

14 Killed in Ongoing Badghis Clashes

QALA-I-NAW - At least four Taliban militants and two policemen have been killed in a clash still ongoing in northwestern Badghis province near



the Tajikistan border, an official said on Wednesday. The governor's spokesman, Mirwais Mirzakwal, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash broke out on Tuesday noon between Afghan border police and insurgents in Muri Chaq area and was still underway. So far four rebels and two policemen had been killed and two rebels wounded during the clash, he said. Badghis provincial council head Bahaudin also confirmed the clash, but he had no information about casualties. A separate clash between Taliban militants and gunmen loyal to a former jihadi leader was also underway in the Abkamri district, provincial National Directorate of Security (NDS) officials said. The spy service said two rebels were killed and a supporter of the jihadi leader was wounded. Mohammad Saleh Baik, the district chief, said insurgents attacked Afghan Local Police (ALP) posts. ALP and civilians backed the security forces to protect the locality. The gun battle started at noon and still ongoing while two ALP personnel were killed and three insurgent wounded in the firefight. (Pajhwok)

Not a Single Health Clinic in 2 Kandahar Towns

KANDAHAR CITY - Residents of Shorabak and Registan districts of southern Kandahar province on Wednesday said they had to take their patients across the border into Pakistan for treatment of even minor diseases because no healthcare facilities were available in the two towns. On the way to Pakistan, they said, serious patients often passed away due to run-down condition of roads. Faiz Mohammad, who lives in Bala Hesar area of Shorabak district, told Pajhwok Afghan News residents had long been without medical facilities and patients had to embark on a difficult and long journey to Pakistan for treatment. He claimed even a single health clinic did not exist in the entire town. "That's why



people die of even common diseases." The resident also said there were no telecommunications facilities in the district and the road leading to Kandahar City was in an extremely deteriorated

condition, leaving them with no option but to travel to Pakistan. Faiz Mohammad said: "People not only take their patients to...(More on P4)...(20)

Influential Farah Man Rape, Beat 17-Year-Old-Boy: AHRO

FARAH CITY - Ali Mohammad, 17 year-old-boy, was kidnapped, raped, and beaten severely by Hamid Bakhtwar who is not only a gunman but also Farah provincial council member's cousin, the Afghanistan Human Rights Organization (AHRO) said in a statement on Wednesday. The AHRO said that on April 15, Hamid Bakhtwar kidnapped the Ali Mohammad, a bakery employee, and took him



to Bala Bolok district's Dehzaki village. He and his six men brutally raped and tortured him. He said the boy filed a report with the local police when the group released him. Three days later, police arrested Hamid ... (More on P4)...(22)

Deputy Prosecutor Killed in Nangarhar Blast



JALALABAD - Ghulam Haidar, Nangarhar's deputy prosecutor died in a blast on Wednesday morning in Nangarhar province, local officials said. Provincial governor spokesman Ahmad Zia Abdulzai confirmed the incident. He said Haidar's vehicle appeared to have hit a road side mine

in Bahsod district. The incident happened after he left home and was on his way to work. Haidar's driver was also killed in the blast, Abdulzai said. In a separate incident, a Bati Kott district local police supply officer Khan Wali and a civilian were wounded in a blast in Kama ... (More on P4)...(23)

Two Terrorists Arrested, Weapons Seized



KUDUZ CITY - National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - have arrested two terrorists and recovered dozens of different types of Pakistani weapons from their possession in northern Kunduz prov-

ince. A statement issued Wednesday by NDS states that the weapons were transported by the terrorist from Nangarhar province in a Saracha vehicle. NDS statement adds that during an operation ... (More on P4)...(26)

57 Afghans Detained in Pakistan

KABUL - Police have arrested 57 Afghan nationals in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan, state-run Radio Pakistan reports on Wednesday. It said that afghan nationals were apprehended during search operation for not having legal documents. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province is situated close to the Afghan border where Afghan mostly travels for treatment or meeting their relatives on daily basis. Pervaiz Khattak, the chief minister of the province, visited Kabul last week



where he met President Ashraf Ghani and had discussed several issues including Afghan refugees' problem. The chief minister, who was accompanied by a

delegation, told reporters, during his stay in Kabul, Pakistani police had been ordered not to harass Afghan refugees who possessed a special refugee card....(More on P4)...(24)

