

# Khataba Raid Victims' Family Longs for Justice

GARDEZ - Family members of the five innocent persons killed in a botched US Special Forces' raid on a home in southeastern Paktia province say they want the troops involved to be prosecuted and punished. The five family members were killed in the American raid on Feb 11, 2010 in the village of Khataba near Garddez, the provincial capital. The slain persons included two brothers, their wives and a teenage sister. One of the brothers was an Afghan National Army service member



based in Wazi Zadrin district and the second was a prosecutor in Ahmadabad district. The American forces also took away with them some other members of the family and later released them. Haji Sharabuddin, the family patriarch, told Pajhwok Afghan News their relatives and villagers had gathered to celebrate the birth of his grandson before the raid took place. "It was 3am when I heard some noise and as I looked above, I saw American troops...(More on P4)...(13)

## 2 Students Killed, 3 Injured as Mortar Shell Hits Laghman School

JALALABAD - Two schoolchildren were killed and three others injured when a mortar shell hit a school in eastern Laghman province on Tuesday, an official said. A provincial police official, 2nd Lt. Shakir, told Pajhwok Afghan News the mortar shell fired by Taliban militants hit the Maulvi Habib Rahman School in Mehtarlam, the provincial capital, at around 11am. Two children were killed and three others injured in the incident, he said, adding the militants attacked a security post in Basram area but some mortar shells landed near the school. Laghman Public Health Director Dr. Attaullah Niazi confirmed receiving the casualties. He said the ages of the children injured were between eight and 10 years. No groups so far claimed responsibility for the attack. (Pajhwok)

## Hundreds of Afghan Families Evicted from Landikotal

PESHAWAR - Pakistani security forces have evicted more than 300 unregistered Afghan families from their houses in Landikotal near the Torkham border, officials said on Tuesday. Dozens of houses were razed by paramilitary troops during a clean-up operation in the Bacha Maina area of the dusty border town -- home to many illegal Afghan families. The demolition-eviction campaign, involving heavy machinery, came after a deadline given by the political administration ran out on Monday,



Khasadar Force official Nadeem Afridi told Pajhwok Afghan News. At least 30 mud houses were pulled down amid tight security measures in Gianray and Bacha Mina areas. Hundreds of security personnel took posi-

## Killer of Female Police Officer Arrested

KANDAHAR - A key militant involved in the assassination of government officials has been arrested in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan. According to the local government officials, the militant was arrested by the Afghan intelligence operatives and has been identified as Abdul Ghani. The officials further added that the militant was involved in killing key government officials in Kandahar province, including the killing of a female police officer in 13th police district of the city. The detained militant has confessed he has carried out numerous attacks



on government employees and officials in this province. The local officials have said the Afghan intelligence operatives intervened amid growing attacks on government officials that led to the capture of Abdul Ghani. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. The female police officer was working with the provincial passport department when she was shot dead by the militant in Kandahar city last month. (KP)

## Police Arrest Men Appearing in Child Sexual Abuse Documentary

KABUL - The Afghan police have arrested two men appearing in a documentary film about the sexual abuse of children in Afghanistan, local officials in Balkh said. The two men appeared in a documentary prepared by a Russian TV Channel about Bacha Bazi, sexual abuse of children. Provincial police chief Syed Kamal Sadat said the two men, Jabar and Jamil, who are also famous as Raees, have been arrested after they appeared in the documentary film. He said the men were arrested after appearing in the film that is harming the national identity of the Afghan people. The documentary released last month focuses on the stigma of Bacha ... (More on P4)...(17)

## Ghor Student Dies after Eating 'Poisoned' Hostel Meal

FIROZKOH - Local officials on Tuesday said one of five high school students, who fell ill after eating 'poisonous' meal at hostel last night, died on his way to hospital in western Ghor province. The students living in hostel of the Sultan Alauddin High School in Firozkoh, the capital of Ghor, apparently ate poisonous food at around 9pm on Monday night. Ghor education director Sibghatullah Akbari told Pajhwok Afghan News that one of the students, Lotfullah, breathed his last on the way to hospital. The remaining four students were in stable ... (More on P4)...(18)

## Plot to Attack Kabul Airport Thwarted, Claims Spy Service

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Tuesday said weapons secretly dumped by the Haqqani Network for attacking the Kabul International Airport had been discovered in the capital. The intelligence agency said the weapons, including two rocket launchers, four shells, 11 magnetic bombs, 17 explosive devices, and three telephone devices, were seized in the Tarakhel area of Deh Sabz district. A statement from NDS said the Haqqani Network ... (More on P4)...(19)

