

Taliban Torch Vacated Military Base in Baghlan

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Taliban militants captured and torched a military centre in Baghlan-i-Markazi district of northern Baghlan province, an official said on Monday. Local officials said Afghan security forces had withdrawn from the centre two days ago moving



to Alawuddin area of the district. Baghlan public order police chief Col. Burhanuddin Zahid told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban burned the empty military base in Abqul area on Sunday night. He said there were no important ...*(More on P4)...15*

'Employment to Pave the Ground for Peace'

SHIBERGHAN - "The government has no roadmap for achieving peace and has also failed to honour promises with reconciling militants as part of the peace process." This was echoed at a gathering marking World Peace...*(More on P4)...16*

Afghan Militancy, Counter-Militancy Claim 27 Lives in 2 Days

KABUL - Militancy and counter-militancy have claimed 27 lives, mostly insurgents in the militancy-plagued Afghanistan over...*(More on P4)...17*

Five Terrorists Detained in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Five terrorists have been detained in eastern Nangarhar province, The National Directorate of Security (NDS) -Afghanistan's intelligence agency announced on Monday. According to the statement, the group planned to carry out terrorists activities including...*(More on P4)...18*

Despite Ban, Toy Gun & Firecracker Bazaar Remains Bullish

KABUL - The plastic toy gun and firecracker bazaar in Kabul remains bullish despite an official ban on their sale and use, shopkeepers say. Dozens of children are wounded every Eid by plastic toy weapons and...*(More on P4)...19*

KFW Tender Notification

Medium and Low Voltage Distribution in the City of Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan

Country: Afghanistan
Closing Date: Tuesday, 3 November 2015, 11:00h (Central European Time)
Name: North East Power System Connecting Northern Towns Programme
Grant No.: BMZ-Nr. 2011 65042
Funding Source: German Financial Cooperation Funds via KfW
Type of notice: Invitation for Bids for open international competitive bidding

The Government of Afghanistan, represented by the Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW), as the Employer, has received a grant within the framework of German Financial Co-operation to finance the North East Power System Connecting Northern Towns Programme (NEPS Programme) via KfW Bank.

MEW invites competent Tenderers to submit proposals for the turn key based execution of portions of the medium and low voltage distribution network in Mazar-e-Sharif.

The Scope of Supply and Services for the measures described in Lot 7A and Lot 7D cover the design, engineering, layout, manufacturing, testing in the factory, packing for export, insurance, transport to site or storage as required in Northern Afghanistan, customs clearance, unloading, provision of access roads to site, erection, installation, testing, commissioning, trial operation, training of local utility staff, all required civil works and providing as built documents for the following:

Execution shall be on a turnkey basis.

- Lot 7A: 20 kV Interconnection Cable and Substations JS 1 and JS 2 consisting of: 20 kV XLPE power cables 2x3x1x500 mm², with a length of 2x7 km. and 2 (two) 20 kV Junction Substations equipped each with 10 units of 20 kV cubicles. Project Duration 12 months from contract effectiveness.
- Lot 7D: 20 and 0.4 kV Distribution for Packages Nos. 9 and 10 (northern area) consisting of: 20 kV XLPE power cables 3x1x240 mm², with a length of 0.12 km and 3x1x70 mm² with a length of 2.0 km; 20 kV overhead line on prefabricated concrete poles equipped with ACSR conductors 3x185/30 mm² with a length of 5.5 km 3x120/20 mm² with a length of 5.8 km and 3x70/12 mm² with a length of 17.1 km, 0.4 kV aerial distribution network with ABC conductors with a length of 50 km, 49 units of 20/0.4 kV pole mounted transformer substations with 100/250kVA transformers and 22 units of 20/0.4 kV prefabricated compact substations with 400 kVA transformers. Project Duration 18 months from contract effectiveness.