10-Km Road Being Asphalted in Daikundi

NILI - Asphalting of a 10-kilometres road between Laziz River and Shahrestan district of central Daikundi province began on Wednesday, an official said. Acting Governor Abdul Haq Shafaq told Pajhwok Afghan News that the road was being built with the financial support of World Bank (WB) at a cost of 270 million afghanis. The project would complete in a year. Graveling of a 134-kilometre road from Shahrestan district to the limits of Bamyan province have started since last year, but the officials did not specify how long it would take to complete it. Daikundi residents complained the government did not pay attention to develop the ... (More on P4)...(25)

Police, Militants Clash in Aibak Leaves 2 Dead

AIBAK - A policeman and a Taliban commander were killed, four others wounded and a number of fighters arrested during a five-hour clash between militants and security forces in Aibak City, the capital of northern Samangan province, an official said Wednesday. Officials last night said that a number of insurgents led by Mullah Bashir were gathered in a house in Aibak City to carry out coordinated attacks on government departments. But on a tip-off, security forces launched an operation against rebels, which led to intense firefight between the two sides....(More on P4)...(21)

2 Detained; Huge Arms Cache Recovered

KABUL / ZARANJ - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) claimed recovering a huge arms cache in northern Kunduz and western Farah provinces and detained two men, a statement from the spy network said on Wednesday. Separately, unidentified gunmen abducted two money-changers in southwestern Nimroz province, the statement added. Mohammad Nasir and Samiullah were smuggling 60 weapons of different brands in a car bearing no registration for insurgent activities, the statement said. The two alleged smugglers were arrested red-handed by NDS officials from the Zarkharid locality of Kunduz City, the provincial capital. The weapons included nine Kalashnikovs, 50 pistols of different brands and more than 1,900 bullets. The arms were kept in concealed compartment of the car. (Pajhwok)

A Group of Terror Busted

HERAT - Security officials in western Herat province detained 11 terrorists allegedly involved in smuggling of weapons, rape and other anti-state activities, provincial acting police chief said on Wednesday. Col. Abdul Hamid Roozi told a press conference the group of five men was held. The group, he said was involved in the killing and injuring of police officials Herat City, the provincial capital. He said the gang leader Farid has received 100,000 afs for killing every single Afghan police officer from a Taliban leader known as Haji Wazir. The group confessed of staging terror attacks during last two months in the province. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Although you try to keep your emotions contained, someone's innocent actions could inadvertently trigger a spontaneous reaction of suppressed anger. Even if you're convinced that everything will turn out well in the long run, you still might forget and lose your temper in an impulsive flash of passion. Blowing off a little steam feels good in the moment, but it won't help you find a lasting solution.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You long to enjoy the fruits of your recent labor, but you might have to postpone the fun to handle a minor emergency first. Nevertheless, you have a detailed mental picture of how you expect to enjoy yourself, but achieving satisfactory results could be delayed a while longer. Don't struggle to escape your responsibilities or panic about your apparent lack of progress.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A friend or partner's criticism plays an important role in your success today. You could be lost in dreams of the finer things in life, only to be confronted by people who aren't playing by your rules. Someone may rain on your parade by showing you where your current plan is lacking. Although you don't want to confront anyone now, burying your discouragement only makes it grow.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're feeling the need to reassess your long-term goals at work but, unfortunately, they might not fit into your current career trajectory. Still, you enjoy discussing the variety of possibilities ahead, even if you're not ready to actively pursue any one specific idea yet. Don't worry about meeting other people's expectations today; just take time to thoroughly explore your options.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your psychic powers are running at full tilt while the hypersensitive Cancer Moon camps out in your 12th House of Spirituality. However, you have a gnawing concern that comes and goes throughout the day, telling you that you're not on the right path. Although you don't have to make any major decisions yet, there's no reason to stick to your previous plan if it isn't working.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Making definitive plans for your next adventure isn't as easy as you expected. You may believe that you have all the various puzzle pieces in place only to suddenly discover that your basic assumption is incorrect. Just remember that some ideas are not worth salvaging. It's wise to know when to simply walk away and start over. Nevertheless, everything probably seems more complex now than it will in just a couple of days, so practicing patience is smarter than overreacting.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your hopes and dreams color your thought process today. You could even realize that your logic isn't very sound, but it's advisable to go through the motions anyhow by visualizing exactly what you want. Keep in mind that the cosmic energy is unstable now and your master plan will likely continue to change over the days ahead. Don't wait for others to decide where you're going or your destiny will be left in their hands.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Just when you think everything is going well, you could run into a minor setback involving a clash of wills between you and an authority figure. Although a financial disagreement may play into the picture, it's more likely that one person's rigid values are upsetting to the other. You might even think that someone is plotting against you, motivating you to overcompensate by acting in a self-righteous manner.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You might be able to justify your position on a serious matter today, but your decision could have unforeseen consequences down the road. Everything appears more complicated than you prefer, making it all-too-easy to grow befuddled by the conflicting information. It's not that you can't see clearly; it's just that the discordant facts increase the difficulty of choosing one path over another.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