## Cases of Some Ghazni Prisoners Yet to be Probed

GHAZNI CITY - Some prisoners held at the central jail in southern Ghazni province on Tuesday complained about their ongoing detention despite being never charged with any crime. They said their cases could not be investigated despite spending years in the jail and their fate remained unknown. Mohammadullah, one of the prisoners, told Pajhwok Afghan News he was languishing in the jail for the last two and a



half years and was still unaware about the reason behind his detention. "There are multiple problems in the jail. Our cases are yet to be processed and there is space problem. Prisoners sometimes clash due to the congested environment," he said. Another inmate, Bismillah, said he was put behind the bars few years ago and was yet to be produced before a court. He ... (More on P4)...(15)

## Woman, 5 Insurgents Dead in Badghis Clash

QALA-I-NAW - Five Taliban and a woman have been killed and two suspects arrested on charges of planning attacks on security forces in northwestern Badghis province, officials said on Tuesday. Three Taliban were killed and as many border policemen wounded following a clash in Bala Murgab district, police chief, Brig. Gen. Abdul Rauf Taj, told Pajhwok Afghan News. One woman was also killed in the incident. Col. Shah Rukh Shah, a senior border police officer, said the gunbattle was still underway in Murchaq village. Reinforcement would arrive soon in the area, he hoped. The Anardara district chief in Farah province, Ghulam Farooq Akbar, said two Taliban were killed while collecting illegal tax in Kalata ... (More on P4)...(16)

## 7 Killed in Rock Sliding

ASADABAD - Seven members of a family died in a rock sliding incident in eastern Afghan province of Kunar overnight, police said Tuesday. "The incident took place in Dewagul village, Chawkay District at around mid-night. Those killed included the couple and five of their children," provincial police Chief General Habibullah Sayyedkhel told Xinhua. One child of the family survived but he had received injuries, the police official added. "The stricken house was destroyed by the sliding rock in the mountainous province. Heavy rain in recent days has caused the incident," Sayyedkhel noted. (Xinhua)

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Thinking about your independence is qualitatively different from actually expressing your freedom through action. Talking about your plan is one thing, but your recent behavior has more direct ramifications than a theoretical conversation. You're motivated to explore relationship options today, but scattering your intentions could leave you in a more precarious position than when you started.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



It's best to address an uncomfortable emotional situation with a close friend today, even if you prefer to let it slide. However, you could come across more intense than intended, so temper your approach with an extra dose of compassion. Don't make things more complicated than they are by projecting your unresolved feelings onto the wrong person.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You may be sitting on pins and needles as you try to manage a tricky situation today without overreacting. Acknowledging your resistance early in the game is helpful because you must delve deeper into your emotions, even if you don't want to go there. Continue to push against your discomfort now; there are important lessons to learn by sinking into your own hidden world and touching the magic of emotional transformation.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Although you might steer clear of large groups today, you're more comfortable when you're in the company of someone you trust. However, you may be even moodier now that the reflective Moon is back in your sensitive sign. Nevertheless, circumstances continue to draw you out of your shell. Revealing your feelings can strengthen a relationship as long as you don't go overboard.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Old fears that resurface from your subconscious mind can whittle away at your confidence today. But past experiences have a tendency to disappear, only to return to haunt you again, especially when something happens to remind you of a previous hurt. You can push through your current uncertainties, but you will need to operate on blind faith now, as scary as that may sound.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You could spend too much time over-analyzing your feelings as you stress about what move to make next in a developing relationship. At first, you're sure you're traveling on the right path, but soon you start second-guessing your wisdom. It's all rather confusing, since the closer you get to a final decision, the farther you seem from the solution. Once you recognize that there's no one absolute correct answer, you're freer to listen to your heart.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Although it might appear as if people are pushing your buttons simply to get a reaction today, you prefer to sidestep around a potential conflict. Instead of struggling to escape from an uncomfortable situation, find the courage to directly participate in a constructive dialogue now. Obviously, you don't enjoy engaging in arguments, yet resolving the current tension feels much better than allowing it to continue to fester any longer.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You're so concerned about the influence you exert on others that you may withhold your emotions today. Although the Moon's visit to your 9th House of Big Ideas encourages you to go overboard as you think about the future, you might not be able to meet other people's expectations if you share all of your dreams.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your key planet Jupiter inspires you to focus your attention where you can be the most successful today. But even with this cosmic exuberance supporting your efforts, you still may feel as if you're traveling through tricky territory. Chances are you're moving too fast and might not even know how to apply the brakes. Simply ease up on the gas and reduce your speed if you want the good times to last.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your progress is uneven today and it's tempting to blame your frustration on others. It might even seem as if people offer you opportunities only to whisk them away before they come to fruition. Thankfully, you are making more headway now than you realize, so avoid judging your success by what you accomplish. Keep your eyes on the future and don't be deterred by anyone else's lack of follow-through.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



