

Blast Kills 2 Afghans, Security Forces Kill 38 Militants

KABUL - A bomb blast by anti-government militants on Wednesday claimed two lives and injured seven others in Afghanistan's eastern Khost province, a provincial government official said. "A mine planted by militants struck the vehicle of Habib Khan Taniwal, a member of the Provincial Council, at around 02:15 p.m. local time today, killing two persons on the spot and injuring seven others," spokesman for the provincial government Mo-



hammad MabarizZadran told Xinhua. Habib Khan escaped unhurt, but three of his bodyguards are among those injured in the blast, he added. The spokesman also put the attack on the enemies of ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

NDS Arrest 11 Jundullah Insurgents in Kunduz Operation



KUNDUZ CITY - At least 11 members of Jundullah insurgent network were arrested in a military operation in northern Kunduz province, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said in a statement on Wednesday. The statement said that the insurgents were captured in a military operation in Dar-e-Sof village of Khan Abad district of Kunduz while they were collect ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

3rd Shift of Mongolian Soldiers Ready to Leave for Afghanistan



BISHKEK - Farewell ceremony for Mongolian soldiers leaving for Afghanistan took place on Tuesday, Monstame reported. This is the 3rd shift of soldiers being sent to Afghanistan by the Mongolian government within the first stage of the NATO Resolute Support Mission, which started on January 1 this year. The soldiers will serve in Camp Marmal, the largest ISAF base in northern Afghanistan run by the German army. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD) National Solidarity Program (NSP) REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REoI) For National Individual Consultant Donor Relations Manager (Reference # MRRD/NSP III/CN/116)

Country: Afghanistan
Ministry: Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD)
Type: Individual (National) Consultant
Project: National Solidarity Programme Phase Three (NSP III)
Project ID: P117103
Grant #: ARTF (and/or other grants as may be available)
Issue Date: 03rd December, 2015
Closing Date: 16th December, 2015

I. General Introduction:

The National Solidarity Program is the largest of the Afghanistan Government's national priority programmes and is the second largest development programme in the world. The Program is implemented by the Afghanistan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and currently into its 12th year and 3rd phase. NSP consists of four core elements:

- Facilitation at the community level to assist communities establish inclusive community institutions known as Community Development Councils (CDCs);
- Building the capacities of CDC and community members;
- Providing direct block grant transfers to fund approved subprojects; and
- Linking CDCs to government agencies, NGOs, and donors to improve access to services and resources.

NSP proposes to cover an estimated 39,200 rural communities to achieve full national coverage. In addition to its core structure comprising over 800 national employees, the NSP contracts an international firm to serve as its Financial Management Agent (FMA) and other individual international and national consultants to provide technical assistance to its various departments. The NSP also contracts around 30 firms (including UN agencies and NGOs) to serve as Facilitating Partners (FPs).

II. Introduction to the NSP Donor Relations Manager:

MRRD's priorities have evolved since the design and initial implementation of the NSP I and II. Donors are now actively supporting new initiatives to assist CDCs in utilizing Block Grants. To ensure these new projects are implemented in a collaborative and transparent way, the MRRD/NSP will employ a Donor Relations Manager. The Relations Manager will serve a dual role in the programme. Working under the direction of the Executive Director of the NSP, the Donor Relations Manager will provide overall management of the projects funded by bilateral donors which cannot be implemented using normal NSP guidelines. The Donor Relations Manager will also act as the direct focal person for the bilateral donors providing development, participatory planning, advice and technical assistance on behalf of the NSP.

III. Specific Roles/ Responsibilities Expected of the Consultant Position:

Fundraising, relationship management and representation:

- Assist the NSP Executive Director (ED) with identifying potential funding opportunities or sources and assist in fund-raising efforts.
- Manage relevant funding opportunity documentation including plans, proposals, reporting and presentations specifically for bilateral donors.
- Complete ToR is available in the NSP and ACBAR Websites.

IV. Qualification Requirements

Academic Qualifications and Work Experience Required: A Master degree in program management, development studies, community development, engineering, business administration or a closely related field with 3 years working experience and/or Bachelor's degree in the aforementioned fields with 5 years of relevant experience a significant portion of which should have been gained in program management design, rural development and project implementation. Previous work experience in Afghanistan is an asset and experience working with or within the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development of Afghanistan is a distinct advantage.

Submission of Expression of Interest:

The NSP/MRRD now invites eligible Individuals-Afghan Nationals ONLY ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant (IC) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 08:00-16:00hrs Saturday to Wednesday.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 16th December, 2015.

Address of Focal Person for Enquires and Submission of EoIs:

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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You assume all will turn out well, even if the dynamics at work are in a state of flux. Your ability to maintain a positive attitude could be tested today when someone starts to throw shade on your best ideas. Others may even go so far as to accuse you of ignoring the interpersonal complexity of the present moment. Naturally, an optimistic outlook is a healthy one as long as you're not trying to avoid the truth.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You may be looking at the exact same things you saw yesterday, but now you can imagine potential that wasn't previously there. Lovely Venus lights up your life by showing you the silver lining to every dark cloud. However, you could have such unrealistic expectations that you need to adjust your perspective today. Injecting a shot of reality into your thinking enables you to create middle ground.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You swiftly lose track of the mundane world today as visions of distant horizons seem close enough to reach out and touch. You are ready to jump on your unicorn and fly off into the rainbow-filled sky, but you don't have a clue as to which way to go. Interdimensional travel is best done without maps; let your infamous curiosity take you on a memorable ride. Give yourself a few days for this mind-bending excursion.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You could fool yourself into believing that you have all the support you need to accomplish your goals today. But working extra hard may not be sufficient to get the job done. To make matters worse, your coworkers might disappear when the heavy lifting begins. It's not that others are lazy; it's just that they can't visualize the possibilities you do now, so they remain unmotivated.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You exude a special kind of love that goes beyond your personal needs and your judgments of others. You can see people's shortcomings now, but you're happy to accept them as part of the package. You're also temporarily willing to work with the understanding that your desires are not being fully addressed. Although the novelty may fade, the truth is more satisfying than a dream based upon an

