KABUL - The first shipment of goods from Afghanistan to China has been shipped through Shahid Beheshti port in Chabahar, Iranian officials confirmed on Sunday. According to Director General of Sistan and Baluchestan Ports and Maritime Organization, Behrouz Aghaei, Chabahar port authorities have taken the step to facilitate trade between the two countries despite the coronavirus pandemic. He said Chabahar port has been established to facilitate regular container transport services to Asian countries for Afghanistan. According to him, Afghanistan’s first shipment of dried fruit was sent to Tianjin Port in China via India’s port of Mundra. He also said these consignments of Afghan goods were sent to India from Chabahar in the past month. This comes after a 2016 agreement between Iran, India, and Afghanistan to jointly ... (More on P4)(1)

Afghan Goods Enter India Through Wagah Border

KABUL - The first shipment of Afghan goods crossed over into India in two trucks on Saturday, six days after Pakistan announced the resumption of Afghan exports to India through the Attari-Wagah border to facilitate transit trade, Hindustan Times reported.

The report quoted Indian traders as saying “within four days of the Pakistan government announcing the resumption of Afghan goods, Pakistan will also consider opening the Wagah border.” The report added that Pakistan will allow exports from Afghanistan to India starting on Saturday. The report added that Pakistan will allow exports from Afghanistan to India starting on Saturday.

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India Thanks Government for Helping to Secure Release of Kidnapped Sikh Leader

NEW DELHI - India on Monday thanked the Afghan government and tribal elders for their efforts to ensure the safe release of a Sikh leader who had been kidnapped last month. Nidan Singh Satchdeva, a leader of the Hindu and Sikh minority community in Afghanistan, had been kidnapped in Shahrkot district in Pakhto province on June 22. Following the release of Singh, the Indian Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement: “We convey our appreciation to the Government of Afghanistan and tribal elders from the area, whose efforts secured the return of Mr. Nidan Singh. ‘The targeting and persecution of minority community members by terrorists at the behest of their external supporters remains a matter of grave concern’,” the statement read. India’s government also said that it has recently taken a de-

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Two District Police Chiefs Killed in One Day in Afghanistan

KABUL - At least 42 cases of violence against journalists were registered in Afghanistan during the first six months of 2020, Afghan Journalist Safety Committee said Monday. The number was far lower than that registered during the same period last year, as a result of lockdown, according to local officials. Talib Ahmad claimed responsibility for attack that killed Kunduz district police chief. (1TV NEWS)

42 Cases of Violence Against Journalists Registered in First Half of 2020

KABUL - The Ministry of Public Health on Sunday reported 142 new positive cases of the coronavirus from 633 samples tested over the last 24 hours. So far, 83,791 samples have been tested in the government’s testing centers and there are 30,843 known active COVID-19 cases across the country, according to data by the Ministry of Public Health. In the last 24 hours, the ministry also reported 17 new deaths on COVID-19 and 31 recoveries. The number of total cases is now 31,643, the total reported deaths are 24, and total recoveries are 23,641. The highest count was reported in Kabul with 66, followed by Herat with 21. Two other cases were reported in Badghis (2), Herat on (2), Nangarhar (2), Paktika (3), Talib (6), Nangarhar (2), Baghlan (2), Kunar (2), Badakhshan (7), Parwan (2), Wardak (1), Helmand (1), Ghor (4) and Uruzgan (1).

18 Taliban Militants Killed, Wounded in Faryab Clashes: Shaheen Corps

FARYAB - The Afghan security forces killed or wounded at least 21 Taliban militants during the clashes in northern Faryab province, the Afghan military said. The 209th Shaheen Corps in a statement said that the security forces launched attacks in Kohistan and Sherqad districts, targeting the security posts in the central parts of the districts. The statement further added that the security forces effectively and responsibly responded to the attacks, killing and wounding at least 21 Taliban militants. The security forces also wounded at least 6 Taliban militants during the clashes in the western 209th Shaheen Corps added.

Logar Residents Call for Security Days after Ghanzi Visit

LOGAR - Residents in the eastern province of Logar on Saturday voiced grave concerns over a surge in the incidence of violence in the province, saying that the fleeting is wearing the capital, Pol-e-Char. They said people keep fire throughout the night in Pulse-Alam between the Taliban and the Afghan security forces. Meanwhile, local officials in the province have said there is a need to separate a second phase that is intended to mend the fragile security in the province. The National Police, the National Army, the officers of the National Directorate of Security are conducting their search operations on the district,” said Ashraf Ghani, head of Logar Afghan National Army in Logar. However, incidents in the province

