

# Financial Losses Caused by BPF Arms Depot Blaze

KANDAHAR CITY - Financial losses have resulted from a pre-dawn fire at an arms depot of the Border Police Force (BPF) in the Spin Boldak district of southern Kandahar province, an official said on Tuesday. The fire that broke out at around 1:00am left residents of locality worried, as it triggered small and heavy explosions at the arms depot. The governor's spokesman said the cause of the fire could not be ascertained so far. Samim Khpalwak told Pajh-



wok Afghan News a team had been dispatched to the site to ascertain the cause. He said a car was burnt to ashes and a clinic near the site damaged. But a security source, who wished to go unnamed, said six health officials of the clinic were wounded in the incident. Residents of the area were worried by the massive fire. "It was midnight and people were sleeping when a series of blast were heard in the area," said Abdul Shakoor, a resident of the locality. (Pajhwok)

## Taliban Leader Killed in Nuristan

KABUL - A local leader of the Taliban group was killed in an ambush of the Afghan National Police (ANP) forces in eastern Nuristan province. According to the local government officials, the Taliban insurgents were ambushed late on Monday afternoon in the vicinity of Wanat Waigal district. Provincial governor Hafiz Abdul Qayum confirmed the ambush against the Taliban insurgents and said a local leader of the group was killed. He said another two Taliban insurgents who were accompanying the Taliban leader were also wounded in the ambush. Qayum further added that the Taliban insurgents managed to take away the two wounded militants but their leader's body was left behind. The Taliban insurgents group has not commented... (More on P4)...(19)

## Afghan Forces Arrest Taliban's Military Commission Chief for Baghlan

KABUL - The Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) personnel arrested a top leader of the Taliban group in northern Baghlan province of Afghanistan. The Ministry of Interior (MoI) acting spokesman Najib Danish confirmed that the group's military commission chief for Baghlan was arrested during a special military operation. He said the detained Taliban leader has been identified as Mawlawi Abdul Hai Haqyar. Baghlan is among the relatively volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where the Taliban insurgents and militants belonging to other insurgent groups are actively operating in a number of its remote districts. This comes as a top Taliban leader who was actively in charge... (More on P4)...(20)

## Kunduz Operation Triggers Complaints from Residents

KUNDUZ CITY - An ongoing operation code-named (Khalid) in the capital of northern Kunduz province has been a failure, public representatives and residents claimed on Tuesday. Provincial Council (PC) member Safiullah Amiri, who visited the area, told Pajhwok Afghan News the operation against Taliban was launched four days ago in Kunduz City, but there had been no progress yet. He said schools had been closed and residents forced from their houses due to the ongoing offensive against the insurgents. However, 80 percent of Kunduz was still under Taliban's control, he alleged. Gul Agha, an inhabitant of the locality, complained: "Our houses have been turned into trenches by both... (More on P4)...(21)

## Security Forces Push Back Insurgents after Sar-e-Pul Attack

KABUL - At least eight insurgents were killed and three others were wounded on Monday afternoon when dozens of insurgents attacked parts of Sayad district of Sar-e-Pul province from three different directions. Sa r-e-Pul governor Mohammad Zahir Wahdat confirmed the attack and said security forces managed to push back insurgents after several hours. Wahdat said that among those killed was Qari Khaibar, known as Moaz, a prominent Taliban commander. According to Wahdat, one civilian was killed during the Taliban attack and four others were wounded. (Tolonews)

## Afghan Forces Arrest 2 in Ghor for Recruiting Militants for ISIS

KABUL - At least two people were arrested by the Afghan security forces in northwestern Ghor province of Afghanistan as they were attempting to recruit militants for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group. According to the local security officials, the two individuals were arrested from the vicinity of Feroz Koh district as they were trying to visit Bala Morghab district. Provincial police chief Ghulam Mustafa Mohsini confirmed the arrest of the two individuals for attempting to spread violence and recruit militants for ISIS. He said the two individuals are originally residents of Herat and Nimroz provinces and are currently in custody of the security forces for further investigation. Mohsini further added that the men will be referred to judicial... (More on P4)...(15)

