

22 Killed, 38 Wounded in Kabul Suicide Bombing: Mol



KABUL - Officials at Afghanistan's Ministry of Interior (MoI) confirmed that the explosion near Massoud Square on Tuesday was caused by a suicide attacker, and that it detonated close to one of the Ministry of

Defense's buildings in Police District 9 (PD9) in the city of Kabul. According to a Ministry of Interior statement, at least 22 civilians were killed and 38 others were wounded in the blast, including

women and children. The blast occurred shortly after 1 p.m. The Taliban have claimed responsibility. "The Taliban terrorists have sustained major blows by the brave members of

the Afghan security and defense forces on the battlefield, and they face shameful setbacks on every front, so they plan brutal and chaos-causing attacks on civilians," the Ministry of Interior statement said. (Tolo news)

US Soldier Killed in Action after Peace Talks Fizzle



KABUL - Another US service member has been killed in action in Afghanistan, officials announced Monday, taking American fatalities in combat to 17 this year. The death was announced by NATO's Resolute Support mission in a press release, withholding the name of the fallen soldier pending next of kin notification. However, a defense official told Army Times on background that the fallen soldier was a Green Beret, but did not specify the operator's unit. No information was immediately available about where the service member was killed. A total of 20 US troops have been killed supporting operations in Afghanistan so far in 2019, according to media reports. Seventeen of those troops were killed in combat. The other three

died in non-combat incidents. At least two US military veterans who were working as defense contractors have also died in Afghanistan. "In accordance with US Department of Defense policy, the name of the service member is being withheld until 24 hours after family notification is complete," the release reads. The death comes after peace talks between US diplomats and Taliban representatives broke down earlier this month in Doha and amid warnings from the top US general for NATO that he expects increased violence in Afghanistan as that country's elections draw nearer. The peace talks collapsed after a round of deadly attacks by insurgents in Kabul that killed 12 people, including an American soldier and a Romanian soldier. Prior ...*(More on P4)...(5)*

All-Women Business Facility Opens in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - A business centre exclusively for women has been put into service after its completion in southern Kandahar province, an official said on Monday. Women Affairs Director for Kandahar Ruqaya Achakzai told Pajhwok Afghan News the facility's construction cost one million dollars and has 37 different shops with each costing \$250,000. She termed the women's market in Kandahar City as "an important step towards encouraging businesswomen and introducing their handicrafts and other products to local and international markets. Achakzai said women would get training in different handi-



craft skills such as tailoring, fashion, designing and running restaurants and other modern skills at the center. ...*(More on P4)...(6)*

Major Medicine Factory Being Set up in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - A medicine producing factory, the largest on national level, is being set up in southern Kandahar province at a cost of \$31 million, officials said Tuesday. The factory, Sano Pharma, will be of international standard and construction work on its building is half completed. People and health workers are happiness over the establishment of such a huge medicine producing factory and hope it would replace substandard medicines sold in markets. Mohammad Sayed Sidiq, chief of the factory, told Pajhwok that 71 Afghan traders had shares in the factory -- the first major joint venture. He said the factory would cost \$31 million and half of its building has been construct-



ed. He said the factory would be operating under the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and the World Health Organization (WHO). He added that besides medicines the factory would also produce some foods. He said the factory's construction works would be completed by 2020 and its drugs would be exported abroad as well. Noor Ahmad Maiwand, a resident of Kandahar City, the provincial capital, told Pajhwok that unfortunately despite the passage of many years, low quality medicines were still imported to their province. ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Sep 18, 2019 - Romance is in the air and you must be breathing a lot of it today, Aries. Your blood is boiling, your passion surging, and a romantic dinner for two is in the cards. You'll be inclined to shop for clothes, but curb your appetite for material goods. What you really want doesn't come in a box, so why waste your money?

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Sep 18, 2019 - You'll be happiest away from prying eyes today, Taurus. You're not in the mood to be friendly or participate in idle gossip. It seems you've been having the same conversations with the same people for some time now. You're feeling so bored you could scream. To avoid doing just that, spend quiet time alone today if you can.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Sep 18, 2019 - Just when you thought things were settled, life takes another turn. Today brings yet another of those turns, so hold on, Gemini. You may receive some information that has a dramatic impact on your life. Perhaps you'll receive an opportunity to move to another state or country. Perhaps you'll decide to get married.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Sep 18, 2019 - You should feel optimistic today, Cancer, with confidence in your ability to accomplish anything you set your mind to. If you're working toward a specific goal (and you should be), something is likely to happen today that propels you that much closer to realizing your goal. What's the next step?

