

# Electricity Shortage Affects Industrial Parks



KABUL - Factory owners from an industrial parks in Kabul said lack of electricity, in a long term, has affected their products as they have "only eight hours of power" every day. The investors told TOLONews that they are damaged thousands of dollars with each break of electricity during the day.

"When the electricity goes off for some while, the

plastic and other materials which stuck inside the machines are wasted. Every time the electricity goes off, the factory owners are affected between \$200 to \$1,000 USD," said Najibullah, owner of a plastic factory in Kabul.

The factory owners called on government to provide sufficient electricity to the industrial parks. "The industrial parks should have 24 hours electric-

ity. We send our products to all provinces. Lack of electricity will affect our products," said Ehsan, a factory owner.

"We are not receiving the required electricity despite that the cost is very high for us (factory owners). Electricity shortage has increased recently," said Siyam Psarlai, spokesman for Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Civilians Among Dozens Killed in Taliban-Daesh Clashes



JALALABAD - At least eight civilians and 26 militants were killed during clashes between Taliban and Daesh groups in the Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar province.

Another four civilians and dozens of militants were wounded after the two rival groups started attacking each other six days ago, displacing about two thousands families from Wazir Tangi area, said the Nangarhar governor's spokesman.

Attaullah Khogyani said so far 12 Daesh gunmen and 16 Taliban men had been killed and eight Daesh and five Taliban wounded during the ongoing clashes. He said the provincial government had started surveying the displaced families, adding Governor Mohammad Gulab Mangal held an emergency meeting with donors late on Thursday night to help the displaced families.

The meeting decided to dispatch an authorized delegation with relief goods to the Khogyani district on Friday. Khogyani said the authorities concerned had started distributing six types of food and non-food items to the displaced families. He said the Red Crescent Society would distribute food and non-food items to 100 of the affected families today (Friday) ahead of the survey's completion.

The two rival militant groups have so far said nothing about their latest infighting (Pajhwok)

## High-Tech Agricultural Machinery on Display at Kabul Expo



KABUL - A two-day expo, showcasing the latest farming equipment, opened in Kabul on Thursday. Women from villages also had stalls, displaying their handmade goods.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) said it organized the expo showcasing the machinery, which will be available to farmers.

"These are automatic and fast and can cover at least one hectare of land in one hour," said Assadullah Ghawsi, an official from MAIL's engineering department.

The private sector also participated at the exhibition. "This exhibition is crucial for marketing. We had more visitors last year but this year people have shown less interest to the exhibition," said Delawar Noori, head of Nor Insaafarin company.

"Many people are ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## US-Canadian Couple was Held in Pakistan: CIA Chief

WASHINGTON - The CIA chief said on Thursday the US-Canadian couple kidnapped by militants in Afghanistan were held 'inside' neighboring Pakistan for five years before being freed.

Mike Pompeo told the Foundation for Defense of Democracies think tank in Washington they had a great outcome last week when four US citizens who had been held for five years inside of Pakistan were rescued.

Pakistan's military and government have indicated US citizen Caitlan Coleman, her Canadian husband Joshua Boyle and their children were rescued shortly after entering Pakistan from Afghanistan. The couple were kidnapped in 2012 while backpacking in Afghanistan and their children were born in captivity. The CIA chief was speaking ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## No Response yet from Centre to My Security Plan: Matin

GHAZNI CITY - The governor of southern Ghazni province on Thursday said he had shared a security plan with the central government but the idea was yet to elicit a formal response.

Abdul Karim Matin, addressing a press conference in Ghazni City, said Taliban militants had tried several times to capture the provincial capital and districts, but failed in their designs.

"I have shared my security plan with the central government, but no one has so far got back to me," he said. However, added, the Afghan forces were still able to push back Taliban attacks.

Matin said Deh Yak district was faced with serious security problems. Air and ground operations were needed to clear the area of insurgents, he stressed. He said the militants had ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Explosion Targets Mosque in Ghor, Claims 10 Lives



KABUL - A suicide bomber on Friday afternoon detonated his explosives close to a mosque in Doleena district in Ghor province, in Afghanistan's west, local officials said.

Ghor governor's spokesman Abdul Hai Khatibi said the explosion happened when the worshippers were inside the mosque. He said the explosion ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## Taliban Irreconcilable, Says Youth Coalition



KABUL - The National Coalition of Afghanistan Youth (NCAAY) on Thursday said the Taliban were irreconcilable and needed to be forced into arriving at the negotiating table. Mohammad Ali Jafari, NCAAY head, told a press conference here that the enemies of Afghanistan had no intention to reconcile therefore both the government and the nation should stand against them.

He said recent attacks by the militants were no longer tolerable. He said the High Peace

Council (HPC) had failed to achieve anything.

Jafari also criticized the Independent Election Commission (IEC) and said the commission was in control of some specific figures.

"The president and the chief executive officer (CEO) do not let this commission conduct transparent elections," he said.