## 67 Militants Killed During Counter-Terrorism Operation in Past 24 Hours: MoD



KABUL - At least sixty seven militants were killed during the counter-terrorism operations in various provinces of the country in the past 24 hours, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Tuesday. A statement by MoD said the operations were conducted in Nangarhar, Kapisa, Khost, Ghazni, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Farah, Faryab, Herat, Kunduz, Kabul, Sar-e-Pul and Helmand provinces. The statement further added that 17 of the insurgents were killed in Dasht-e-Archi district of Kunduz, 12 others

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## Qarabagh Police Chief Transfer Sparks Protest

KABUL - Hundreds of people on Tuesday morning protested against a presidential order transferring the entire police station in Qarabagh district of central Kabul province. Abdul Sami Sharifi, the district's administrative chief, said Qarabagh police chief and whole personnel of the directorate had been transferred in compliance with a president decree. He said new personnel had not been appointed so far. The residents emerged on roads at 8am chanting slogans "we want security," "we want peace" until ending their rally at 11am. Mir Hamza, one of the protestors, said the police chief and all personnel under him... (More on P4)...(17)

## Taliban Stone Logar Couple to Death on Adultery Charge

PUL-I-ALAM - The Taliban have stoned to death a couple over adultery charges in the Muhammad Agha district of central Logar province, an official said on Monday. The governor's spokesman, Salim Saleh, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened in Ab Bazak area on Sunday. "The Taliban convicted and stoned a young boy and a girl in public until they die," he added. Saleh said security forces had initiated an investigation for arresting the perpetrators. A local resident named Qayum told Pajhwok Afghan News he witnessed... (More on P4)...(18)

## Former TTP Spokesman Surrenders to Pakistani Army

KABUL - Ehsanullah Ehsan, the former spokesman for the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and senior leader of Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, surrendered to Pakistani Army on Monday, Dawn News reported. Director General of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) General Asif Ghafoor announced Monday that "there can be no bigger achievement for Pakistan than the fact that our biggest enemies are now turning themselves in."

Ehsanullah Ehsan was a spokesman for the Pakistani Taliban until 2013. Ehsan and other former commanders of Pakistan's Taliban - such as Omar Khorasani - branched off and formed an offshoot in Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, which claimed several deadly attacks across in Pakistan. (Tolonews)

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### Outlook Horoscope

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

Raising your expectations now doesn't necessarily make you more productive. In fact, your ambitious aspirations might only lead to disappointment or a sense of failure. Your domineering nature seeks an outlet in the real world, but someone could feel threatened by your show of power today. Soothing ruffled feathers may not be your favorite activity, yet well-aimed words can suddenly flip the dynamics in your favor.

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

You are goal-oriented today and will not take no for an answer, regardless of the resistance that you face. Paradoxically, the more driven you are now, the more obstacles you must overcome before reaching satisfaction. It seems as if you are on an endless roller coaster ride and you may quickly grow weary of being involved in one melodrama after another.

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

You are like a dog with a bone today; once you have a plan in mind you're unwilling to let go of it until you are good and ready. However, your ideas might not be as brilliant as you think. Unfortunately, you're not in the mood to compromise now and won't likely step down without a fight. Your obsession plays a significant role in the events unfolding around you. Author Chester Karrass wrote, "You don't get what you deserve; you get what you negotiate."

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

You're almost certain that someone is secretly trying to control your actions today. However, it's nearly impossible to tell where your logical thinking ends and your paranoia begins. There's nothing wrong with being cautious now; paying careful attention to the signs around you could keep you on track. Unfortunately, spinning yarns of fictional enemies won't help boost your productivity.

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

Setting your priorities early in the day enables you to build a schedule around your production goals. Unfortunately, your personal agenda could unravel if someone opposes your ideas at every possible point. However, you're not one to turn a minor squabble into a bigger one just so you can let it go.

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

Expressing your feelings is a logical and necessary behavior today, for your emotions keep you in the physical realms. Unfortunately, your words elicit strong reactions that aren't helpful to your cause. Nevertheless, you must slow down and respond to each situation as it arises or negativity will silently take root in hidden pockets. Thankfully, Pierre Omidyar reminds us, "An honest, open environment can bring out the best in people."