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Try to finish as much as you can today, whether or not you are wrestling with a non-negotiable deadline. The cosmic energy patterns shift tonight, and you might not be able to continue your work on the same trajectory as before. The real danger is complacency; if you think that everything will turn out fine then you aren't as motivated now to take immediate action. Don't drop the ball; sometimes being your own taskmaster is the best way to reach your goals.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



It's time to reveal your dreams to those around you especially if you've recently been absent, wandering around lost in your fantasies. This disclosure might seem like a risk, but keeping things to yourself will only lead to further isolation. At least, if you tell others what you need now, you are giving them a chance to deliver the goods. But there's still a strong possibility that you won't be satisfied with what you receive today.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You might act as if you're at peace with whatever happens now. However, the truth is that your attractions are pulling you strongly in two opposing directions and you don't want to let go of either choice. Unfortunately, it's time to stop living under the illusion that you can follow divergent paths for much longer. You are at a fork in the road and you must make a final decision.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You appear to have an extra dose of charm working in your favor today as flirtatious Venus hypnotizes loquacious Mercury in your sign. Although you might not feel any different now, people see you glowing in a more captivating light. The cosmos is offering you a window of opportunity, whether you use it or not is up to you. But don't push your luck too far; instant karma will get you if you overstep your boundaries.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You may be required to take charge at work today, even if you're not the boss. It's just that you can spot what needs to be done and, thankfully, everyone trusts your judgment. Don't let your power go to your head. Even if you must reject someone's impractical idea or cut people from your project, listen to the advice of others before making your final decision. Careful considerations, not impulsive actions.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Although you've encountered resistance in your path recently, your true friends are finally riding to your rescue. Thankfully, their support arrives in the nick of time because you might seriously consider quitting today. You can still envision all the possibilities, but you just don't know if your well of energy is deep enough to sustain your efforts for much longer.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Your dwindling resources make it nearly impossible to start a new relationship or project now. A lack of time complicates scheduling activities with a friend or potential partner. Meanwhile, finances can also play into the equation since it's harder to justify an extravagance if you don't have enough cash to cover your basic expenses. The rewards are priceless if you can learn how to get by on less.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-56.

Across: 1. Effrontery, 5. Horse, 10. Strip of wood, 14. African antelope, 15. Body, 16. Being, 17. A verbatim performance, 19. Glance over, 20. Consumed food, 21. Seize, 22. Utilizers, 23. Upwind, 25. Glacial ridge, 27. One or more, 28. Positioned, 31. Catapulted, 34. Iniquities, 35. Citrus drink, 36. Territory, 37. Pussyfooted, 38. Bearing, 39. What we breathe, 40. Electrical pioneer, 41. Backside, 42. Discretion, 44. Excavate, 45. Slowly in music, 46. Seabird with a large bill, 50. Construct, 52. Medical professional, 54. "Eureka!", 55. District, 56. Sacred Christian writings, 58. A musical pause, 59. Japanese stick fighting, 60. Chair, 61. A romantic meeting, 62. Something of value, 63. Countercurrent.

Down: 1. Small goat antelope, 2. Mountain crest, 3. French school, 4. 61 in Roman numerals, 5. Abounding in stars, 6. Lugged, 7. Goddess of discord, 8. Secret, 9. Put clothing on, 10. Decrease, 11. Determine, 12. Russian emperor, 13. Female chickens, 18. Exaggerated nasality in speech, 22. Hawaiian strings, 24. A magician's tool, 26. A lustrous fabric, 28. Small egg, 29. Biblical garden, 30. Declare untrue, 31. Smack, 32. Den, 33. Most disobedient, 34. Settles, 37. Dispatched, 38. Wise men, 40. Care for, 41. A boneless steak, 43. Accuse (archaic), 44. Dictator, 46. A group of lions, 47. Attended, 48. Coming up, 49. Spiteful, 50. A lyric poet, 51. Component of urine, 53. Coffee dispensers, 56. Calypso offshoot, 57. Utilize.

Yesterday's Solution: ability, doptions, arrange, bear, black, blush, break, condition, creative, diner, dots, elder, emerge, enter, focus, ghost, great, guest, ingredient, inside, leave, locale, order, poach, potato, rarescholar, sleep, slice, sloe, snail, spout, stall, streak, water, wrath.

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BRCONDITIONWZ
IXRTLICALERAB
LIVAITNSPOUTL
IXSTNSEMERGEA
TLTOGGTELDERC
YSAQRAEBREAKK
BCLLEAVEWRATH
LHLRDSTREAKCG
UOGYINSIDEGNU
SLICECOPOACHE
HADINERNFOCUS
CREATIVEGHOST