Outlook Horoscope

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)
Jul 20, 2020 - New opportunities to advance your professional standing may arise. Avoid being linked to friends or family that might drag you down. You need to be your own focus of energy, and stay aware of your own resources. You have to learn to say no to those you know can only drain you.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20)
Jul 20, 2020 - Bankers may花样 you pin your direction throughout the day. Tantric secrets are being revealed to you. You could be brimming over with physical energy but can be too cautious. You might have to say in order to suit something impressed, which can cause you to feel unfulfilled, though you can do a better job of managing your energy. An onerous video and a determined while you wait. This isn’t a good day to start new projects. Last year you had to react to situations with others at your own pace.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun. 21)
Jul 20, 2020 - Thought former business and family matters could resurface during today. You’ll be fitting yourself into other people’s shoes and even though you might be clipped in, you might have a good idea to write them down as you’ll be in a good habit of facing them at your fingertips.

CANCER (Jun. 22-Jul. 22)
Jul 20, 2020 - Today your powers of perception are at an all-time high. This is a good day to ask for a raise or a promotion. Your drive to gain recognition for your accomplishments may motivate seeking the public eye, as if it’s your duty to see what you do. You’re your observational skills are acute, as is your insight into others’ feelings. This is definitely a good day to work, or alternatively.

LEO (Jul. 23-Aug. 22)
Jul 20, 2020 - Today’s trend of success and prosperity might be relatively easy, though it may not be approaching too quickly. A lot of your time and effort might go into making big decisions. You’re more likely than usual to have a case for the blues. Take heart! The day’s mood is more agreeable to you than usual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)
Jul 20, 2020 - You might find yourself experimenting with new, innovative treatments. You might find yourself up too caught up in modern life, mundane tasks to do very much about it. Physical energy is plentiful, so you have is in your to take care of them and then have time to do what you want. Your new year’s list to-do list for your needs. You’re much more likely than usual to get a bit stuck.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct. 22)
Jul 20, 2020 - If you have a job that pays well and you got to a point where you need to think about what to do next. You may have made a decision, and you’re better off with it. Though time passing through the day to quickly and recoup your energy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Jul 20, 2020 - You might find a solution to a long-standing problem. You may have been working towards solving a problem for a long time now. You’re much more likely than usual to have a case for the blues. Take heart! The day’s mood is more agreeable to you than usual.

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AQUARIUS (Jan.20-Feb.18)
Jul 20, 2020 - Business and financial matters might come into your own. You might find yourself in a situation where you need to make a decision. You might have a case for the blues. Take heart! The day’s mood is more agreeable to you than usual.

PISCES (Feb.19-Mar.20)
Jul 20, 2020 - Though former business and family matters could resurface during today. You’ll be fitting yourself into other people’s shoes and even though you might be clipped in, you might have a good idea to write them down as you’ll be in a good habit of facing them at your fingertips.
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he Taliban is a threat not only to Afghanistan but to the entire region. Regional and global stakeholders need to engage more practically to pave the ground for the intra-Afghan dialogue. In short, reducing violence and declaring ceasefire is a prerequisite to start a peace process.

The Taliban are able to keep their existence in the villages. Unfortunately, people in the area are worried about the Taliban’s threat. It is a public concern. The situation in Herat is as follows: In the first month of the year, about 300 people were killed or injured in armed attacks. Herat is a central place in the north of Afghanistan. Its long-term rival is Ghor, which also shares part of the border in the north of Afghanistan.

The new threat is coming from the Taliban. The Taliban continue to harm civilians. The people of Herat are alsoוכن. They have the right to live in peace. The Talib

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Russian Ambassador Rejects Virus Vaccine Hacking Claims

Moscow — Russia’s ambassador to Britain has rejected claims that the country’s cyber security service sought to steal information about a coronavirus vaccine. Andrey Kelin, speaking to BBC interview broadcast Sunday that there was “no sense” in the allegations, said it would “be impossible” for Russia, China and Iran. Andrey Kelin, speaking to BBC interview broadcast Sunday that there was “no sense” in the allegations, said it would “be impossible” for Russia, China and Iran.

“I learned about their (the hackers) activities from them, and I can say that it is absolutely impossible for them to attribute any kind of computer hackers to any country,” Kelin said. “And I don’t believe in this story at all, there is no such thing.”

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**Neighborhood News**

**Another Power Plant Hit by Explosion in Iran, Authorities Blame Transformer**

TEHRAN - A transformer in a power station hit by an explosion on Tuesday, officials said, the second in the central part of the Islamic Republic in a month, the official IRNA news agency reported. The incident in a transformer at the Imam Khomeini power plant in Bandar Eslam Abad caused power cuts in parts of Tehran, IRNA said, citing provincial authorities. The cause of the explosion was not immediately clear. The incident comes after a transformer at the Atashkadeh power plant in Taftan, in southeast Iran on July 19, 2020, was damaged by an explosion. 