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Sep 18, 2019 - You can expect some big changes, Leo. All the hard work you've been doing to develop your confidence is showing, and this is attracting opportunities like bees to honey. On top of this, your passion is high right now, so set aside private time with your mate. Plan a romantic evening, open a bottle of wine, and celebrate!

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Sep 18, 2019 - Don't overreact today, Virgo. Your biorhythms are low. In fact, you may be feeling a bit under the weather. There's no point in trying to keep up a cheerful front. People will see through your facade. You would be better served by spending time on solo activities. That way you can spend long stretches of time in bed, where you're meant to be today.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Sep 18, 2019 - A long-term project reaches a positive conclusion, one that may have a dramatic impact on your finances. You've sold your manuscript to a publisher or successfully concluded a project that's dear to your heart. This success should give you the confidence you need, Libra. Don't forget to take time to celebrate!

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Sep 18, 2019 - Change is good, but it can be scary when it comes suddenly. That's what you feel today when someone announces a major change without warning. You're not sure how to react to the news and haven't a clue how it affects you. All you can do now is wait. Try not to panic. In the end, you'll see that these changes will benefit everyone, including you!

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sep 18, 2019 - You're eager for information on a particular subject and will go to great lengths to get it, Sagittarius. Before heading off to the library, why not try an online search? You might find everything you need without leaving your chair. But your search might necessitate going to the primary source, so travel will be involved.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Sep 18, 2019 - You may receive a windfall from an unexpected source, Capricorn. Perhaps an uncle died and remembered you in his will or an old legal settlement has finally come through. Whatever the source, the extra income is welcome now. Your vivid dreams of late may not seem related to this financial upswing, but they're connected.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

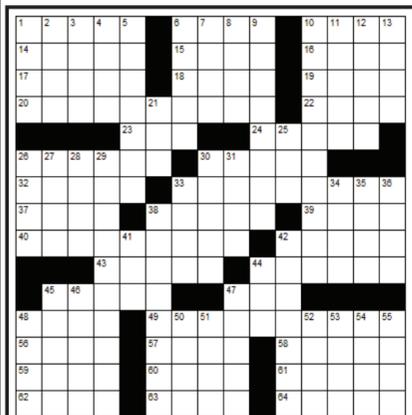


Sep 18, 2019 - You receive some new insight about an important person in your life, Aquarius, and your relationship takes a dramatic turn for the better. You feel you now know this person completely, and your closeness borders on the profound. This new alliance could also have positive repercussions on your finances.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Sep 18, 2019 - When the thought of going to work makes it hard to get out of bed, know that the time has come to get another job, Pisces. Alas, that's probably not something you can do now. You can be extra kind to yourself. Give yourself a present. Find something you thoroughly enjoy that would perk up your spirits and cost little.



Across

1. Strict, 6. Fastens, 10. Birthday or cheese, for example, 14. Oddity, 15. Cocoyam
16. Winglike, 17. Astern, 18. Coral barrier, 19. Tastes, 20. Diner, 22. Tight, 23. Brassiere
24. Excrete, 26. Enlist, 30. Hackneyed, 32. Braised meat stew, 33. Insurrection, 37. School athletic centers, 38. Consumer of food, 39. Diatom, 40. Vital, 42. Drive, 43. Sows, 44. Bent
45. Eyeshade, 47. French for "Summer", 48. French for Finished or Done, 49. An open letter
56. Therefore, 57. Frosts, 58. Analyze syntactically, 59. A noble gas, 60. Tall woody plant,
61. Jagged, 62. Specks, 63. Laughs (slang), 64. Propelled with oars, ,

Down

1. Stigma, 2. Pipe, 3. Historical periods, 4. Break in friendly relations, 5. Famous, 6. Latin name for our planet, 7. Notion, 8. Biblical garden, 9. Occasional laundry additive, 10. Furnish with turrets, 11. Assumed name, 12. Not working, 13. At one time (archaic) 21. Website address, 25. Woman, 26. Border, 27. Negatives, 28. Certain card games or liquors, 29. Fixations
30. Test versions, 31. Cain's brother, 33. Police action, 34. Holly, 35. Curved molding, 36. An aromatic ointment, 38. Forever
41. Prefix meaning "Modern", 42. Roomette, 44. Faster than light, 45. An small olive-grey bird, 46. Metal bar, 47. SSSS, 48. Ward (off)
50. Beige, 51. Seven days, 52. Tropical tuber, 53. Anagram of "Wort", 54. Anagram of "Sees",

Yesterday's Solution



alarm, annual, bail, baker, basic, basis, bask, beautiful, blind, bout, clear, close, curt, , daisy, , eager, eagle, either, empire, favor, float, fundamental, hinge, , illegal, , lunkhead, management, panel