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

Your home is like an active hotbed of unexpressed emotions. You don't want to miss anything that's happening now, but neither do you want to get involved in a situation that is like quicksand. You have the power to move in and out of conversations at will. Take your cues from others; they will let you know the best moment for your escape. Marketing guru Katherine Sullivan wrote, "Stop telling yourself you don't know what to do."

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

You're not afraid of leaning on those in your immediate environment who seem the most stable today. However, you aren't always comfortable revealing your vulnerability and may only do so under duress. Get over your awkwardness; start tentatively by beginning the process of full disclosure with a few tidbits of information.

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

Although the air is full of birds singing, "It's springtime," you aren't quite prepared for the new season. You're still working on tying up loose ends on an old project and you're not interested in following anyone else's timetable now. However, the future is tugging on your sleeve, beckoning you to let go of the past. Sometimes all you need is a fresh start, but the real secret of achieving success is being ready when your opportunity comes.

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

People might appear to be avoiding you today, leaving you puzzled about what you did wrong. But the truth is your extreme emotions are the source of the current dilemma. Your behavior may be uncharacteristically volatile as you declare your intense feelings. However, the most powerful outbursts occur only after you deny your passion for too long. Ultimately, the more you hide from others.

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

You're no stranger to shocking others with your out-of-the-box behavior, but you might get more validation than you bargained for today. People react to you on two different levels. First, they are exhilarated by your sense of purpose. Second, your most ardent supporters project your words into the future and are inspired when they see their own potential.

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

You have work to do managing your social networks today and need to maintain a single-mindedness until you are finished. Whether you're posting pictures or organizing a community event, it's nearly impossible to sit quietly on the sidelines now. Nevertheless, you could be so involved that you lose your sense of time, only to realize that you let important chores slip in the real world.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-55.

Across: 1. Bedouin, 6. Fellow, 10. Geographic illustrations, 14. 3-banded armadillo, 15. Christmas season, 16. Small island, 17. Compassion, 18. Family group, 19. Protruding part of the lower jaw, 20. Charmed, 22. Marsh plant, 23. Lyric poem, 24. Long times, 26. Walk quietly, 30. Parental sisters, 32. Ignominy, 33. Dismantled, 37. Clairvoyant, 38. Prods, 39. A single time, 40. Sign of things to come, 42. Seasoning, 43. Mammary gland of bovinds, 44. Move unsteadily, 45. Of the cheekbone, 47. Woman, 48. Venician magistrate, 49. Exhilaration, 56. Distinctive flair, 57. Allies' foe, 58. Hot chocolate, 59. Nonclerical, 60. Fog, 61. Fortuneteller's card, 62. Sea eagle, 63. Chickadees, 64. Spurs.

Down: 1. What a person is called, 2. Not closed, 3. Shopping place, 4. Ogee, 5. A hospital common room, 6. Pedal, 7. Body of a ship, 8. Wings, 9. Necklaces, 10. Used to see small things, 11. Pale with fright, 12. Layers, 13. Transmit, 21. Citrus drink, 25. Estimated time of arrival, 26. Nonsense (British), 27. Bright thought, 28. Jetty, 29. Instability, 30. Cholera, 31. End \_\_\_\_, 33. Desire, 34. Make a sweater, 35. Behold, in old Rome, 36. Bucks and does, 38. Unimagined, 41. Actress Lupino, 42. Chooses, 44. Make lace, 45. Back tooth, 46. Encore, 47. Central points, 48. Expunge, 50. 22 in Roman numerals, 51. A box or chest, 52. Groan, 53. Beige, 54. Newbie (slang), 55. Makes lace.

Yesterday's Solution  
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ONTO DUNCE TEACH  
MAUL RESISTLE SLY  
AUDITED SPATIAL  
DUG TESTY  
RATATOUTILLE  
OBEYS SLATIN BIUM  
PUTS WERRO META  
ETE SHRUG CLEAN  
COSMOGRAPHY  
BRAVO OUT  
REMEMORISE GADWALL  
UNPLEASANT GILLO  
MELT ISSUE REFS  
EWES LEASE METE

B L E E C H M I S T Y E E  
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