

Top Taliban Commander Killed in Kunduz Province

KUNDUZ CITY - A top Taliban commander has been killed in a raid conducted by Afghan army and in coordination with the Afghan police forces in northern Kunduz province. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said the Taliban commander was identified as Mawlavi Jahangir who was killed along with 2 others in Qalae-Zal district. MoD further added that 12 militants were killed in a separate operation in Dehrawood district of Urugan province and 8



others were wounded. According to an operational update by MoD, 3 militants were killed during a separate operation in Mata Khan district of Paktia and center of Ghazni province. The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the report so far which comes amid surging violence across the country. The Afghan forces have stepped up counter-terrorism operations amid rampant Taliban-led insurgency in ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

2 Killed, 8 Injured as Truck Flips over in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY - Two persons were killed and another eight, including women and children, sustained injuries on Tuesday when the truck they were travelling in flipped over in southern Kandahar province, an official said. The truck, carrying three families along with their belongings, was coming from central Uruzgan province to Kandahar when flipped across the road in Tangi area of Shah Walikot district in the afternoon, Kandahar police spokesman, Zia Durrani, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the dead included two men and the injured included three women and five children, blaming the incident on a dilapidated condition of the road. Durrani said recent rains had damaged some parts of the Uruzgan-Kandahar highway. Police rushed to the scene and evacuated the injured to the Mirwais hospital in Kandahar City. A doctor in the hospital said the injured were under treatment and said some of them had sustained serious injuries. *(Pajhwok)*

19 IS Militants Killed in Fresh Nangarhar Offensive

JALALABAD - Nineteen Islamic State or Daesh militants were killed and another 15 wounded during a security forces' operation launched on Tuesday in the Kot district of eastern Nangarhar province, officials said. The operation, spearheaded by Maj. Gen Fazal Ahamd Shirzad, the provincial police, was launched in Lagharjo area in the morning, said Nangarhar police spokesman Hazrat Husain Mashriqiwal. He told Pajhwok Afghan News as of the evening, 19 Daesh fighters were killed and 15 others wounded during the operation. Mashriqiwal said the Afghan security forces suf-



fered no casualties during the operation that would continue for a few days till the area was completely purged of militants. Bakhtyar, a resident of Kot district, said the operation followed drone strikes in the area on Monday night. He

said gunshots were still being heard in the area, but he had no figures for casualties. He said security forces had also launched a manhunt for militants to clear the area of them. The governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Bodies of 2 Women, as Many Men Found in Kabul

KABUL - Two men and as many women have been found dead in the Dasht-i-Barchi locality in the limits of the 13th police district of Kabul, an official said on Tuesday. Brig. Gen. Faridoon Obaidi, crime branch chief of the 101st Asmayee Zone Police, said the four individuals had been killed mysteriously. Motive behind the murder is yet to be known. The four persons, having no relations, had gathered at a house, where they were killed by unidentified assailants, he said. Obaidi added one suspect had been arrested in connection with the murder case. The detainee is under investigation. *(Pajhwok)*

6 Civilians Killed in Suicide Bombing

CHARIKAR - Six civilians, including two women, were killed and 26 others wounded in a suicide bombing near a hospital in Afghanistan's eastern province of Parwan on Tuesday, an official said. "The blast took place in Sia Gird District, western of provincial capital Charikar city, at around 9:30 a.m. local time (0500 GMT). As a result six civilians lost their lives and 26 others were injured," district Governor Mohammad Sayyed Seddiqi told Xinhua. The attacker was also killed on the spot. Some injured, who sustained serious wounds, were shifted to Charikar city, 50 km north



of Afghan capital of Kabul, the source added. Several children and women were also affected by the blast as a local school is located near the blast site, according of locals. The target of the attack remained unknown and no group has claimed the re-

sponsibility for the incident. However, local officials blamed enemies of Afghanistan, a term referring to Taliban militant group, for the attack. The Taliban, which ruled the country before they were ousted in late 2001, renewed ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

