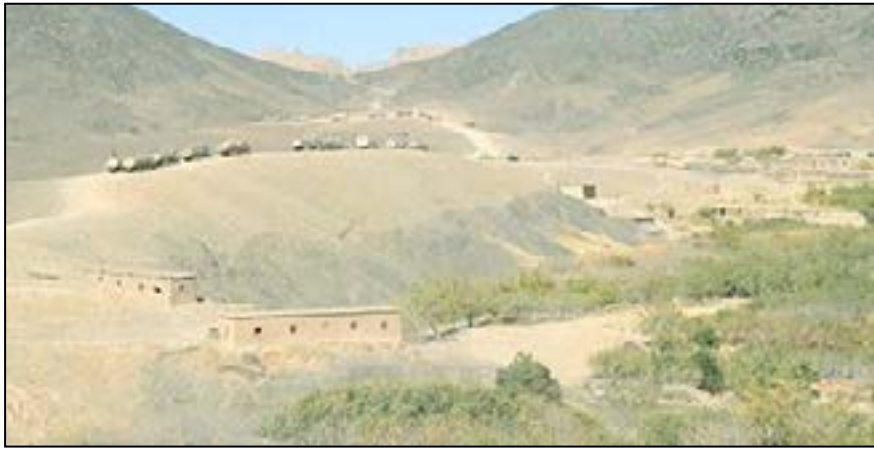


Kandahar-Uruzgan Highway Re-Opened after 40 Days

KABUL - Local officials in Kandahar on Friday said the security forces succeeded to re-open the Kandahar-Uruzgan Highway after it was closed by the Taliban nearly 40 days ago. According to the officials, reinforcements were sent to Uruzgan following the re-opening of the highway. Police chief of Shah Wali Kot district in Kandahar, Pacha, said the security forces used useful techniques to re-open the highway by imposing heavy casualty to the Taliban. "Security forces were succeeded to re-open Kandahar-Uruzgan Highway by



maintaining a good coordination during the military operation. Besides that, we established an alternative way in order to connect the two provinces and enable civilians travel via the new route," he added. Meanwhile, the 215 Maiwand Corps said in a statement that nearly 92 Taliban fighters were killed and over 60 were wounded in the military operation. According to the statement, three army soldiers were killed in the offensive. A number of commanders and police force members meanwhile said they have defused nearly 172 mines during the operation. "Taliban will be... (More on P4)...(16)

27 Islamic State Fighters Eliminated in Nangarhar Raids

JALALABAD - At least 27 Islamic State (IS) -- or Daesh -- militants have been killed in foreign forces' drone strikes in Haska Mina and Achin districts of eastern Nangarhar province, the army claimed on Thursday. A statement from the 201st Selab Military Corps

of the Afghan National Army said 14 Islamic State insurgents were killed in a drone attack in the Shadal Bazaar area of Achin district. Achin police chief, Lt. Col. Ahmad Shah Ahmadi, said seven Daesh militants were killed in similar ... (More on P4)...(17)



Taliban Weapons Seized in Nimroz

ZARANJ - A depot of heavy weapons belonging to the Taliban has been seized by security forces in southwestern Nimroz province, an official said on Thursday. Governor Mohammad Sami Sami, told a press conference the depot was recovered in Qala Pachy area of Chahar Burjak district of Nimroz. Fifty missiles and 10 mortar shells have been seized from the depot belonged to the Taliban militants, he said. The Taliban planned to use the weapons for destructive activities in Nimroz province, Sami added. Taliban did not comment on the issue so far. Chahar Burjak which shares border with Iran and Pakistan is one of the comparably stable districts of Nimroz. (Pajhwok)

2 Killed, 19 Hurt in Collision on Kabul-Jalalabad Highway



JALALABAD - Two passengers have been killed and another 19 injured in a collision on Kabul-Jalalabad highway, an official said on Friday. Laghman Traffic Director Col. Abdul Samad told Pajhwok Afghan News two passenger-carrying vehicles collided in Mashala Kamar area on the Kabul-Jalalabad highway on Thursday evening. He said the head-on accident resulted in the killing of one on-board traveler

and injured seven others. However, the Laghman governor's spokesman put the death toll at one dead and another 17 injured in the 8:00pm accident and said the wounded were evacuated to hospital. But the Nangarhar public health spokesman, Inamullah Miyakhel, said 2 corpses and 19 wounded were delivered to the Jalalabad zonal hospital from the scene. The incident occurred because of reckless driving. (Pajhwok)

Fish Farming Sees Significant Increase in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Pisciculture has witnessed considerable growth in eastern Nangarhar province, with more than 150 fish farms having been set up, creating employment opportunities for thousands

of people, an official said. Syed Nader Akbari, in charge of the fish-breeding section at the Department of Agriculture, said the farms had been established in Behsud, Kama, Dara-i-Noor, Khewa and

