

# Afghanistan's Booming Meth Production Rings Alarm Bells for Intl. Community



TEHRAN - "The increase in production of crystal methamphetamine in Afghanistan from 200 tons per annum to its present 9,000 tons per year rings the alarm bell for the international community and will harm regional as well as

western countries," Head of Drug Control Headquarters (DCH), Eskandar Momeni warned. "The Islamic Republic of Iran has seized 580 tons of narcotics through 2,000 operations in the first half of 2019," he said in

a meeting with Jean-Luc Lema-hieu, UNODC Director of Policy Analysis and Public Affairs in Vienna. "Some ten tons of the seized drugs in the said time were crystal meth, registering 600 percent increase compared to the same

period in the preceding year." Lamenting about the unjust US sanctions against Iran, Momeni said "unfortunately, the sanctions have a negative impact on Iran's efforts in fighting narcotics." He ...*(More on P4)...(8)*

# Handwashing Day Marked at Kabul School



KABUL - Top UN and Afghan officials and partners met at a school here on Tuesday to celebrate Global Handwashing Day together with students. Representatives from the ministries of education, public health, rural rehabilitation and development, UNICEF, WHO and other partners attended the event at Soria High School. An advocacy campaign, led by the Ministry of Education and supported by UNICEF, was launched on September 20 to raise awareness on the importance of handwashing with soap. In a joint statement, UNICEF and the Afghan government said the campaign had so far targeted 310 schools across Kabul and 26 provinces, benefiting 195,000 students and 4,800 teachers. Handwashing with soap is a

very simple and highly effective practice preventing the spread of disease, especially diarrhoea and acute respiratory infections among children. The 2019 Global Handwashing Day theme is 'clean hands for all,' which focuses on the importance of handwashing equity. Handwashing with soap can prevent diarrheal disease by 44 percent and Acute Respiratory Infection by 24 percent, the statement said. Handwashing with soap can prevent child malnutrition which affects 41% of Afghan children under the age of five years. In Afghanistan, only 36% of households have water and soap available for handwashing (Demographic Health Survey DHS, 2015). Rural people have lower access ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

## 22 AAF Pilots Complete Training in Czech Republic

KABUL - At least 22 Afghan Air Force (AAF) pilots have been awarded certificates on completing training in the Czech Republic. The Presidential Palace said Afghan Ambassador in Prague Shahzada Aryubi congratulated the pilots at the graduation ceremony. Aryubi appreciated the US and NATO, especially the Czech Republic, for facilitating the training programme, a statement from President Ashraf Ghani's office said. The diplomat was quoted as saying: "I want to congratulate the leading multinational company Raytheon on having successfully completed the ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

## Hebei Construction Group Won Bid for Beijing-Dezhou Expressway Project

HONG KONG, CHINA - Hebei Construction Group Corporation Limited ("Hebei Construction Group" and its subsidiaries, together, the "Group", stock code: 1727) is pleased to announce that the Company received the letter of acceptance, stating that the Company has won the ZT2 bid section of main body construction project of Beijing-Hebei boundary to Jinshi Expressway section along Beijing New Airport - Dezhou Expressway (the "Project"). The contract amount of the Project is approximately RMB1.19 billion and the construction period is 19 months. The Project is expected to be completed in 2021. The Project is located within the jurisdiction of Langfang City, Hebei Province, which starts from

Beijing-Hebei boundary in the east of Jijiazhuang Village, Gu'an County, Langfang City, and links to Beijing section (the connecting line between the north and south terminals of the new airport) with the roadbed being 14 kilometers in length and the road surface being 14.4 kilometers in length. The Project is an integral part of Beijing-Dezhou Expressway. Upon completion, the Beijing-Dezhou Expressway will become the main expressway from Xiong'an New Area to Beijing new airport and an important link between Xiong'an New Area and southeast Hebei and western Shandong. The Board believes that winning the bid for the Project demonstrates ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## Post-Poll Council of Ministers Meeting Discusses Projects, Revenue

KABUL - Holding its first meeting after September 28 presidential election, the Council of Ministers was on Monday presented information about the ongoing fiscal year. A statement from the Chief Executive Office said that the Cabinet meeting was chaired by Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah. At the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year, 147 billion afghanis revenue has been collected and 20 development projects completed. Another 456 projects were underway and 130 more projects were either halted or being under process at the Procurement Commission. According to the statement, the Ministry of Economy provided in-



formation to the meeting regarding uplift projects of the fiscal year. CEO Abdullah asked authorities concerned to be prepared for dealing with natural disasters in winter. The Ministry of Defence acknowl-

edged that 505 security personnel have been killed in the past one week. The ministry of transport also provided a detailed plan regarding the transportation system and safety of connectivity roads. *(Pajhwok)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Oct 16, 2019 - This would be a good day to pursue some new interests. Perhaps you've recently discovered a book that opens up new areas for you. If dreams recently punctuated your sleep, try to recall the general feeling you had and reflect on that for a while. You'll probably realize it's only emotional residue from all the exhaustion of the past few weeks catching up with you.

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

Oct 16, 2019 - Today may be taken up with doing a lot of last-minute errands. You may be called on to referee a dispute among colleagues, relatives, or neighbors. Depending on the nature of the spat, you may be able to broker a temporary truce, but don't be too hard on yourself if tempers simmer despite your best efforts. Try and make relaxation a priority.

