

80pc of Kandahar Power Demand to be Met by End of 2020



KANDAHAR CITY - The water and power director for Kandahar says 80 percent of electricity demand will be met by the end of 2020 as several projects are being executed in the southern province. Amanullah Ayub Farooqi, in an exclusive interview, told Pajhwok Afghan News 60 percent of work on the 220 KW electricity line from Ghazni to Kandahar had been completed. He said the Afghanistan Breshna Shirkat had awarded the contract for this project to an Indian company (KEC) in 2017. Farooqi said the power project would cost more than \$113 million provided by the USAID through the Afghan government. The project will be put into service at the end of 2020. The huge scheme would benefit more than 100,000 consumers in Ghazni, Zabol and Kandahar provinces, the official informed. Work on the second phase of the Kajaki power dam has also been launched and it will produce 100MW of electricity after the addition of four turbines. The dam is currently producing 51MW of power. Work is also underway on solar power plants, which will produce 40MW of electric. One of the plants was inaugurated by President Ghani a few weeks back. He revealed 154 factories were not functioning at their full capacity and 135 others had to be shut for lack of electricity during the past several years. The director added many investors were waiting for the solar energy plants to be completed. Farooqi said there were more than 200 factories in Kandahar, producing cotton, oil, cake, soap, ice, packages, PVC pipes, food items, non-alcoholic drinks and other items, ... (More on P4)...(10)

Experts Discuss Transformation of Economy from War to Peace



KABUL - Afghan government, with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is hosting a series of expert roundtable discussions in Kabul this week. The discussions would focus on developing an economic framework to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Afghanistan, a statement from UNDP said on Saturday. The discussions, which bring to-

gether a group of well-respected economists and experts from around the world, will highlight integrative economic modeling and a macro-economic framework that is responsive to a peace economy and paves the way for Afghanistan to achieve SDGs. The panel discussions will take place at the Office of the Chief Executive, as well as at the Ministries of Economy, Finance and Public Health, from July 27 to August 2.

It will include discussions on identifying the priorities of Afghanistan based on the present capacities and constraints in the country and explore options for economic models that work best for peace. The experts, coming from diverse backgrounds with immense expertise and experience in the similar contexts, will thoroughly discuss integrated economic models within the framework of SDGs and put ... (More on P4)...(8)



Official Accused of Corruption Appointed to Key Post in Govt

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani has appointed Walid Tamim, former head of Afghanistan Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority, to two key posts in government despite the Attorney General's Office says Tamim has three corruption cases under investigation at the judicial organization. Legal experts said such appointments are contradicting rules and regulations in the government. "No logic accepts that a person who is accused [of a crime] and his case is under investigation should be appointed [in government]. Based on Article 145 of the Criminal Procedure Code, such an individual cannot be appointed in any post," said Arash Shahr, a lawyer. "Anyone who is accused [of a crime] should first respond to those accusations. That person can be appointed to a post when he or she is acquitted [by a court]," the former governor of Kapisa, Mehrabuddin, said. On July 25, Tamim was introduced to his new colleagues as the Deputy Finance Minister for Customs and Revenue by the Acting Finance Minister Humayun Qayumi. Qayumi said in a tweet that based on President Ghani's decree, Tamim was appointed as deputy finance minister until he ... (More on P4)...(9)

Four Killed in Ghazni Car Bombing



GHAZNI CITY - At least four members of Afghan security forces were killed and 20 others were wounded in a car bomb explosion in Ghazni Province on Saturday morning, the provincial police said. The blast occurred at around 4:30 am Kabul time in Ab Band district of Ghazni when a

suicide bomber driving a car full of explosives detonated his explosives near the first gate of the district building, Ghazni Police Chief Khalid Wardak said. He said the casualties may rise. Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolo news)

Two Suspects Arrested in Herat on Spying Charges



HERAT - The Afghan security forces arrested two suspects on charges of spying for regional countries, local officials said on Saturday. By this arrest, the provincial governor's spokesman Jailani Farhad, said the number of those arrested on spy-