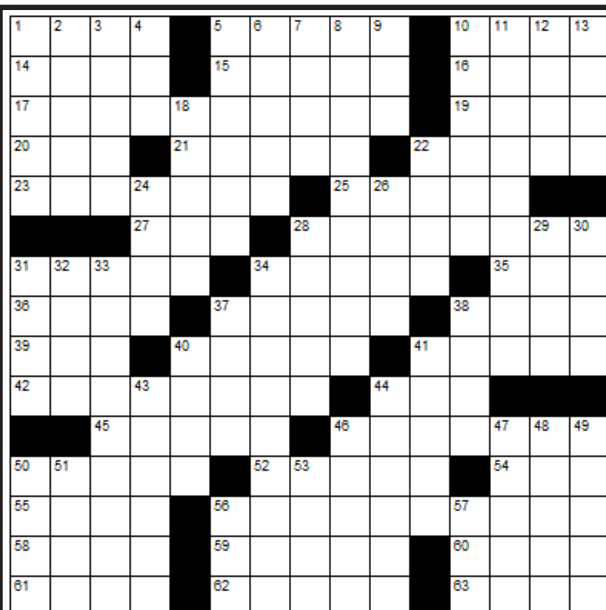
You see a relationship issue from both sides now, but you're not ready to commit to either point of view. Thankfully, you can navigate your way through this tricky territory by moving toward the center of the potential storm rather than away from it. Staying in touch with your feelings helps you to avoid an unnecessary meltdown as long as you remember that your moods are still in flux.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You often take pride in your unorthodox point of view, but you might not be able to rationalize your eccentricities today. Furthermore, expressing a rebellious opinion could generate chaos now because you aren't clear when explaining how you reach your conclusions. Don't force your assumptions onto anyone else; there's no logical reason to escalate the current situation into an open conflict.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Although you can normally spin yarns by following the meandering currents in your imagination, there's no room for daydreaming today. In fact, it's best to keep it real by avoiding speculative thinking now that the Sun is activating stern Saturn in your 10th House of Authority. Even if you find the right words to describe your feelings, your actions may be out of sync with your message.



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Down

- 1. Between, 2. Bog hemp, 3. Remove the pins from, 4. Estimated time of arrival, 5. Drink moderately, 6. Absurd, 7. Pipe, 8. Extremely funny, 9. French for «Summer», 10. Fiddle with, 11. Gracious, 12. Cocoyam, 13. A swinging barrier, 18. Work hard, 22. One of the 4 gospels, 24. At the peak of, 26. Monster, 28. Borders, 29. At one time (archaic), 30. Catches, 31. Twosome, 32. Alleviate, 33. Foster the growth of, 34. Apprehending, 37. Dull pain, 38. «Damn!», 40. Corrosive, 41. Stogie, 43. Boulevard, 44. Compilation, 46. Energize, 47. Picture, 48. Novices, 49. Excrete, 50. Cried, 51. Winglike, 53. Away from the wind, 56. Calypso offshoot, 57. Damp

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