

# 30 Feared Dead as Kapisa Fighting Flares up

MAHMOOD RAQI - At least 30 militants, including civilians, are said to be killed in the ongoing clashes between security forces and militants in the Tagab district of central Kapisa province, an official said on Monday.

Latest, gunfight erupted early morning on the Alasae main road when security forces convoy was moving towards the locality, Police Chief Khwaja Faqir Ahmad Sidiquni said. Fifteen rebels have been killed or wounded in the gun battle so far. The militants, he said suffered heavy casualties when a



mortar the militants wanted to target security forces' position exploded prematurely. However, the official did not have exact figure into casualties suffered by insurgents in the fight.

Meanwhile, Attaullah, a resident of Tarkhel locality, said eight civilians have also been killed and seven others wounded in the exchange of fire. Majority the residents fled to safer areas to dodge casualties, he added.

Sediquni, claimed rebels had been using sniper guns in fight...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## 2 Dead in Farah Traffic Accident

FARAH CITY - Two people were killed and 10 others, including two children, wounded in a traffic accident in western Farah province, an official said on Monday.

Traffic Department Director Maj. Mohammad Asif told Pajhwok Afghan News the mishap took place Sunday evening in the Balaboluk district. He said the dead persons were the residents of Shindand district. The wounded, he said were instantly evacuated to a hospital. *(Pajhwok)*

## Two Civilians Killed in Missile Attack

GARDAIZ - At least two civilians were killed and five others injured in a missile attack in south-eastern Paktia province on Sunday night, local officials said.

The incident took place in Ahmadkheil district after the Afghan security forces clashed with Taliban insurgents. A missile was then fired off and hit in a civilian house, a deputy acting governor, Abdul Wali Sahee said.

He said that so far it's not clear whether the missile was fired by the Afghan forces or the Taliban insurgents.

Hospital officials have confirmed the number of casualties and said "a woman and child were killed in the attack and five other children were injured".

This comes less than a day after the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) released its first quarter report for 2015, showing a continuing trend of record high civilian casualties, with deaths and injuries from ground engagements in Afghanistan as the leading cause.

In the first three months of 2015, civilian casualties from ground engagements...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## DS Detain 3 Militants with Huge Explosive

GHAZNI CITY - The officials of National Directorate of Security (NDS) arrested three militants along with huge explosives and ammunition in southern Ghazni province on Monday, the acting governor said.

Musa Khan Akbarzada said the detained miscreants wanted to carry out a sabotage act during the today's gathering.

All arrangements are finalized to hold the annual event, Ghazni as a centre of Islamic civilization, in the capital city.

Ghazni City was selected to serve as the Asian capital of the Islamic civilisation for 2013 by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation at a conference held in Tripoli, Libya, in 2007.

To host the centre for Islamic Culture, a preparatory commission was...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## 2 Policemen among 4 Dead in Violence

MAIDAN SHAHAR - Two public order policemen and as many militants were killed in two separate incidents of violence in western Badghis province on Monday, a security official said.

Brig. Gen. Amir Shah Naib, a senior police official in Badghis, told Pajhwok Afghan News the two policemen were killed in Taliban's ambush in Maqur district.

The militants, he said took away the weapons of the slain policemen who were patrolling in the area.

In central...*(More on P4)...(21)*

## Traders Vow 1m Afs in Aid to Paktia University

GARDEZ - A number of businessmen and residents on Monday announced donating one million afghanis in total to the university in southeastern Paktia province to help resolve some problems on the campus.

The announcement was made at a gathering held in connection with the university's fundraising week in Gardez, the provincial capital. Local traders and residents attended the gathering.



Local officials say a commission has been formed to resolve problems at the university with financial support from common people and traders.

Deputy Governor Abdul Wali Sahi said people's assistance with education institutes was a good culture, which would help...*(More on P4)...(19)*

## 12 Taliban Insurgents Killed in ANSF Operations

KABUL - At least 12 insurgents were killed and five others injured during 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 Monday.

