

Andar Residents Want Anti-Rebels Offensive Continued

GHAZNI CITY - Residents of the Andar district of southern Ghazni province demanded the continuation of a military operation wrapped up in the town on Thursday. Previously protests had been carried out against the offensive. Launched two weeks ago, the military operation codenamed "Nasrat" had resulted in the killing and injuring of dozens of armed militants, according to local officials. Earlier, some residents and tribal elders, who visited the governor's house in Ghazni City, had alleged civilian casualties in the Afghan National Army (ANA)'s operation. They had called for the offensive to be stopped. The complainants had accused the ...*(More on P4)...(21)*



Landmine Leaves Child Dead, 3 Wounded

TALUQAN - A child was killed and three others from a same family wounded in a mine blast in the Chah Aab district of northern Takhar province, the district chief said on Thursday. Saif-ud-Din Mushtaq told Pajhwok Afghan News that the children were playing with mines when it exploded with a big bang. He said it was a planted bomb which caused casualties. Hissam u Din's son was killed while two other sons and a daughter wounded in the blast. *(Pajhwok)*

2 Kidnappers' Gangs Busted

KABUL, CHARIKAR - Two gangs of kidnappers have been detained in western Herat and eastern Nangarhar provinces, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said on Thursday. The NDS said in a statement two abducted children were also released from the gangs' captivity. The kids have rejoined their families. Meanwhile, a huge cache of weapons and ammunitions along with seven kilograms of drugs were discovered in the limits of 14th police district in Herat City. The insurgents were planning to use weapons by carrying out sabotage acts, the statement added. Separately, a man was killed in Bagram district of central Parwan province. Mohammad Masoom Farzai, Bagram police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the man was killed in Dawlat Shahi locality. *(Pajhwok)*

Crackdown against Afghan Nationals Underway in Sindh

KARACHI - Authorities in Pakistan's southern Sindh province have registered cases against 1,048 Afghan nationals arrested in the province during the last three months, officials told Pajhwok Afghan News on Wednesday. Crackdown by the federal and provincial governments against Afghan nationals is underway in the wake of Peshawar school attack. A performance report by the provincial police chief, Ghulam Haider Jamali presented to Prime Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif last week, has listed the cases being



lodged from January 1, 2015 to March 18, 2015. According to report, a copy of which is available with Pajhwok Afghan News, 615 Afghan nationals arrested from the seaside metropolis Karachi have been booked in 235 cases. In Hyderabad 312 Af-

ghan nationals are apprehended and booked in 135 cases. Dozens of others Afghan refugees were arrested from Mirpurkhas and Shaheed Benazirabad divisions respectively, the report said. According to report 76 ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

Governor Blamed for Khost Carnage

KHOST CITY - Lawmakers, members of provincial councils and civil society activists from the southeastern Khost province on Friday alleged that acting Governor Abdul Jabbar Naeemi had links with militants and he and other responsible should be prosecuted following a devastating suicide attack in the province the other day. The death toll into the attack on Thursday in Khost province surged to 20 as two more tribal elders succumbed to



injuries in hospital. Mubhariz Zadran, spokesman for the acting governor, on Friday confirmed to Pajhwok Afghan News that 20 persons were dead and the widely condemned bombing left another 64, most of

Prices of Fuel, Gas, Sugar Down in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of fuel, gas and sugar have dipped down while other daily use commodities remained steady during the outgoing week in Kabul, market sources said Thursday. A filling station worker in Wazirabad locality, Abdul Saboor, said the price of one litre of diesel decreased from 44afs to 42afs and the same quantity of petrol from 42afs to 41afs. A liquefied gas seller in Taimani area Mohammad Usman sold one kilogram of gas for 32afs as compared to last week's price of 35afs. In food items, the price of sugar has edged down. Food Traders' Union head Fazal Rahman said that 50kg of Pakistani sugar was sold for 1,500afs, as compared to 1,520afs of last week. But the price of 50kg of Pakistani flour has increased from 1,250afs to 1,260afs. However, ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Gunmen Attack Leaves 2 Family Members Dead, 4 Wounded