NDS Claims Busting 4 Insurgent Groups in Kandahar



Kabul - The National Directorate Security (NDS) personals on Tuesday busting four insurgent groups comprised of 19 individuals in southern Kandahar province. A statement from the spy service said the arrested individuals wanted to carry out terrorist activities in the province. Seven pistols, 200 kilograms of explosives, 500 metres of wire, two vehicles and some military equipment had been recovered from the detainees, the statement added. *(Pajhwok)*

Floods Maroon Dozens of Civilians in Sangin, Garmser Districts

LASHKARGHA - Triggered by incessant rains, floods inflicted heavy losses on residents of some districts of southern Helmand province, officials said on Tuesday. Ayub Umar Umari, administrative chief for Garmser district, told Pajhwok Afghan News 50 homes were damaged by the overnight flooding in Sarband locality. Four children had been marooned in the Darweshano locality and 30 passengers in Laki area, the official said. At least 50 more stranded families in Sarband could not move to safety. He warned the largest canal in Garmser could be par-



tially destroyed by the floods if immediate preventive measures were not initiated. The water level in Helmand and Arghandab Rivers is fast rising. Mullah Mohammad Qasim, former chief of Nad Ali district, said the floodshad displaced hundreds of families and washed away

crops on hundreds of acres of landin Sangin. However, the flooding did not cause casualties in the district. If urgent assistance was not provided, some people might lose their lives, he feared. On Monday floods killed three people in southern Zabol province. *(Pajhwok)*

Ghazni Culture Dept. Building in Dire Need of Repair

GHAZNI CITY - The information and culture department's building could not be repaired in two years after it was damaged in a powerful bomb explosion in the capital of southern Ghazni province. The blast

two years ago targeted the National Directorate of Security (NDS) office in Ghazni City, the provincial capital, also damaging the information and culture department's building besides the NDS's and several

others. Khaliqdad Akbari, the provincial council chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News it was due to the negligence of the culture department officials that the building could not be repaired during ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Two Police, Three Insurgents Killed in Paktika Clashes

KABUL - At least two policemen and three Taliban insurgents were killed in clashes in south-eastern Paktika province, local officials said. In addition,

three other policemen and four Taliban insurgents were injured. The clash took place in Mata Khan district, close to Sharan, when Taliban

insurgents attacked a police outpost on Monday night, said officials. However, officials did not provide more details about the clash. *(Tolonews)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You may be so anxious about your future that it's challenging to pay attention to what's occurring in the present moment. Oddly enough, a past memory might be even more of a problem today than whatever actually happens next. Thankfully, this nostalgic detour down Memory Lane can become a significant learning experience once vulnerable Venus enters your passionate sign.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might be so preoccupied with a single idea that it's nearly impossible for anyone to talk to you about anything else. Nevertheless, following your friends is a clever move now since they will likely steer you in the right direction. Minimizing the overall significance of your own thoughts is a useful tactic today, making you more accessible to others.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You would like nothing more than to put your feet up and dream your troubles away today, but you're also worried about too many untied loose ends. Unfortunately, your lack of responsibility could be a familiar theme. Nevertheless, this uncomfortable situation is a fantastic opportunity to grow from your past mistakes. Forget about any recreational activities until you wrap up your unfinished business.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

The power of positive thinking sends you off in the right direction today, but you need to follow up with good old-fashioned hard work. Finishing your chores enables you to fully enjoy the pleasures you so richly deserve. Even if you only plan a quiet evening at home, create the time and space to imagine the positive changes you wish to experience in the near future.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You thought you would be ready to make a major move today, but instead you grow more contemplative as the day wears on. You know you should be thankful for the stable ground in your life these days, but you also are painfully aware of the obstacles still blocking your progress. Nevertheless, there's no need to focus on what's wrong; concentrate on everything you could be doing to continue your personal growth.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may try to deny your true intentions today. Even if you're clear about your feelings, you don't want anyone to know your secrets. Unfortunately, withholding information is a serious waste of energy now, especially since your peers probably already know more than you realize. Informing people of your plans isn't as much of a risk as it seems. Taking others into your confidence strengthens your position and helps you reach your goals sooner than you expect.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You are tempted to express yourself in an outrageous manner today, but your common sense prevents you from going too far overboard. If you encounter resistance to your efforts as you try to do your own thing now, it's okay to fall back on your willingness to accommodate others. Let go of control and go along with the group for the sake of harmony. Being true to your heart while also keeping your mind open.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Breaking out of your sequestered world requires extra effort on your part, but you might truly enjoy the company of others once you push past your own resistance. If you keep to yourself today, you may end up wishing you took a more social route, instead. Luckily, you don't need to hide your emotions or temper your desires now. Trust your instincts to pick just the right moment to share your feelings.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