Two other insurgents were arrested in the operations, conducted in Faryab, Sar-e-Pul, Jawzjan, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Logar, Kapisa, Khost, Paktika and Helmand provinces, the statement said.

"During the same 24 hour period, Afghan National Police discovered and defused eight different types of IEDs placed by...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Unschooling Afghan Girl is Now one of Canada's Brightest Lights



OTTAWA - From a miserable life to one of brightest lights of Canada; the story of a teenager Afghan girl who was unable to attend school due to fears of persecution by the Taliban militants but now she is among the 20 Canadian students sent to France to learn more about the First World War battle.

The 17-year-old Somaya Amiri went to Canada in October 2011 unable to speak English and having never attended school.

The decision by her family not to allow her to attend school was mainly due to fears that she could be attacked by the Taliban insurgents.

She is now visiting France to learn more about the First World War battle that saw the Canadian army push back the Germans over four...*(More on P4)...(22)*

## Taliban Execute 4 Associates

LASHKARGAH - Taliban have executed four of their associates in Kajaki and Nad Ali districts of southern Helmand province, officials and residents said Monday.

Muhammadullah, a resident of Kajaki district, said militants hanged two of their fighters on charges of committing robbery, kidnapping and murder in Zamindawar area of the district late Monday.

He said that bodies of executed rebels were still hanging with a pole. Police chief for the district confirmed the incident



but he had no details to share.

In Nad Ali district of the province, a tribal elder wishing anonymity said that Taliban hanged two fighters in the district. He said that militants were planning to execute six more of their men probably by tomorrow.

Wakil Muhammad, member of the district council, told Pajhwok Afghan News the slain militants were members of little known Meraj group and they were accused of murder and extortion.

However, Taliban have not yet commented on the incident. *(Pajhwok)*

## Outlook Horoscope

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

You might think you have a handle on the events of the day, but you're most likely viewing reality through rose-colored glasses. Your absolute certainty is misleading to people who take your words at face value. Although the facts are foggy, your intuition is strong today. Be fair to all parties involved by acknowledging your temporary disorientation before creating any unnecessary discord.

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

You're concerned about losing your pragmatic approach to finances now or misplacing your good judgment about meeting responsibilities. Although you attempt to compensate for the fact that your perspective is a bit wonky today, you still might not make the best choices. Fuzzy thinking weakens your position, so steer clear of unnecessary debates.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your colorful imagination is running on overdrive today; every separate event triggers cascades of otherworldly fantasies. Enjoy the mental picture show, but be careful of becoming so enchanted by your visions that you begin to believe your flights of fancy are real. There's no reason to stop daydreaming now, but you can simplify your life by keeping the images to yourself.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You could mistakenly conclude that your project is ready for launch if you receive approval from someone in authority. But a close friend may complicate your life by trying to change your mind while you're in the middle of putting your plan into motion. Unfortunately, others can't understand how deeply your confusion runs now, especially if you hide your concerns.

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

People may seem a bit spacey today, but their vagueness actually says more about you than them. Although you are working diligently these days to gain clarity in your life, the truth still seems elusive. Nevertheless, you tend to overcompensate by limiting your thinking and reducing your creativity in the process.

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

You may feel befuddled as you go about your chores today since you're struggling to define your current role at work. Even if you have established routines, your job is changing in ways that are difficult to understand. Instead of wasting time listing all the pros and cons of your situation, drop the analysis and follow your intuition instead. There's no point in making a commitment until you are more certain about your professional path.

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

Although you might wake up with a specific agenda, you may shift directions as the day unfolds. Trying to maintain your focus grows increasingly complicated today and can ultimately lead to frustration unless you're willing to reassess your goals and reinvent your strategy. However, even if you're able to see into the future now, wait a few days until your feet are back on the ground before implementing anything new.