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

Oct 16, 2019 - Are you experiencing a shopping hangover today? Are you worried that you outdid yourself despite your best intentions? Don't fret. You'll be back on track soon. Cash will begin flowing again and your lifestyle won't suffer. Instead of worrying about money, pay attention to your creative outlets. Follow that instinct and see where it takes you!

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

Oct 16, 2019 - Today's planetary aspects may have you experiencing a little cabin fever. If you have the urge to go off by yourself for a while, do so. Try a new diversion. Drive down a country road you've never explored. Find some antique shops. You probably need a break from your daily routine. You'll feel revitalized.

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

Oct 16, 2019 - OK, the party's over. Time to put away the sinful pleasures, the champagne, the chocolate truffles, and who knows what else. Take a good look at your home and get serious about putting things in order. A reality check is looming. Today would be a good day to get ready by tidying up the house and getting your brain in gear.

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

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

Oct 16, 2019 - If you're feeling restless today, don't fight it. Use your energy to do something physical. Go for a walk or play tennis. Anything that helps you release the excess energy will feel good. It's important that you pay attention to your body's signals. Getting a good night's rest will have you feeling refreshed tomorrow. You'll be able to deal with the tasks at hand.

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

Oct 16, 2019 - You don't want to sit still for a minute. You may make people dizzy with your energy, and you're itching to get away. You may be contemplating a long trip abroad. It's fine to fantasize about all the choices out there, but don't commit to anything today. Your imagination and spirit are a bit too high to settle on anything in particular. Just enjoy all the choices for now.

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

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

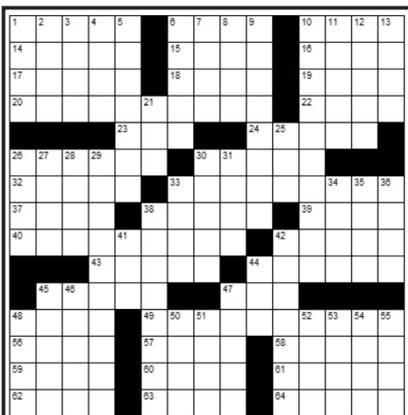
Oct 16, 2019 - Are you fed up with everyone around you now? Are you fantasizing about walking out the door and not returning? Go ahead - just for today! You probably need a break from everyone. Why not get a massage and float away for a while? Your family will be happy to have you back, especially if you left them with plenty of assignments.

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

Oct 16, 2019 - The main things you need to do today are relax and enjoy your day. You may be feeling a bit under the weather and have a trip coming up that doesn't exactly thrill you. Stay alert, because you may receive an important message today from someone far away. You may also have a visitor arriving from out of town.

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

Oct 16, 2019 - Cupid may have struck you unawares. Your libido could be in high gear today and you're ready for love. You look and feel great. Try your best to reach the one you love. If it isn't possible to get together this evening, see if you can plan a romantic interlude soon. If all else fails, dive into a romance novel and escape that way.



#### Across

- 1. Chin indentation, 6. Sprockets, 10. Boast, 14. Wanderer, 15. Spindle, 16. Tax, 17. French farewell, 18. Horn sound, 19. Affirm, 20. Deadly nightshade, 22. Medical breakthrough, 23. Apprehend, 24. Scrapes gently, 26. Hit, 30. Welts, 32. Sarcasm, 33. Largest city in Maryland, 37. Ark builder, 38. American symbol, 39. Angers, 40. Wanders off course, 42. Precipitous, 43. Songbirds, 44. Wicked, 45. French for "Room", 47. Brassiere, 48. Novice, 49. Blockhouse, 56. Afresh, 57. Any day now, 58. Wish granter, 59. Tardy, 60. If not, 61. Consumed, 62. Misled, 63. Bucks and does, 64. Smelter waste

#### Down

- 1. Fourth sign of the zodiac, 2. Prospector's find, 3. Wicked, 4. Sense, 5. Failure to attend school, 6. Kebab (alternative spelling), 7. Beasts of burden, 8. Secluded valley, 9. Classify, 10. Farrier, 11. Variety show, 12. Declares, 13. Calyx, 21. East Indian tree, 25. Anagram of "Ail", 26. Transgressions, 27. Gait faster than a walk, 28. Lion sound, 29. Unsantified, 30. What you're paid, 31. L.L.L.L., 33. Hesitate, 34. Chocolate cookie, 35. Bobbin, 36. Catch a glimpse of, 38. Emerged, 41. Woman, 42. Caught, 44. A large vase, 45. Egyptian peninsula, 46. Mountain crest, 47. Silly mistake, 48. Gangly, 50. Lacquered metalware, 51. Thorny flower

#### Yesterday's Solution

AMAZE IDEAS  
BARNES GRAVITY  
BANANAN ANOREXIA  
FIELD BETDOWN DFTL  
LOAD THORN DOTTI  
ANTH TILL GULL  
SEEP ACE SUEDE  
PHONO CUT APSE  
LOCKSMITH  
LIME REFS RATS  
GULA BENT DRAT  
URLE BOATHS ARE  
LATERALS HELPER  
FLORIST ORIEL  
PETTY DEITY

L L I T S A C C O U N T T  
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