The tender follows an international competitive bidding procedure including post-qualification (two-envelope scheme) following KfW's "Guidelines", a copy of which is available on KfW's web-site:

<https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/Download-Center/PDF-Dokumente-Richtlinien/Vergabe-E.pdf>

For award of the Contract, Bidders must demonstrate that they substantially satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

To qualify for award of the Contract, Bidders must demonstrate that they substantially satisfy the following minimum requirements:

- the Bidder, respectively the leading partner of a Consortium/Joint Venture, shall be an experienced prime contractor in the field of distribution projects. A list with Project Reference, of which three are from the region and have been executed within the last five year, shall be provided. Only project references of similar nature and complexity and greater than 2,000,000 Euro will be considered.
- the Bidder shall have an average annual turnover over the last five (5) years of a minimum of Euro 5,000,000 certified in writing. In case of a Consortium/Joint Venture, the partners have to fulfill this requirement jointly.

Evidence shall be given by end users certificates or taking over certificates.

- the Project Manager shall have at least 5 years of experience as Project Manager, in works of comparable nature and complexity.
- the Site Manager shall have at least 5 years of experience as Site Manager, including two (2) assignments as Site Manager for similar projects.

Bid documents can be applied for as from Monday, 21 September 2015 for a non-refundable fee of EUR 300 for each Lot, for each copy, against presentation of evidence of the effected bank transfer (payable to Fichtner GmbH & Co KG account no.: 12 56 882 00, Deutsche Bank AG Stuttgart, SWIFT/BIC-Code: DEUT DE 33, IBAN: DE62 6007 0070 0125 6882 00). The request must be accompanied by a duly authorized cover letter, clearly stating the name of the company and the country of domicile. Bid documents will be dispatched as PDF file per e-mail and one copy per courier on the Friday, 25 September 2015, but no liability can be accepted for loss or late delivery.

A non mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visit is scheduled to take place approx. three weeks after publication of the invitation to tender (details still to be notified).

Prospective bidders may acquire the tender documents at the following office address: Fichtner GmbH & Co. KG, Sarweystrasse 3, 70191 Stuttgart, Germany, Attention Mr. C. Mayer Tel.: +49-711 8995 292, Fax: +49 711 8995 459, email: carlos.mayer@fichtner.de.

Bidders may bid for one Lot or both Lots. Each lot shall be submitted as a separate bid. Bidders may submit a letter in the Commercial Envelope in which they bid a percentage price reduction if they are awarded two Lots. The price reduction will apply to all unit prices. Even if the price with reduction is the lowest bid price for one Lot, the Employer may decide to award the Lots separately to two different contractors.

The original Bid in English and five copies thereof in closed and sealed envelopes shall be in the hands of: Fichtner GmbH & Co. KG, Address as above stated, on Tuesday, 3 November 2015, 11:00 am (Central European Time). All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than EUR 100,000 each. Bidders shall follow other instructions as per Tender Documents.

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Although your intentions may be honorable, it's not a simple matter to keep your feelings to yourself. You might even acknowledge that what you are about to say should probably be left unspoken, but you may blurt it out anyway in a moment of excitement. Unfortunately, you can't take your words back once they are out in the open. Everyone knows that honesty is the best policy.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Your sensory antenna are tingling today and you notice things you might ordinarily miss, prompting you to be more emotionally volatile now than usual. You're certain that your conclusions are correct and could easily start trying to convince others to see the future in the same light as you. However, it's dangerous to believe there's only a single perfect outcome and you know exactly what it is.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



