**Golden Price up, Other Items Steady in Kabul**

KABUL: The price of Russian gold has increased while that of other essential items remained unchanged during the outgoing week in the capital Kabul, market sources warned on Saturday. Haji Fawad Ahmed Salakhzada, a jeweler in Timur Shahie area of Kabul, told Pajhwok Afghan News that one gram of Russian gold increased from 2,200 Afs. to 2,400 Afs while the same quantity of Arabian gold remained steady.

Abdul Hadi, a worker in Wazirinab Fuel Station in Kabul said one liter of petrol cost 44 Afs and the same quantity of diesel 46 Afs. Ahmad javid, a liquefied gas seller in Chakhi Tamak area of Kabul said the price of 50 kilograms of petrol was 2,300 Afs and the same amount of African black tea in Kabul Mandavi, said a kilogram of the commodity was sold a 50-kg sack of Kazakhstani flour for 1,100 Afs, rice 2,400 Afs a 16-litre tin of ghee for 300 Afs -- same prices as last week's.

The prices of food items also remain unchanged. Food Traders Union head in Kabul, speaking at the Munich Security Conference on February 16, questioned whether the planned U.S. withdrawal was "a good idea."

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**HRW Calls for 'Transparent Probe' Into PTM Member's Death**

KABUL, Internal Rights Wing (IRW) on Friday called for a transparent investigation into the death of Arman Loni, a senior member of the Pashto Teachers Movement (PTM) which called Pakistan Protection Movement, a social movement for Pashtun human rights, based in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Baluchistan.

Loni was one of the leaders of the PTM who was killed after returning from a sit-in protest outside Loralai Press Club in Baluchistan on Feb. 2, reports emerged.

The sit-in protest had been staged in protest against recent terror attacks. Pakistani media reported that Arman Loni had been sitting in a park after the protest and was suddenly bitten by a dog. Loni had attended the sit-in protest along with his staff. Abdul Hadi, a worker in Wazirinab Fuel Station in Kabul said one liter of petrol cost 44 Afs and the same quantity of Arabian gold remained steady.

Pakistanis should recognize the country's diversity as a strength and not a weakness. The government should listen and to engage the concerns of the country's many communities and allow for peaceful expression of dissent. As a start, the authorities should ensure the investigation into the death of "Above on Pajhwok".

**Commanders Among 21 Taliban Killed in Urugzian Airstrike, Police Claim**

THINKOT - At least 21 Taliban militants, including some key commanders, were killed in an airstrike in central Urugzian province, an official claimed on Saturday.

The airstrike took place in the Khairzai locality of the Tinki district, the provincial capital, late on Friday night, a police officer told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Malak Zainalibeh said 21 Taliban militants, including some notorious commanders were killed in the night raid. Sixteen dead bodies were still being held by the Taliban. The Taliban have not yet commented on the air raid.

**One Civilian Killed, 3 Wounded in Ghazni Explosion**

GHANZI CITY - One civilian was killed and three others were wounded in a blast at southern Ghazni province on Saturday morning, an official said.

In southern Afghan Mohammad Ameen Noriti, the governor's spokesman, told PAJHWOK that the blast resulted from explosives placed in a three-wheeler in Ghazni city, the provincial capital. He alleged the explosive device had been placed by Taliban militants in motor vehicle, killing a civilian and destroying a three-wheeler, a very popular motor vehicle in Afghan official Dr. Noorhaili confirmed the news to journalists.

He said the wounded were in stable condition. (Pajhwok)

**Germany's Merkel Warns U.S. Against Withdrawing from Syria, Afghanistan**

BERLIN - German Chancellor Angela Merkel has warned that a hasty U.S. pullout from Syria risks the strengthening of the roles of Iran and Russia in the Middle East.

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**Outlook Horoscope**

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A surge of inner power could make you feel like you can move mountains. Love. If you’ve been contemplating actions that others have been opposing, this is the time to get them going. Career matters, romantic, and creative projects could all be advanced today by careful effort on your part. Give it some thought, write down details, consider all contingencies, and move ahead.

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

A romantic evening at home with your partner should be a good idea. Creative passion is strong. You could have a sudden inspiration, perhaps influenced by a distant mate. You're sure to be the life of any party. New people will pop out of the woodwork to share their intellectual passion could also come your way.

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

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

Today represents a new beginning in many ways. An old friend could reap-pear in your life and bring up memories that are both pleasant and discom-forting. Libra. Don’t worry too much about this. It probably represents a needed release. You may also get involved with a group that has goals you embrace.

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**Virgo (Aug. 20-Sep. 21)**

Memories from your distant past could resurface today, Virgo. You may worry for you’ve already thought about them, but they probably represent a release of emotional hang-ups that have been held back by you. Midsummer you should feel more focused, determined, and ready to take on anything. This is definitely a great day to start a new project or complete an old one.

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

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

Emotions could be running high, Scorpio. Someone in your environment may have a problem with an authority figure and possible trust could come up. You’re likely to find emotional power, and so you may be tempted to blow the lid off the situation. At the end of the day, you may need to pick up any fallen political and channel that power and passion into your own project. The busier the better.

**Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.21)**

You will enjoy a great deal of affection from others today, Sagittarius. You radiate an air of love and beauty. Love will come in strong, eratic bursts and you should be on the alert to expect the unexpected. New people will pop out of the woodwork to share their feelings. All group activities are favored, and you’re sure to be the life of any party.

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

You’ll probably experience some stress today. You could spend a lot of time reading or doing research of some kind. Sagittarius. Your natural curiosity is at peace right now, but you might even consider advancing your education somehow, especially any new interests have been poping up for some time. New friends in fascinating fields might also have started you thinking."

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

You are feeling especially passionate now, Aquarius, especially regarding your love life. Romantic partnerships definitely call for an evening alone together. Professional and creative ones, too, the other hand, can be a great project that should be getting off the ground. Think of ways to date states or foreign countries for inspiration. Something happening at home could also have started you thinking.

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

If you’ve been feeling like you’re living a lie, Pisces. A surge of inner power could make you feel like you can move mountains. Love. If you’ve been contemplating actions that others have been opposing, this is the time to get them going. Career matters, romantic, and creative projects could all be advanced today by careful effort on your part. Give it some thought, write down details, consider all contingencies, and move ahead.