Goshta districts of the province. In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, the official said carp fish breeding produced good results in hot areas while trout fish production was high in cold regions. About acquisition of fish seeds, the expert said: "We get mature fish sperm, a process that is conducted on farms under ... (More on P4)...(18)

6 Heroin Labs Destroyed in Nangarhar Airstrike

JALALABAD CITY - Six heroin-making factories have been destroyed in an airstrike by security forces in the Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Friday. Nangarhar police spokesman Hazrat Husain Mashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News the Ministry of Interior's counter-narcotics units

conducted the air raid in Khwazakhel locality, resulting in the demolition of six heroin laboratories. The operation began at around 8:00pm and lasted till 3:00am, he said, adding a drug trafficker was also killed during the raid. The security personnel recovered some weapons. Israr, a ... (More on P4)...(19)



Pregnant Woman Killed in Kabul Shrine Attack Laid to Rest



KABUL - A pregnant woman and her unborn baby were killed on Tuesday night after a group of armed men stormed a famous shrine packed with hundreds of worshippers and mourners of the Ashura ceremony. The victim who is known as Sumayya Mohammadi was a native of Daikundi province and member of Daikundi Provincial Council. She was on an official visit to Kabul where she was set to discuss the problems of the people in Daikundi with government officials. Meanwhile, Sumayya's relatives have said she was here to raise the voice of the deprived people of Daikundi. She was laid to rest in her hometown on Friday. "We strongly condemn this cowardly and criminal act against the people of Afghanistan. We assure that the terrorists and foreign slaves will not achieve their objectives by killing the people," said Zekria Hashimi, deputy head of Daikundi Provincial Council. "She was pregnant, but pregnancy did not deter her to come to Kabul. She travelled through challenging routes of Daikundi and came to Kabul to raise her voice," said MP Raihana Azad. "She was always against those who were fueling disagreements between the people. She was against those who were exploiting groups and parties to expand gaps between the people," said the victim's uncle, Syed Anwar Sajadi. At least 16 people were killed over 50 others including 26 women were wounded in the shrine attack on Tuesday night. (Tolonews)

Blast Kills Police Officer in Kunduz City



KUNDUZ - A police officer lost his life as a mine planted by militants struck his vehicle in the northern Afghan city of Kunduz Thursday night, police said Friday. "A mine planted by militants struck a police van killing police officer Abdul Jamil Parwani in third district of Kunduz city on Thursday night," police spokesman Mafozullah Akbari told Xinhua. Taliban militants captured major parts of Kunduz city on Oct. 3 but were forced to retreat from the city on Oct. 12, according to security officials. The militants planted countless of mines in parts of the city including residential areas before vacating their positions. (Xinhua)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You want everyone to get along today, but all is not well in the land of cooperation. You can't relax while the ever-changing Moon and freedom-loving Uranus are wreaking havoc in your sign. Meanwhile, several planets create more tension from your 7th House of Partnerships by confronting you with someone else's needs.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You are exceptionally effective in organizing all the pieces that need to fit into your master plan today. Nevertheless, the Sun's looming opposition to ingenious Uranus in your 12th House of Privacy is already sparking unconventional thoughts that provoke you to reveal hidden feelings. Nevertheless, telling your secrets could ignite a couple of days of emotional turmoil.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Breaking free from a close friend or associate can change the dynamics of a relationship now. Finding yourself attracted to a person who is not your usual type feels dangerous but exciting as unorthodox Uranus opposes the radiant Sun in your 5th House of Romance. However, if you need to pull back, go ahead and do it without a second thought even if this seems to contradict your intentions.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Taking steps to ease tensions doesn't accomplish as much as you wish today, possibly leaving you feeling as if your efforts are in vain. You might have thought you found safe harbor, only to belatedly realize you are in the midst of another storm. Unexpected events at work demand your attention while you grow frustrated because you prefer to be putting out fires at home.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your relationships may feel tenuous today as circumstances release stored-up resentments and unexpressed emotions. An unpredictable confrontation is triggered by electric Uranus as it opposes the Sun in your 3rd House of Communication. However, the real danger comes from your fear of change rather than change itself.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Someone may speak to you in a way that provokes an explosive reaction from you today. Whether people's comments are critical or humorous, you're not likely to be in the mood for laughing when you hear what they think of you. Fortunately, revolutionary Uranus opposes the Sun in your 2nd House of Possessions, setting the stage for a breakthrough in your understanding about a personal or financial partnership.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

The glaring light of awareness is suddenly shining on a touchy relationship issue. You must be willing to confront anything that keeps you from your highest purpose now. Whatever makes you feel awkward needs to be dragged out into the open where you can deal with it in plain view. But don't get trapped by the restrictions of logic; do anything that might activate your imagination today.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Although you're not likely to waste too much energy trying to revitalize your social life today, you're still ready for substantial growth in your relationship world. The truth is the wild Sun-Uranus opposition suggests this is no time to stick with the status quo. In fact, if you're forced to play nicely in a boring situation you might just get up and leave.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