**Justice Will Prevail**, Imran Khan says on Kashmir’s Accession to Pakistan Day

Prime Minister Imran Khan told thousands of people that Kashmir was Pakistan’s and that a just solution to the question was just a matter of time, on Monday. Addressing the rally, the prime minister said that Pakistan would pursue the Kashmir cause at every forum and time. He said that the world had come to understand Pakistan’s viewpoint and that it was consistent. The prime minister added that the sentiments and determination of the people of Kashmir were growing day by day and that the world had reaffirmed Pakistan’s cause.

The prime minister also said that Pakistan was patient and did not like to use force. He added that Pakistan was determined to end occupation by means of dialogue. He said that the occupied Kashmir was an issue of existential importance for Pakistan and the world.

The prime minister also asked the world to realise that Kashmiris were not asking for something that was not their due. He said that Pakistan was ready to start dialogue with India on the basis of trust and mutual respect.

**Libya: GNA Fighters Head for Front as Battle for Sirte sırasında**

The Government of National Accord (GNA) in Libya said on Monday that its fighters were heading for the front line in the region around Sirte to take on forces loyal to strongman Khalifa Haftar. GNA spokesman Mohamed al-Ghariani said the forces were targeting Haftar’s Fighters’ Laboratory Brigade in the region west of the Libyan town of Numa. 

**Israel: Netanyahu Corruption Trial Resumes Amid Anti-Gov’t Anger**

JERUSALEM - Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s corruption trial has resumed as the long-serving leader faces mounting discontent over his handling of the coronavirus crisis. The trial at the Jerusalem District Court began on Sunday after a two-month break as Netanyahu failed in May that Netanyahu, who is also serving as Israeli prime minister, would agree to have his trial resume.

**Syrians Vote for New Parliament Amid Measures Against Virus**

SYRIA - Syrians headed to polling stations in government-held parts of the war-torn country on Sunday to elect civil representatives as a new parliament amid strict health measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Syria's election commission said the vote was the third since the conflict began in March 2011. It has killed more than 500,000 people and displaced half of the country’s population and sent more than five million as refugees to neighboring countries.

The vote this year follows a new wave of U.S. sanctions that have come into effect last month and a campaign that portrayed that saw a wealthy county of President Bashar Assad use the elections to win backing of the West.

Several hours later, an October 1962 U.S. nuclear test, named after the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), was confirmed to have been tested in the People’s Assembly. The total number of votes cast for the People’s Assembly has not been announced. (AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

**Kazakhstan celebrates 74th anniversary of the Liberation Day**

KAZAKHSTAN - The size and power of the army and security forces of Kazakhstan, which marks its 74th anniversary since the liberation of the country from the Soviet Union, was highlighted in a ceremony on Thursday. The ceremony was attended by President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, who stressed the importance of the armed forces in maintaining national security.

**Kuwait’s Sheikh Sabah Undergoes ‘Successful Surgery’ State Media**

KUWAIT CITY - Kuwait’s 91-year-old ruler has undergone successful surgery, without elaborating on what illness he is suffering from, the state-run KUNA news agency said.

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Sheikh Sabah’s sudden surgery could inspire a renewed power struggle between Sheikh Sabah’s family within Kuwait’s ruling family.

KUNA news agency said Sheikh Sabah had undergone surgery in a “medical watch” in a state media accepted by the country’s government in a series of scandals in which he is alleged to have received lavish gifts from billionaires in the West. (AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

**Kazakhstan has reaffirmed Pakistan’s stance on the Kashmir state to Pakistan Day**

KASHMIR - The prime minister’s comments came ahead of Pakistan Day, which is observed on July 25, to mark the accession of the Jammu and Kashmir state to Pakistan in 1947. The prime minister also said that the United Nations would not be able to resolve the Kashmir issue.

Kashmiris have been struggling for a resolution that would allow them to materialise the accession of the territory to Pakistan. Pakistan has sought to prevent the spread of terrorism in the region.

The incident occurred on May 29, 2018, while the Southern Gas Corridor was under construction. The corridor was built to transport natural gas from the Caspian Sea to Europe.

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The move comes amid a global flight ban over the virus and a possible cooling of relations between Ankara and Tehran. Turkey and Iran have been at odds over issues including Syria and the northern Iraq border. (AP Photo/Petros Karadjis)

In this May 6, 2020 file photo, a plane carrying Afghanistan's President Ashraf Ghani arrives at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan. According to officials, the plane landed in Dubai and the president returned to Kabul after a surprise visit to the United Arab Emirates. The government said the president made the trip to discuss regional and international issues.

The ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) has advised against travel to Afghanistan due to security reasons. (AP Photo/Rahmat Gul, File)

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