These are tumultuous times and the busy pace seems to reach a frenzied pitch now. Straightforward actions should make your motives clear to others, but people still have a difficult time reading your intentions today, especially if you feel disconnected from what you are doing. Instead of brashly barging ahead, stop long enough to think about where you want to go before you end up in the wrong place.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You're in a long-term planning mode where you are more concerned with next week, next month and next year than you are with today. However, immediate action may be required of you to manage a minor crisis. Fortunately, your current positive attitude can easily disarm obstacles, enabling you to be effective in the present moment while still dreaming about the future. Exploratory fantasies encourage you to consider all options, even in the real world.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-54.

#### Across

1. Tycoon, 6. You (archaic), 10. Destiny, 14. A kind of macaw, 15. Guns an engine, 16. Holly, 17. Less friendly, 18. Twin sister of Ares, 19. Schnozzola, 20. Controllable, 22. Fortitude, 23. A late time of life, 24. Poverty-stricken, 26. Overwhelm, 30. Canker sore, 32. Unoriginal, 33. Occurring every third year, 37. Hairdo, 38. Front parts of human legs, 39. Largest continent, 40. Implicating, 42. Tablets, 43. Rodent, 44. Assault sexually, 45. What a bee might do, 47. Not bottom, 48. A young horse, 49. Tactic for obstructing legislation, 56. 53 in Roman numerals, 57. Biblical kingdom, 58. Andean animal, 59. Aquatic plant, 60. Arid, 61. Golden, 62. Russian emperor, 63. Bronzes, 64. Attempt again.

#### Down

1. Disable, 2. Killer whale, 3. Acquire, 4. Urine component, 5. For the most part, 6. Step, 7. Parsley or sage, 8. Wicked, 9. Colognes, 10. Nail at the end of a finger, 11. Not silently, 12. Cantankerous, 13. Former lovers, 21. Santa's helper, 25. Poetic dusk, 26. Behold, in old Rome, 27. Middy, 28. Fortitude, 29. Unacquainted, 30. Pee, 31. Water chestnut, 33. Not that, 34. Small island, 35. Afflicts, 36. Not first, 38. Fistfight, 41. Charged particle, 42. Fashionable, 44. Unruly crowd, 45. Dirties, 46. Subarctic coniferous forests, 47. Occasions, 48. Level, 50. Notion, 51. Forsaken, 52. Swing around, 53. Sourish, 54. Arab chieftain, 55. Risqué.

#### Yesterday's Solution

always, arrest, buckle, comfort, cotter, cotton, crave, dash, diploma, dominant, empty, gripe, hardship, heart, lots, minion, mite, never, nine, often, otic, paid, patio, pivot, place, prim, quiet, rapine, recall, rumor, solid, spade, strength, substitute.

Word search grid with letters B, C, O, T, T, O, N, T, R, I, P, L, E, S, U, B, S, T, I, T, U, T, E, W, O, R, S, O, C, V, D, O, M, I, N, A, N, T, H, E, T, L, K, T, F, I, C, L, E, S, A, P, Q, R, I, L, T, N, C, O, W, V, W, R, P, A, U, E, D, E, I, R, M, A, E, E, D, F, L, T, I, N, N, O, A, F, Y, R, A, S, H, S, A, I, E, G, N, V, O, S, S, R, H, E, P, P, C, O, T, T, E, R, H, N, E, I, A, A, R, R, E, S, T, H, T, P, P, L, P, R, D, I, P, L, O, M, A, P, I, V, O, T, T, E, M, P, T, Y, Z, M, R, U, M, O, R, R, E, C, A, L, L, O, G, T, W, E, A, K