There is more happening now than meets the eye, making it nearly impossible to just go along for the ride. Although you might be dealing with a minor annoyance at work, your inflexibility could contribute to complicating matters even more. The solar opposition to irrepresible Uranus enhances your physical energy and increases stress in personal relationships as you obsess about your lack of independence or what you have sacrificed for love.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

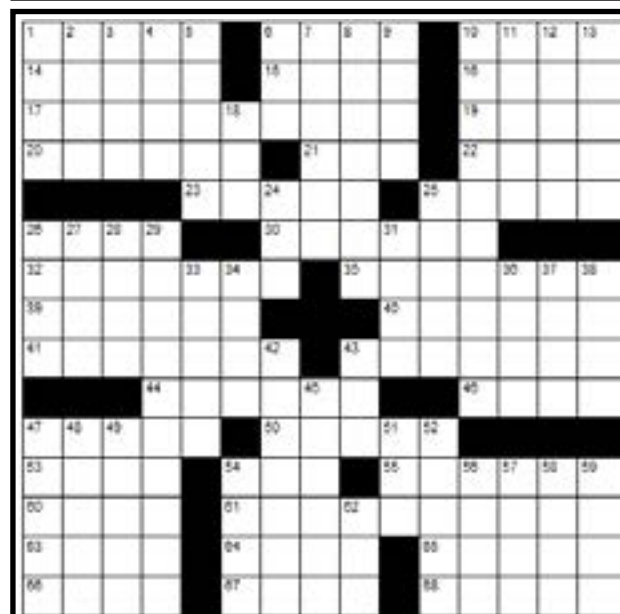
Your mind is solidly grounded today yet ambiguity could cloud your thinking when encountering rapidly changing circumstances. Your moods shift as quickly as a spring breeze while the Sun's opposition to electric Uranus shocks your 4th House of Security. On the positive side, this cosmic lightning is excellent for clearing out the cobwebs in your brain and awakening you to new experiences.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

It's wonderful to be blessed with an abundance of optimism now, but your positivity could prompt you to overlook something very important. You may be disappointed with yourself when you first realize that your goals are not as near as you thought. Revising your plans as soon as you gather all the facts prevents you from wasting time trying to reach the wrong destination.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You might believe there's been enough unexpected twists and turns already, but it appears that reality still has a few tricks up its sleeve. The tension is palpable and resolution is not likely because you're unable to find the source for your discomfort. Fulfilling your wish to escape the drama by taking a day or two of rest seems further away than ever. But even if you think the script is already written.



Across
1. Delete, 6. Pitcher, 10. Skin irritation, 14. Brackish, 15. Hindu princess, 16. Roman emperor, 17. Subsequently, 19. Snare, 20. Paradise, 21. Caviar, 22. Being, 23. Aromatic solvent, 25. Iron, 26. Exhausts, 30. Hesitant, 32. Disquiet, 35. A person who disputes, 39. Fire, 40. Inveigle, 41. A flavorful addition, 43. Irrigated, 44. Witloof, 46. An amount of medicine, 47. Catapulted, 50. Chain of hills, 53. Paw, 54. Armed conflict, 55. If not, 60. Ammunition, 61. Apparent, 63. Place, 64. Boor, 65. A directional stroke on a violin, 66. Makes lace, 67. Parasitic insect, 68. SSSS.

Down
1. Brother of Jacob, 2. Flat float, 3. Countertenor, 4. Stair, 5. Lofty nest, 6. Historic period, 7. A colony of rabbits, 8. Approve of, 9. Ascend, 10. Fascinated, 11. Brusque, 12. Boorish, 13. Aspirations, 18. A Buddhist temple, 24. Center, 25. Publish, 26. Petty quarrel, 27. Relating to aircraft, 28. Brace, 29. Prodigious, 31. Urine component, 33. Utilizing, 34. Cleave, 36. Novice, 37. Frosts, 38. Formally surrender, 42. Fire opal, 43. Married, 45. Any admirable quality, 47. Second person singular of shall, 48. Female demon, 49. Not fulfilled, 51. Pistol, 52. Follow as a result, 54. Canis lupus, 56. What we kiss with, 57. Wanes, 58. Blackthorn, 59. Stitches, 62. Estimated time of arrival.

Yesterday's Solution
alert, along, amuse, banner, brown, cling, confine, crush, dream, forthright, frugal, gest, govern, graduation, handsome, hassle, heaven, humble, lass, lute, mare, melon, needless, nude, pane, peach, peasant, plant, prison, ramble, robe, rung, sear, shout.