MAHMOOD RAQI - At least two members of a family were killed and women among four others wounded as a result of indiscriminate shooting by unknown gunmen late Thursday night in northern Kapisa, local officials said. The incident took place yesterday night in Mahmud-i-Raqi district, the provincial capital, when unidentified armed men broke into a house and began shooting at the family, killing two brothers and injuring four others two women. The injured have been taken to the hospital. However, the motive behind the incident is unclear so far. The police investigations have been started but so far no one has been arrested. *(Tolonews)*

Mine Blast Claims Lives of 7 Family Members

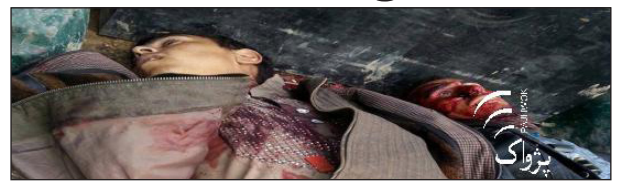


PUL-E-ALAM - At least seven members of a family were killed in a roadside mine blast on Friday in eastern Logar province, 75 kilometers to capital Kabul. The acting governor's spokesman Din Mohammad Darwish confirmed the incident, saying it occurred around 12 p.m. in Baraki Barak district when a civilian vehicle with a family of seven members on board struck a roadside mine. He added that the victims included four children, two men and a woman. No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for placing the mine. *(Tolonews)*

District Chief Dead in Roadside Blast

LASHKARGAH - The district police chief of Gresh district of southern Helmand province died in a roadside bomb late Wednesday, a senior police official said. Col. Pacha Gul Bakhtiar told Pajhwok Afghan News on Thursday district chief Hikmatullah Haqmal came under attack in the Merman Dab locality of the area. Haqmal succumbed to

2 Rebels Shot Dead in Firefight



MAIMANA - Two gunmen were killed when they stormed a police check post in northwestern Faryab province, an official said Thursday. Abdul Jamil Sadiqui, the Qaisar district chief, said three gunmen opened fire on security forces on Wednesday night. Security official repulsed the attack leaving two assailants dead while the third one managed to escape. The attackers, he said were thieves who wanted to snatch arms and other ammunition from the check post. A local wishing anonymity said the slain men had no links to militants. Separately, a security official was killed during the exchange of gun fire in Sherin Tagab district, the town's administrative chief said. But Taliban Spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi claimed the slain individual was an Afghan Local Police (ALP) official. He said Taliban took his weapons with themselves. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're willing to jump in but your newfound common sense reminds you of the price you often pay when you dive in before testing the depth and temperature of the water. Today's Libra Lunar Eclipse is opposite your Aries Sun sign, complicating your life because of the strong ambivalence it brings. Something doesn't feel quite right and you're correct to trust your instincts now.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might have so many obligations to fulfill now that you think you have a valid excuse to avoid intimacy. Although you may not feel very playful with the Libra Full Moon Eclipse rattling your 6th House of Routine, you can use its energy to restore harmony to your life. Have fun as you go about doing your chores instead of putting them off for another day.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Although having an emotional meltdown is not your style, you could cheat yourself out of an amazing experience today if you don't delve beneath the surface of your heart. Perhaps you are busy playing with your friends now that the Libra Full Moon Eclipse is activating your 5th House of Spontaneity. However, you still might be distracted by an unresolved relationship issue.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You could attempt to ignore your intense feelings, but avoidance isn't a useful strategy. Nevertheless, the Libra Lunar Eclipse polarizes your 4th House of Emotional Security, tempting you to withdraw from an drama. However, your retreat may leave you wondering what you missed. There's no need to put up artificial walls just to protect yourself from outdated