If you're running around like a lab mouse on a wheel today, you might be too distracted to fully appreciate the camaraderie of your friends and associates. Nevertheless, there is a solid support system in place, ready to carry you to the next level if you let it. Allowing yourself to be vulnerable with those you trust can prove to be the exact catalyst you need to remind you of what's most important.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You take your responsibilities very seriously today as the bright Sun trines your ruling planet, taskmaster Saturn. You may feel as if you're deeply immersed in a project, while still being eager to face a new challenge ahead. Nevertheless, you are committed to finishing the job you have already started. Be patient, build on your accomplishments and wait for the opportunities to reap the rewards.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Everyone's intriguing ideas motivate you to start something new now, but you need to be willing to change and grow so you can maximize the current opportunities. A personal transformation becomes a lot more challenging if you are unwilling to let go of the past. Don't cling too tightly to the status quo or you won't be able to take advantage of the amazing possibilities that are within your grasp.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You can learn a valuable lesson about human nature today by simply stopping to reevaluate your recent history. Paradoxically, your review process might also stimulate your anticipation of the future. Your life is taking on a greater meaning as social systems bend under the pressure of change. Meanwhile, you are one hundred percent committed to creating stability in the midst of chaos, even if you don't yet know how you will manage it.



Across

- 1. A long narrow opening, 6. Possesses, 10. Piece of glass, 14. Hawaiian veranda, 15. Ship, 16. Flying saucers, 17. Not together, 18. Arab chieftain, 19. Steals, 20. Luscious, 22. Barbershop emblem, 23. Derisive laugh, 24. Scribbled, 26. Attach, 30. Secret agents, 32. Scallion, 33. Roared, 37. Somersault, 38. Contending, 39. Portuguese folksong, 40. Hartebeests, 42. Melodies, 43. Charges per unit, 44. Relating to cats, 45. Mystic, 47. Family, 48. Flippant, 49. Catastrophe, 56. 53 in Roman numerals, 57. Modify, 58. Tortilla chip, 59. Savvy about, 60. Pervert, 61. Clobber, 62. To fancy (archaic), 63. Wild Tibetan oxen, 64. Feel.

Down

- 1. Attired, 2. Sexual assault, 3. A Freudian stage, 4. Concern, 5. Cookhouse, 6. A religion based on sorcery, 7. Uterus, 8. Found on a finger, 9. Scattering, 10. Meaningful, 11. In progress, 12. Chivalrous, 13. Being, 21. Buff, 25. Scarlet, 26. Ancient marketplaces, 27. Soon, 28. Sediment, 29. Permissiveness, 30. Startles, 31. Jests, 33. Sort, 34. Hindu princess, 35. Biblical garden, 36. An amount of medicine, 38. In a consecrated manner, 41. Flee, 42. Renters, 44. Hale, 45. A river through Paris, 46. Produce a literary work, 47. Friends and acquaintances, 48. Farm equipment, 50. Notion, 51. Ill, 52. Container weight, 53. Computer symbol, 54. Units of resistance, 55. No.

Yesterday's Solution



again, align, arrangement, arrive, before, broke, chic, deaf, dogs, eighth, gear, geeky, heard, here, hidden, hurry, index, lean, lode, mercy, myself, nard, night, permission, record, recreation, rigs, rile, search, second, seven, severe, sleep, snare, somebody start.

