Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

According to Eid Mohammad, one resident, his brother Khil Mohammad was an ANA soldier who lost his life during a combative operation in Janikil district of the province. Eid Mohammad said local clerics in his home town refused to conduct his funeral prayer ceremony.

"Our own local Militia did not come to perform the prayer ceremony for my brother," said Eid Mohammad.

"When we asked the Militia why he would not conduct the funeral prayers of a security forces member who was his," Mohammad said.

Traders Block Torkham Gate to Press for Demand

JALALABAD - A number of Afghan traders have shut the Torkham gate against exports after their spare parts loaded vehicles remained parked in western Herat province for months, causing them huge losses.

The traders said the Ministry of Finance had stopped funding spare parts in their trucks full of spare parts in Herat province, inflicting huge losses on them.

On Thursday, the protesting businessmen also erected a tent in Torkham border town in Mianwali district of eastern Nangarhar.

Khalil Rashid Shinwari, one of the traders, said 1,700 disassembling vehicles for spare parts in containers remained stranded at the Herat Customs Office for the last four months.

He said 700 of the cars belonged to Torkham traders and they had so far incurred huge losses as a result of the vehicles’ blockage.

Shinwari said he had shared the issue several times with the officials concerned, but no positive action.

Another protesting trader, Zir Gul, said they would keep the border gate closed until their protest problems were resolved.

Meanwhile, shopkeepers in Torkham town also complained their sales had been at a standstill due to the stranded vehicles in Herat and they lost a high amount of money they were supposed to earn every day.

Rahmatullah, one of the shopkeepers, said: “We had expected hundreds of vehicles was good until recent past, but slowed down after spare parts reached their market.

Another protesting trader, Zir Gul, said: "We have several times with the officials concerned, but no positive action.

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Karbul – Nearly 200 soldiers, nine others wounded during operations over the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defense said on Friday.

The military operations were carried out in five provinces — Nangarhar, Ghazi, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Helmand — a statement from the ministry said.

It said a hand grenade making workshop was destroyed in Kandahar and a Taliban hideout targeted in Uruzgan province during the operations. The security forces also attacked a number of weapons and ammunition in Nangarhar.

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Salang Highway Reopens for Passenger Vehicles

CHIRABAR — The strategic Salang highway has been reopened for passenger vehicles after two days of closure following snowstorms, an official said on Friday.

Adbul Hadi Habib, who is responsible for protection and maintenance of the Salang highway, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the snowstorms at the southern part of the pass ended last midnight, paving the way for opening of the highway.

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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)

A pleasing day for most of you today that you don’t want to attend. Aries. It could be just a bad time.

Aries. Everyone will want to discuss the issues with you and that can be a problem. The best way out of the dilemma is to go to the library or a private room where you can think of it this way: it’s only an hour or so. Concentrate on some surprising information.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

A project could be successful as long as you stick with your goals. Taurus. Decisions must already be taking place about the next steps in this project, but you aren’t inclined to think about that, at least not right away. You will need your Brunswick and relax for a while. No one can blame you for that, so don’t worry if you don’t get everything done just today.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

If you’re involved in the study of a particular subject, Gemini, today you might have some luck buying your books and texts as many as you can. It is good. You never know when your concentration is especially good. Go to the library or a private room where you won’t be distracted and buy the books. Find some new works on the subject if you can. You might discover some surprising information.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer you may need to work a little harder. Cancer may lose your mind or paper on the evening, but wait until you know it’s a long, hard climb.

If you’re interested, consult a professional teller that perhaps you’re talking to an expert. It’s still a good idea to wait a day or two before you make the investment. Any hot tips you receive today could be either double or better.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 21)

Leo: a lover appears to be moody today. Leo: one moment one friend may be enthusiastic and optimistic about the future, and the next moment overcome with gloom. Don’t let it get to you, and certainly don’t get overly upset with your partner. Listen rather than talk, and be patient. Tomorrow your friend’s moods should be back to normal.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 21)

Are you working two jobs, Virgo? Today one could demand a lot of you, probably because of the other. You tend to be very conscientious and responsible, so this might bother you, but don’t let it get to you. The day may come when the situation is resolved. Everyone around you knows that you’re an asset to the enterprise, even if there are times like this when you have to ask for a break.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may feel thinking over the month may seem to have vanished today, Libra. You may not feel like doing anything outside of routine tasks that you can do automatically. You’re suffering from low energy levels, so don’t fall into the trap of thinking you’re turning into a lumpy bag. Relax today and tomorrow.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

The urge to stay and nurture your humanness might hit you today. Scorpio, you may want to clean out the shelves in your kitchen, add some new bookshelves, or arrange your books into specific classifications. This may be a lot of work, but it will also be a lot of fun.

 Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.22)

Are you expecting an important communication, perhaps business related? Sagittarius? If it comes today, it will probably come late. If you feel you must sit around and wait for it, find something else to do in the meantime or you will drive yourself crazy. It if doesn’t arrive by the end of the day, resign yourself to waiting. Don’t panic. It will come soon enough.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

A move to changing your mood by mail will probably be delayed. Capricorn. It’s nothing to worry about. Chances are you’ll hear from the post office and it will arrive soon. Don’t waste your time worrying needlessly. If you feel you need to make contingency plans for getting it. Your money is coming. Hang in there.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may not be as cheery as your usual self today. Aquarius. Chaos may have come over you. You may doubt everything that happens in your life. No matter how promising, certain, certain, or money matters seem, you think the worst. Trust yourself. Get a massage, relax in a hot tub, and rub and soak out those doubting spirits. That will get you going.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar.20)

Happy memories of a beloved grand parent may fill your thoughts today. Pisces, and you may wonder why. Something or someone you’ve encountered in the past few days may have reminded you of this person. It’s nice and it isn’t an accident. What personality trait does your grandparent call you? A psycho-emotional issue associated with this trait may need to be resolved soon.

Kabul – The Taliban have prevented clerics from leading funerals of dead soldiers in Kabul and other cities.

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