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

The fickle winds of change are blowing in like spring breezes as the Libra Full Moon Eclipse shines in your 3rd House of Communication. Expressing unresolved feelings causes you to confront your shortcomings rather than just retelling your success stories. You may feel like you're not exactly where you want to be now, but don't stress about things you cannot change.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You feel as if people can't be trusted now because they don't seem to care as much about integrity as you do. Although today's rational Libra Lunar Eclipse highlights your 2nd House of Self-Esteem, it also requires you to be practical when sharing your emotions. Others may think you're backpedaling, but you probably aren't the one who is putting on the brakes.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

A sudden jolt of awareness may force you to abandon your plans as the Full Moon Eclipse rocks your sign. However, you are better off if you don't make a fuss even if your production or performance is unjustly criticized. Although it's true that the actions of other people are likely beyond your control, nothing is gained by worrying about what they do.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Concealing your feelings today seems like your smartest course of action, and even those close to you can't figure out your inner workings. Your emotions are on edge as the Libra Full Moon Eclipse runs into a series of stressful aspects from your 12th House of Destiny. Instead of withholding your love while you reevaluate your personal relationships.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Unfortunately, you may be seeking romance while only finding platonic companions today. The lovely Libra Full Moon Eclipse lights up your 11th House of Groups and Friends, activating the fulfilled social axis of your chart. There is nothing wrong with a wonderful friendship, but it just doesn't have the same level of passion as a love story. Don't let disappointment throw you into a tailspin of low self-esteem.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Everyone seems to be making demands on you now that the Libra Full Moon Eclipse agitates your 10th House of Public Responsibility. Don't try to hide your insecurities about meeting your commitments. Even if you put in extra effort, you still could end up exhausted without finishing everything. Find a manageable pace and just do the best you can.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Communication wires cross today as the Libra Full Moon Eclipse kicks up an energetic storm in your 9th House of Big Ideas. Your schedule may grow so complex and unwieldy that you feel like you can't keep it together. Unfortunately, there's no way out of this tricky situation unless you are practical when navigating the current circumstances.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You may be afraid of your own shadow today as the Libra Full Moon Eclipse floods your 8th House of Intimacy. Thankfully, you are fully equipped to handle the current disintegration of boundaries. One of the benefits of having such a rich fantasy life is that you are prepared for nearly anything. Don't waste time trying to fight against the prevailing tides because intense emotional interactions might sweep you away.

Across

1. Anklebone, 6. Highest point, 10. Midmonth date, 14. Warning signal, 15. Cat-o'-nine-tails, 16. Whimper, 17. Light teasing, 19. Urgent request, 20. Unruffled, 21. Fury, 22. Acquire deservedly, 23. Doglike nocturnal mammal, 25. Secret meeting, 26. Sneaker or pump, 30. Anagram of "Russet", 32. Designate, 35. An apparition, 39. Mysterious, 40. Give, 41. A breed of dog, 43. Baked clay, 44. Not awake, 46. Deficiency, 47. Critical, 50. Assumed name, 53. Hindu princess, 54. Calypso offshoot, 55. Spin, 60. Savvy about, 61. Water-soluble pigment, 63. Principal, 64. How old we are, 65. Australian "bear", 66. Beers, 67. What we sleep on, 68. Sleights,

Down

1. Faucets, 2. Away from the wind, 3. Piecrust ingredient, 4. Constellation bear, 5. Metal-worker, 6. Hole-making tool, 7. Metal shackles, 8. Change places, 9. Type of sword, 10. Emotionless, 11. Wait, 12. Decorative jugs, 13. Tilt, 18. Effeminate, 24. Startled cry, 25. House style, 26. Oceans, 27. Stringed instrument, 28. Killer whale, 29. Emissions, 31. Go on horseback, 33. Licoricelike flavor, 34. Bobbin, 36. Tibetan monk, 37. Ear-related, 38. Between the head and shoulders, 42. Outflow, 43. Consumer Price Index, 45. Jubilant, 47. Fragrance, 48. Artificial waterway, 49. Loosen, as laces, 51. Arrive (abbrev.), 52. Hosiery, 54. Q-Tip, 56. Anagram of "Loot", 57. Wings, 58. Informed, 59. Historical periods, 62. S

Yesterday's Solution

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