Pakistan Loses 70pc of Afghan Transit Trade to Iranian Ports

PESHAWAR - Seventy percent of Afghan transit trade goods have been diverted to Iranian seaports due to lack of action by the Pakistan Railways, a business leader said on Friday.

"I have written a formal complaint to the railway minister and the Shahr Chamber of Commerce and Industry," said Port Standing Committee chairman, said the trade diversion was inflicting huge losses on Pakistan.

Hashimi said "it is because of the lack of actions by the Pakistan Railways that 70 percent of the goods under the Afghan transit trade have been diverted to Bandar Abbas and Chabahar seaports in Iran."

The Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement had not been reviewed in the last eight months, he said.

Kabul termed the accused of the insurgents being brought before the deployment of police and local security.

43 Rebels Killed, 7 Injured in Kapese Operation

MAHMOOD RAJAI - Over 40 militants have been killed in the Najrab district of central Kapese province, an official said on Saturday.

Security forces launched clearing operations in the area from Thursday night. He blamed the rebels for killing seven innocent and eight arrested during the operation.

Army, police, intelligence personnel, local police and local uprising members had been taking part in the offensive.

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Be in the groove and proud of the role you play, Aries. You might find yourself looking back at last week's mishaps, down in the dumps. There's still a glimmer in your eye that you should chase openly with others. Don't dash broader to get yourself. You've already arrived. Enjoy yourself in the company of those you love.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)

Take a break from your daily routine and get out of the routine. Taurus, your world will turn without you. For a one day, set out for a while. Remember that whatever path you take is the right path. Even if you choose to get lost, 1.6. You. Enjoy the present day and all the small joys it has to offer.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Things are flowing your way, Gemini, and you should find a great deal of satisfaction in what has happened. There may be an element of fantasy about the way you see the world, but it is a sign of your intergalactic performance. Be a movie and go out to your favorite restaurant.

Lion (July 23-Aug. 22)

Don't let anyone make you answers today. Cancer, because you will probably end up feeling frustrated. The lion in you is fierce, and you will find it's hard to go with the flow. Today isn't about finding solutions to problems. It's about showing what you've already learned and accomplished. Keep trying, even if you feel stuck.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You may find it hard to take a realistic approach to your emotions today, Sag. A sensitive issue may pull you down, leaving you feeling like you're out in left field in the way you relate to others. You might want to consider letting someone else take the lead for now, allowing you to regain your equilibrium before the next decision needs to be made.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

It may feel like something has suddenly clicked into place for you today, Libra, because you've found the missing piece. A puzzle you've been working on for a long time, the answers may be subtle, but they're there. Fantasy and a playful attitude will lead you to them effortlessly. Spread your ideas to the world, and encourage others to join in your daydreams.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Things may seem surreal today, Scorpio, so don't take other people's chatter too seriously. It's a day to reach out and touch base. Don't worry about things that don't matter to you and yourself at the moment.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You might find that people act on things you don't find interesting. Work to bring harmony to the situation by getting involved. Don't have to. You're much better off keeping the tone light and proofing. Enjoy your fantasy world and feel free to go on your own.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You may find things come in conflict with today, Capricorn. You might find that people act on things you don't take seriously. Work to bring harmony to the situation by getting involved. Don't have to. You're much better off keeping the tone light and proofing. Enjoy your fantasy world and feel free to go on your own.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a great day for you. You should be able to do a great deal of work without getting caught up in the details. Aquarius is likely to play an active role, so don't stand back. If you're too light and proofing, enjoy your fantasy world and feel free to go on your own.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

There may be a rather confusing element to the day, Pisces. You feel suitably proofed to act, but some of the pieces seem to be missing. It could be hard to make a decision since you don't have the whole picture in front of you. You're better off spending this day in the company of a friend or family than trying to make any major life decisions or commitments.