

Plastic Chair Factory Emerges to Beat Foreign Competitors

KABUL - Afghanistan's plastic chair factory is optimistic about winning over the market for plastic chairs which is mostly monopolized by China, Iran and Pakistan.



AFN less than the price of imported chairs. "The chairs that we produce are of a very good quality, but at the moment, the market is in the hands of neighboring countries and the government has shown a lack of support for the industry," Tolo News quotes Najeebullah Seddiqi, the owner of the factory.

57 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Nationwide ANSF Operations

KABUL - At least 57 insurgents have been killed in a series of coordinated operations over the past 24 hours by the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement on Saturday.



28 Development Projects Completed

MAIMANA - The projects completed in Andkhwai district of Faryab province include the excavation of six wells equipped with hand pumps, extension of power cables 3,420 meters in length, installation of three power transformers, pavement of a 3,060-meter rural road, construction of...



District Intelligence Officer Killed



FARAH CITY - Armed motorcyclists gunned down a district intelligence official in the capital of western Farah province, the eighth incident of its kind taking place in the city in recent past, an official said on Saturday.

the 1st municipal district in the city, a few days later another policeman was killed in Bagh Pul area. Three wedding guests were killed when two motorcyclists opened fire at them in Shurab area.

ISIL-Claimed Attack Crosses Line for Beaten Down Afghans

JALALABAD - Days after at least 33 people were killed and dozens more injured by bombings in the city of Jalalabad, torn clothing and pieces of flesh were still stuck in the branches of a tree high above a busy street.



matters to those who were there. Survivors and witnesses told The National that their lives had changed irrevocably when a bank packed with customers was among the targets hit on the morning of April 18. After years...

Three Passengers Killed, Two Still Missing in Zabul

QALAT - Three of the five passengers in a car who were kidnapped Thursday evening in southern Zabul have been found dead, acting governor of Zabul told TOLONews on Saturday.



provincial capital of Zabul, where the passengers were abducted. According to Nasiri, five passengers were kid-

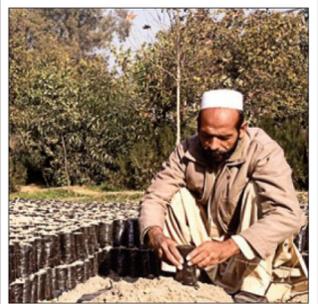
napped Thursday when they were travelling from Qalat to Ghazni. All the abducted passengers were civilians and residents of Ghazni, he continued. "Unfortunately, it was the second abduction in Zabul recently," Nasiri said. "We tried to rescue..."

Explosives Cache Seized



ZARANJ - National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - has seized a cache of explosive materials in southwestern Nimroz province. A statement issued Saturday by NDS states that 45 kilograms of explosive materials placed in three pressure cookers for explosion through remote controls, 13 capsules for exploded landmines, 50 meters of wire used in explosions and other explosive materials were found in the depot in Chaghansour District.

Orchards set up for Afghan Men and Women to Earn Income



KABUL - The World Bank has funded establishment of orchards for men and women in western Ghor province to help them meet their financial needs. As many as 520 fruit and vegetable gardens for women and 400 gardens for men in Dawlatyar district and provincial capital Ferozkoh through the Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock Department in Ghor.

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Sticking close to the facts is crucial today because deviations from the truth elicit an unavoidable reality check. You can run into trouble if you don't think about the impact of your words before you speak.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You have big ideas about how much you can accomplish today, only to realize you underestimated the time needed to achieve your goals. If you promise more than you can deliver, someone might confront you with his or her disappointment over your lack of productivity.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You might not be willing to accept opinions that you consider to be unnecessarily critical when the Scorpio Full Moon lights up your 6th House of Details. However, your sharp tongue can be quite cutting today if someone gets on your case.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Conjuring up nostalgic memories of the past when relationships seemed less complicated won't help your current situation today. The emotionally intense Scorpio Full Moon floods your 5th House of Romance, bending your social life out of shape.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Your unspoken feelings are stretched like a rubber band today and the tension could make you quite uncomfortable. Unfortunately, there aren't any quick fixes to the complex circumstances that are tangling up your personal life.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You are anticipating a shift in the emotional dynamics in your immediate environment, but you don't know how it will play out. But even if you decide to maintain the status quo in your daily routine, you still feel the pressure to change now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Just because you have a tough time making up your mind sometimes, your indecision isn't necessarily a sign of weakness. In fact, you often go out of your way to be objective when choosing one path or another.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You could inadvertently undermine your position or lessen your effectiveness by expressing your feelings now. A more strategic move is to carefully monitor your inner process rather than running with your gut reaction.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Something important is ready to go down in a relationship today, but you might not be able to wrap your mind around it yet. The seductive Scorpio Full Moon reflects the energy of your 12th House of Destiny while powerful unconscious forces pull you in directions that aren't yet apparent.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your intentions may be up in the air today with the mysterious Scorpio Full Moon activating your 11th House of Long-Term Goals. However, it's not as if you're lost in the dark; you have likely struggled plenty to figure things out.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



People seem to think you can do nearly anything today, leaving you a bit worried about meeting their expectations. It isn't that you lack determination; it's just that you may feel as if you're in over your head and the pressure to get it right is overwhelming now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Your active imagination enables you to see things in a different light. But this paradoxical approach to reality may be a burden today because it's no simple task to explain your intuitive process to anyone else.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

Across and Down crossword clues. Across 1: Noodles, 6: A territorial unit of Greece, 10: Nile bird, 14: Electronic letters, 15: XXXX, 16: Short skirt, 17: French for "Queen", 18: Campers, 19: Add, 20: Underestimate, 22: Auspices, 23: Lean, 24: Refinement, 26: Plateau, 30: Prompt, 31: And so forth, 32: "Smallest" particle, 33: Assistant, 35: Keen, 39: Excessive sun exposure, 41: Backache, 43: A seal, 44: Gruesome, 46: Plunder, 47: Animal doctor, 49: French for "Friend", 50: If not, 51: A group of star systems, 54: Found on rotary phones, 56: Iridescent gem, 57: Analgesic, 63: Easy gait, 64: Ancient Peruvian, 65: Purple shade, 66: Biblical garden, 67: Immediately, 68: Yearns, 69: Defrost, 70: Scrabble piece, 71: Barely enough.

Yesterday's Solution crossword grid with words filled in.

Vertical crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.