ing charges reached eight over the past year. The suspects were arrested from different parts of the province, including the central city, Herat, he said. "The suspects have confessed to their ... (More on P4)...(11)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Jul 28, 2019 - You might come across strong opposition today. Someone may seem to want to cut straight through to your heart, Aries. In reality, this is a message reminding you to think about things in terms of the collective, the oneness of all. Be aware of a greater perspective in which you see more than just your side of the issue. Discuss the issues with others before making any major decisions.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Jul 28, 2019 - Act on your instincts and you won't go wrong, Taurus. You may need to give up control and put logical thinking aside. Let the wind take you where it will. Explore your feelings and how others influence them. It will be just about impossible to solidify any plans today. You're better off exploring options and comparing notes with others.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Jul 28, 2019 - You have the missing piece that people need in every situation today, Gemini. Engage in light conversation in social situations, and turn your charm up high. You have the ability to make favorable impressions on just about everyone, so set the day off on the right foot. Get out of bed earlier than usual and get your blood pumping with a brisk walk around the neighborhood.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Jul 28, 2019 - People may want to talk a great deal, but they're avoiding their feelings today, Cancer. Put your emotions on the back burner and let your mind take over. Deal with the facts and make sure your emotions don't interfere with the information you receive. Things can get clouded if you don't stay true to the communication that's taking place.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Jul 28, 2019 - You should be able to evaluate your emotions from a detached perspective today, Leo. Use this opportunity to take action based on what you discover. Make sure your actions are based on practicality and you aren't acting rashly in response to someone else's hasty maneuvers. You will be amazed at the incredible things that develop if you think first.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Jul 28, 2019 - If you're talking about another person today, Virgo, don't say anything that would upset them if they were standing next to you. Gossip may run rampant, but that's no excuse to contribute to it. Be aware that what you say has a strong impact on the people around you. It's likely to spread to many more ears than you think.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Jul 28, 2019 - It's important to take action on a day like this, Libra. Trust yourself and your instincts. Often you have the perfect counsel for everyone but you. Keep in mind that you might have to turn to others for the best advice for you. Talk things out and then take action. Hesitation will only have negative consequences. You have all the facts you need.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Jul 28, 2019 - You might be unfocused and confused about which way to go, Scorpio. Your baffled look isn't giving others much confidence in your ability to make a good decision. Don't feel obliged to stay in an unhealthy situation. It may be time to let go and break some ties to things that are no longer working for you. Feel good about extracting yourself from old habits.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Jul 28, 2019 - It's important to get outside and feel the wind, Sagittarius. Reconnect with nature and be aware of the four elements, especially the air. Take deep breaths and fill your lungs with the energizing life force. Imagine yourself on a mountain looking over a vast ocean. Expand your awareness so that nothing escapes your attention. Keep your head clear of clutter and be open to new adventures.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Jul 28, 2019 - Make practical use of the thoughts you've synthesized in the last few days, Capricorn. Stretch your boundaries and extend your wisdom to the people around you. This is a day to take action. Connect with your heart and move forward with your plans. We normally think of our hearts as soft, tender, and vulnerable.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

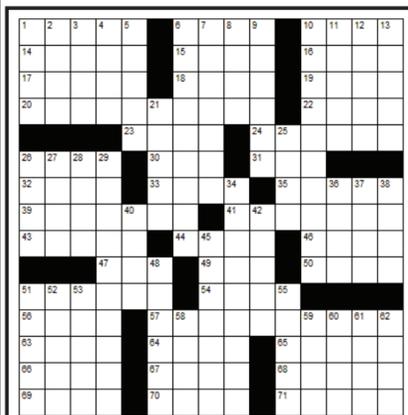


Jul 28, 2019 - This is an important day to make valuable connections, Aquarius. You will be engaged in fast-paced, witty conversations and debates from which you can learn a great deal. You're good at seeing both sides of an issue. The problem is that this can lead to indecisiveness and an inability to commit. Choose a path and stick to it.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Jul 28, 2019 - It may be hard for you to get a handle on things today, Pisces. Your focus seems to jump from one problem to the next without finding resolution. This isn't a day to find a solution. You're better off researching, questioning, and gathering facts. Keep your channels of communication open, and don't try to pin anyone down for answers. You'll accomplish a lot by keeping active and light.



Across

1. Infant, 6. A mixture of cellulose fibers, 10. Celestial bear, 14. Happen again, 15. Rectal 16. Close, 17. Mountain crest, 18. Docile, 19. Sandwich shop, 20. Walker, 22. Doing nothing 23. Told, 24. Anagram of "Steals", 26. Units of resistance, 30. Frozen water, 31. Sharp high-pitched cry, 32. Train track, 33. Jar tops, 35. Wall painting, 39. Books on unusual subjects, 41. Steal the show, 43. First Hebrew letter, 44. No, 46. Type of sword, 47. Bro or sis 49. Chief Executive Officer, 50. Writing table, 51. Component, 54. Sea eagle, 56. Remote 57. Not arrogant, 63. Only, 64. Anagram of "Note", 65. Radiolocation, 66. A city in western Russia, 67. Keen, 68. Alpha's opposite, 69. Close violently, 70. Shoestrings, 71. Impudent,

Down

1. Poop, 2. Not there, 3. Anagram of "Dice", 4. Pear-shaped instrument, 5. Put on clothes, 6. Aristocrat, 7. Unassisted, 8. Tibetan monk, 9. A full supply, 10. Unchallenged, 11. Marsh growth 12. French for "Room" 13. Disney mermaid, 21. Most dogs have them, 25. Goals 26. Killer whale, 27. Transport in a vehicle, 28. Bog, 29. Backwash, 34. Preempt, 36. Sexual assault, 37. How old we are, 38. Scallion, 40. Buckeye State 42. Menial laborers, 45. Marine 48. Savage, 51. Abstains from eating, 52. Be in trouble with, 53. Kind of lily, 55. European currency, 58. Exploded star, 59. Mother, 60. Midmonth date, 61. Badgers, 62. A neutral color,

Yesterday's Solution

SCALD EDRY FFACE
GUTTIE REAL TRIS
ABOMINABLE NETS
REMOOTE ALIN GLEEE
STEPSION DENZIN
AWLS TENDER
GOATISH TURNOUT
ENMESH COARSE
STEPSION DENZIN
LUPINE LOST
ALGAE TOWED
LOUIS ARS REBOOT
EGAD GAMBLINGO
ROVE ETAT FICES
TSAR DELLE TREES

adult, alarm, always
apple, apply, around
blast catch, chase
clash, climb, coach
courtesy, decay, dour
expert, flail, fruit, greet
hail knees, matrix
people, phone, pitch
pizza, point razor,