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

You prefer to keep the wheels of progress turning today because you're secretly second-guessing a recent decision and don't want anyone to know. Your best friends might not even notice your anxiety, especially if you believe that you're doing them a favor by withholding your concerns. After all, sharing your feelings now would only complicate matters more. But

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

You're quite sentimental about your memories today as a conversation with someone special reminds you of a nearly forgotten past event. However, meandering about in nostalgic recollections brings only fleeting satisfaction, so you might want to switch the focus to creating positive change in a current relationship. Think before you speak, and be careful that your outspoken approach doesn't produce unnes-

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

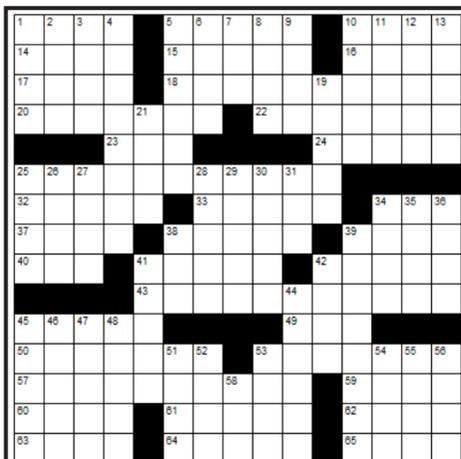
An emotionally revealing discussion with a close friend can fill your heart with joy today. Normally, you're attracted to constructive conversations that can help you along the path of personal and professional growth. But now you're more interested in sharing your feelings with someone who won't judge everything you say.

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

Expressing your needs clearly isn't as simple as it sounds today because your desires are bouncing all over the place. Unfortunately, once you start talking you display a wide range of emotions, challenging others to keep up with your mood swings. Nevertheless, a more thoughtful approach enables you to minimize insecurities that arise from a breakdown in communication.

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

You grow more intuitive as the day wears on, but it's crucial to be aware of the difference between your internal signals and what your subconscious is picking up from others. The Moon's shift into your dreamy sign can dissolve the boundaries between you and those in your immediate environment. Someone's inability to comprehend your spiritual approach to life might make you feel insecure.



### Across

- Teller of untruths, 5. 9999, 10. Manacle, 14. Initial wager, 15. Wear away, 16. Two-toed sloth, 17. Computer symbol, 18. Medical science of the elderly, 20. Photo devices, 22. Members of a governing board, 23. Obtain, 24. Marsh growth, 25. Industrialist, 32. Flip over, 33. Female domestics, 34. Hasten, 37. A short musical composition, 38. Clamor, 39. Scent, 40. Explosive, 41. Protrusion, 42. Fine thread, 43. Unsullied, 45. Roam, 49. Not on, 50. To that, 53. A four-sided spinning top, 57. A popular vote by the electorate, 59. Fully developed, 60. Dogfish, 61. Leaf opening, 62. Anagram of «Seek», 63. Dampens, 64. Relating to tone, 65. Views

### Down

- Nonclerical, 2. Ancient Peruvian, 3. «Smallest» particle, 4. Reversing, 5. Cancel, 6. Angers, 7. Neither \_\_\_, 8. Modify, 9. Char, 10. Expletive, 11. Come together, 12. Confronted, 13. Blends, 19. Changes in direction, 21. Cleave, 25. Broke, 26. Atop, 27. Dispatched, 28. Young salmon, 29. Type of antelope, 30. Cheap skate, 31. Citrus drink, 34. Silence, 35. Small island, 36. Barely managed, 38. Religious sister, 39. Fails to detonate, 41. Purchaser, 42. Vitality, 44. Usual, 45. Chaff, 46. Motif, 47. Fit out again, 48. Territories, 51. Exam, 52. Savvy about, 53. Russian parliament, 54. Water barrier, 55. Type of sword, 56. Not more, 58. Put clothing on

### Yesterday's Solution



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