Former senator Daud Asas also criticized the IEC and said ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Outlook Horoscope

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



**Aries** If all work and no play really makes Johnny a dull boy, then you are desperately eager for change now. Your key planet Mars is spending its final day in industrious Virgo, motivating you to finish as many incomplete chores as you can. But you want more out of life than the satisfaction of a few more jobs well done; your thirst for knowledge about

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



**Taurus** You are an intensity magnet today, attracting a variety of emotional melodramas. Although psychological thrillers make fascinating stories, you must be careful not to get so entranced by one that you take it on as your own. Fortunately, you can be a supportive ally while still maintaining your autonomy by practicing self-awareness and creating safe bounda-

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



**Gemini** You may surprise others today with your uncharacteristic ability to finish every little project you start. You are highly motivated to waste less time and work with greater intention while the Moon sheds her light in your 6th House of Habits. You know that a pattern of consistency ends up being more effective than a short burst of supercharged energy. In the long run, you want your efforts to be productive, whether anyone notices

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



**Cancer** It's rejuvenating to nurture your soul while you're in your element and share your experience with someone special today. A watery Scorpio Moon provides the anchor for your swirling passions, offering you emotional stability in the midst of changing interpersonal dynamics. Sometimes you Crustaceans cautiously cling to the past while fearing the future, but now you are ready to explore

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



**Leo** You are perfectly happy with the idea of being left to your own devices today. Although you're likely to accept a social invitation, you probably won't go out of your way to join in a group activity. Fortunately, you're not lonely when you're by yourself because your mind is preoccupied with numerous projects that await your attention. Create your own path to fun, even if you're on a solo

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



**Virgo** You are quietly proud of your recent accomplishments over the past couple of months, but you also know this is no time to rest on your laurels. Irrepressible Mars is kicking it for one more day in your perfectionist sign, giving you an opportunity to make one more concerted push in your drive to mold your vision into reality. There will still be plenty to do in the upcoming weeks, but your initial efforts can quickly take on a more solid

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



**Libra** It's nearly time to come out of the shadows and step into the light of day. If you have been busy working behind the scenes, your unseen contribution to a cause is about to be celebrated. But you don't need the public recognition because of an egoistic desire for fame and fortune. Instead, it's about how acceptance by your peers elevates your confidence, making

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



**Scorpio** You're in no mood to be messed with while the evocative Moon reflects the wide spectrum of your emotional experience. You believe you're the master of your own destiny and you're taken by surprise if someone throws you off balance today. You're unhappy with the excessive amount of energy it takes to put yourself back on track and would prefer to avoid the experience in its entirety. How-

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



**Sagittarius** You are masterful at putting up invisible walls today, especially if you are being pestered by someone wanting to know how you feel. Rather than boldly defending your sovereignty and your right to experience your own emotions, you may choose to just go silent. Unfortunately, people often expect you to be a happy-go-lucky extrovert and they grow insecure when you withdraw. Nevertheless, it's not your job to wear a smile just to make others comfortable.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



**Capricorn** You want to be a member of the pack today, but you're very picky about the skills of the other participants. You aren't willing to compromise your high expectations for the sake of peace and harmony. Nevertheless, your swift judgment of others can be the source of an irresolvable struggle now, leaving you feeling isolated and working on your own. Connection is the cure to your sense of alienation.

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

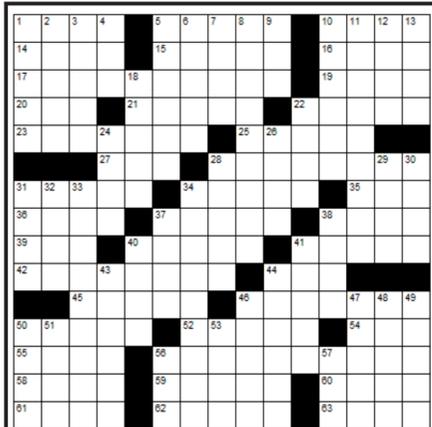


**Aquarius** Strange days are upon you. You long to be in a leadership position within your community, but you don't want anyone to know your true intentions. Naturally, this creates an obvious dilemma because it's nearly impossible to be the center of authority while maintaining anonymity. Nevertheless, you are undeterred and willing to try to achieve your

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



**Pisces** You could easily talk yourself into believing a philosophical idea or a spiritual teaching so fervently that you exclude all other ideas today. Unfortunately, the moment you do this, you lose your connection with truth because reality is multivalent. There are many ways to describe an experience, depending on your point of view. Instead of trying to find fault with someone's else's idea now, seek points of common in-



**Across**

1. Filled to excess, 6. Terror, 10. Walking stick, 14. Academy freshman, 15. As well, 16. Egg-shaped, 17. Stunt flying, 19. Central area of a church, 20. Wimbledon sport, 21. C 22. Catch, 23. Implied, 25. In a fitting way, 26. Lyra's brightest star, 30. Indolent, 32. Supercilium, 35. Series of small waterfalls, 39. Found at the end of a pencil, 40. Foursome, 41. Incomplete, 43. Publishing, 44. Away from the sea, 46. Rice beer, 47. Certain chess pieces, 50. Backsides, 53. Wings, 54. How old you are, 55. Not the youngest, 60. Render unconscious, 61. Re-beautify, 63. After-bath powder, 64. L L L L, 65. Washbowl, 66. Backside, 67. Yeses, 68. Horse,

**Down**

1. Petty quarrel, 2. Away from the wind, 3. Small slender gull, 4. Black, in poetry, 5. Ledger entry, 6. Not thin, 7. Bring out, 8. Practicing great self-denial, 9. Thorny flower, 10. An overall summary, 11. \_\_\_garde, 12. Pertaining to the oceans, 13. Mournful poem 18. An Old Testament king, 24. Bovine, 25. Donkeys, 26. Vice President, 27. Tropical American wildcat, 28. Equipment, 29. Contenance, 31. Horse feed, 33. Restricts, 34. By mouth, 36. Diva's solo, 37. Musty, 38. Border, 42. For the most part, 43. Actress Lupino, 45. Sewing tool, 47. Noodles, 48. Communion table, 49. Walls, 51. Record (abbrev.), 52. Untidy people, 54. District, 56. "Damn!", 57. Alleviate, 58. Anagram of "Ties", 59. Care for, 62. S

**Yesterday's Solution**

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