There are a lot of wheels spinning in your head, but it's prudent to keep most of your thoughts on the down low today. Ironically, your ideas are likely quite enlightening, but everyone will conclude your thinking is scattered if you keep changing your plans. Thankfully, you can still be more productive than others expect once you make a final decision. You newfound resolve is so strong that you won't give up until you reach your goal.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Stepping back from an explosive situation is smart, but you may get swept up in an emotional melodrama before you know it today. Reassess your involvement prior to doing something you might later regret. In fact, withdrawing your energy is your safest move if you decide that it's really not your business. On the other hand, if participating in this conflict is truly necessary.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You may become irritated today with someone who doesn't usually get under your skin, yet you can't put your finger directly on the source of your annoyance. Perhaps a coworker might bring up a sensitive subject that stirs deep emotions you have been purposefully trying to avoid. Whatever the circumstances are in the moment, it's time to face the music.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You might become sorely disappointed in yourself if you end up letting down someone who is counting on you today. Nevertheless, you won't likely sit still long enough to take the heat for something that is not in your control. Thankfully, you're too results-oriented to waste time wallowing in self-pity or drowning in self-doubt now. Dust yourself off and reclaim your power; determine what went wrong.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your opinions won't necessarily become any less extreme today just because the emotional intensity has started to wane. You could be unusually stubborn about your version of the truth and may even be uncharacteristically impatient with anyone who tries to change your mind. The good news is you have an opportunity to listen carefully to what others say now without being required to agree with any of their conclusions.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You're tired of setting ambitious goals and then falling short of your own lofty expectations. Fortunately, the strategic Capricorn Moon's visit to your 3rd House of Immediate Environment provides you with the structure you need to execute your plan without deviation. Nevertheless, you could create unnecessary opposition by inadvertently angering someone.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You can see right through people's excuses today and your incisive observations might make them quite nervous. Paradoxically, you could be absolutely correct in your assumptions yet only make matters worse by raising a sensitive subject in an inconsiderate manner. There's no reason to avoid a necessary discussion now as long as you steer clear of any type of judgmental criticism.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You could be the proverbial go-to person of your group because everyone thinks you have the secret to success in your pocket. You may have a particularly strong grip on reality now, increasing your sense of authority even more. But don't mistakenly believe that your vision is the right answer for everyone just because you can effortlessly navigate your way into the future.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You are working with a unique set of objectives today, yet the Moon's presence in your 12th House of Privacy suggests that you are determined to hide your plans from others. Perhaps you want to avoid premature judgment before you put your new strategy into motion. Or, maybe you just need to prove your mettle, so you choose to venture out on your own.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Your peers may be unfairly critical of your performance today, yet you can still learn something constructive from what they say. Unfortunately, you might not want to listen to anyone's advice now because of your own issues of low self-esteem. Thankfully, you can find a pearl of wisdom in this awkward exchange once you simply acknowledge your insecurities.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-58.

Across: 1. Deceased, 5. Attendance counter, 10. Vipers, 14. Hindu princess, 15. Cheap-skate, 16. Be unsuccessful, 17. Does something, 18. Unmixable, 20. Pare, 22. Roiled, 23. Mineral rock, 24. Marsh growth, 25. Sexual stimulant, 32. Devoutness, 33. An Italian woman of rank, 34. Pull, 37. Resorts, 38. Petulant, 39. Container weight, 40. Clairvoyant's gift, 41. Throb, 42. Cause to leak, 43. Ceremonies, 45. Vibes, 49. Barley bristle, 50. An inert medication, 53. Oval, 57. Not oriental, 59. Five on each foot, 60. Accomplishment, 61. Gain points in a game, 62. Applications, 63. Makes a mistake, 64. Little, 65. Arid.
Down: 1. Sketch, 2. Every single one, 3. Against, 4. Warps, 5. Grinned, 6. An indefinite period, 7. Belief, 8. Wreaths, 9. At one time (archaic), 10. All excited, 11. A fencing sword, 12. Stacked, 13. Sleighs, 19. Approximately, 21. «Iliad» city, 25. Church alcove, 26. Blips, 27. Pile, 28. Graven images, 29. Alcoholic, 30. ___ alia, 31. One or more, 34. After-bath powder, 35. Desire, 36. G G G G, 38. Tavern, 39. Ringing in the ears, 41. Modelled, 42. Wail, 44. Gully, 45. Any animal with no feet, 46. Canker sore, 47. Formula 1 driver, 48. Corrosives, 51. Finest, 52. A single time, 53. Acquire deservedly, 54. Sit for a photo, 55. Clairvoyant, 56. Being, 58. Foot digit.

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CARES TANG
HERE UNDER TAMEO
ORAL FORET TIE
NAIL SEVER ITEM
EISNE RELY CEDEI
bashful, bench, blot, bonus, carbon, clean, competition, coos, coup, economy, engineer, environment, finds, freeze, full, genius, leach, lone, market, motel, optimum, piece, plane, poet, police, rift, sate, search, sequel, slide, sins, sprinkle.

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