.gov.af, aziz.rodwal@aop.gov.af
Telephone: +93-020-2147557.

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



If you find that you aren't necessarily thinking like the rest of the group, don't panic, Aries. In fact, this is probably a good thing. By going along with the crowd, you may be expected to act a certain way in some situations. Pretty soon you're living like a marionette strung up to a couple of sticks and manipulated by an unknown hand.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Your words may fall sharply on someone's ears today, so be aware of the impact you can have, Taurus. However, this doesn't mean that you need to dilute your message with lies in order to avoid the true topic of conversation. Just be conscious of the fact that a strong emotional response is apt to result when you open up to the truth and tell it like it is.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Be careful of being hypocritical, Gemini. You may not want to disappoint people you meet, so you end up stretching the truth to suit what they want to hear. You may catch yourself a minute later telling someone else the opposite in order to protect his or her estimation of you. Figure out who you are and stick to it. If other people don't like you, that's their problem not yours.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You may find that someone approaches you with harsh words that are apt to have a significant impact on your state of mind. You could even find that you're paralyzed in the sense that you begin to question your current actions or ones you plan to take in the future. Spend some time alone in order to sort things out before you go ahead and make any drastic life-changing moves.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You may have to make an important decision today, Leo. It has come to the point where someone draws a line in the sand and challenges you to cross it. Do you stay where you are and continue on without that person, or do you join them and support their goals and actions? The conflict today is between your head and your gut.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



As you take another step upward today, Virgo, you may realize that there's a large part of the mountain you hadn't accounted for before. Perhaps this steep portion of the climb wasn't visible from below when you started the trip. Don't panic. By overreacting to the unknown, you may lose your balance and go sliding down the face of the mountain. Collect yourself, rest, and plan your strategy one step at a time.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Try not to overanalyze your actions, Libra. If you continue to pick apart every aspect, you will end up getting nowhere. This principle applies to your emotions, too. Be sure that you aren't trying to make rational sense out of every feeling that comes your way. Feelings are there for you to experience. Allow them to flow through your heart and not necessarily your head.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your actions may go against your rational thinking, but this isn't necessarily a bad thing, Scorpio. Thoughts and feelings are apt to aggressively clash today, but that doesn't mean you have to be a victim of the resulting demolition. Note the big pieces that survive after the initial impact. Recognize these as your strengths and work to build them back up while leaving the smaller pieces behind.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You may have the perfect plan all laid out, Sagittarius. You've communicated to the right people, you've traveled to the appropriate spots to gather data, and you have all your resources in line. For some reason, however, every time you start to implement this plan, you run into emotional difficulties that seem too challenging to surmount. Don't let this block you from your dreams.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



What you think may happen today is apt to be the opposite of what actually happens, Capricorn. It could be that you have a strong mental picture of how things should proceed, but end up taking a completely different action. Try to engage every part of your body, mind, and spirit so that all are on the same page regardless of what activity you actually do.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

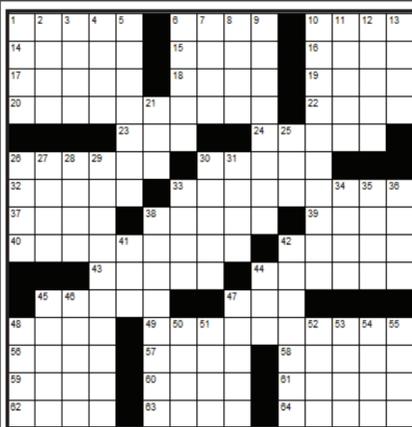


Emotions may cloud your thoughts as things start to heat up in a heavy way, Aquarius. In an effort to keep things light and energetic, you may be missing the core of the situation. Don't glance too quickly over all the issues. The answer to the riddle is right there in front of you. Stop for a minute to catch your breath and you will find the solutions that you seek.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Magical events may occur today in the most unlikely places, Pisces. Perhaps you're expecting to see someone in a certain environment. Even if you don't see him or her there, you will end up meeting at a special event in an entirely different place. Let your goal be your main focus. Let the details of the journey fall into place however they will.



Across

1. Chocolate substitute, 6. Small island, 10. Large town, 14. A kind of macaw, 15. Close violently, 16. Wicked, 17. Mature, 18. Lantern, 19. 3 times 3, 20. Corridor, 22. Swarm
23. Louse-to-be, 24. Marsh growth, 26. Signal by a flag, 30. Encounters, 32. German iris
33. Brazen, 37. Cancel, 38. One more than 6, 39. Bog, 40. Amuse, 42. A skin disease, 43. Serpent, 44. Satiny, 45. Land of the Rising Sun, 47. Dada, 48. A purring sound, 49. Desiccated, 56. ___ vera, 57. Largest continent, 58. Accustom, 59. Plateau, 60. South African monetary unit, 61. Not true, 62. Hurried, 63. Clothing, 64. Apartments (British),

Down

1. Grumble, 2. Operatic solo, 3. Whacks, 4. Mining finds, 5. Elongated yellow fruit, 6. A small island, 7. Shredded cabbage, 8. Tibetan monk, 9. Relating to the sky, 10. Hundredth
11. Overgrown with ivy, 12. Prongs, 13. Anagram of "Lyme" 21. Band booking, 25. And so forth, 26. Interlaced, 27. Weightlifters pump this, 28. Fortitude, 29. Widely circulated
30. Film, 31. Biblical garden, 33. Nib, 34. Pig sound, 35. Desire, 36. Observed, 38. Norm
41. Ribonucleic acid, 42. Midsection, 44. Unhappy, 45. Minty drink, 46. Got up, 47. Two-somes, 48. Cogs, 50. Brother of Jacob, 51. Posterior, 52. Rectal, 53. A city in western Russia, 54. At one time (archaic), 55. DDDD,,

Yesterday's Solution

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EMIR ALOHA ABLE
LIAR TAPAS ROUT
EDGES PERSEVERE
WHAFF KERVE
SHORTEN STINGS
CASSETTE URID
ALIT AHOLD AGO
WOLST SOUVENIR
SCARCE BLINDLY
TILDE TIDS
FATHOMING TITAS
ORES ESSAY TRAGA
REEP DOULA SNOG
EASLY NEAR EDGE

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