

150 Militants Killed & Wounded in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - At least 150 militants including Taliban and Islamic State fighters have been killed and wounded during a series of operations in various districts of eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Monday.

Brig. Gen. Mohammad Nasim-Sangin, the 201 Selab Military Corps fourth brigade commander, and Attaullah Khogyani, the provincial government spokesman, briefed journalists about the ongoing operations in various parts of the province here.



Sangin said personnel from the Afghan National Army, border, public order and local police and intelligence officials were taking part in the operations underway in Kot, Batikot, Ghanikhel, Chaparhar and Khogyani districts.

He said so far seven operations in these districts had been carried out and dozens of insurgents were killed and wounded.

He said the Kabul-Jalalabad highway's second lane was made secure for road... (More on P4)...(15)

Security Forces Advance on Kandahar and Jawzjan

KABUL - Local officials added. Gen. Daoud Shah Wafadar, commander of 205 Atal Military Corps said the operation will continue to eliminate all insurgents. "We have launched Shafaq military operation with the cooperation of other security organizations in the past two weeks and security forces have made good achievements," Wafadar said. Meanwhile, tribal elders in Ghorak district have asked officials to provide security for the district. "Ghorak district was under the control of Taliban for many years and now security forces have re-taken control of it and we are asking them to create military outposts to take complete security of the district," Shah Jahan, a tribal elder said. Another tribal elder, Abdul Manan said "we want security forces to stay and not leave us alone and they should create military outposts for security of the district."

Raziq meanwhile also... (More on P4)...(21)

Key Figure among 12 Taliban Held in Kunduz, Jawzjan

KUNDUZ CITY/SHIBERGHAN - Security forces have arrested a dozen Taliban militants, including a senior figure QariSalim, in northern Kunduz and Jawzjan provinces, officials said on Monday.

Kunduz police chief Mohammad Qasim Jangal-Bagh told Pajhwok Afghan News QariSalim was arrested along with six accomplices during an overnight operation in Khanabad district. Two Taliban gunmen were killed during the night raid.

He identified Salim as a Taliban key member who



directed insurgent activities in Khanabad and on the Kunduz-Khanabad road and was a trainer of suicide bombers and roadside bombing.

With the arrest of QariSalim, the Taliban's morale had sunk and they were disintegrated now, the police chief claimed.

Separately, another four Taliban militants have been arrested in Mangajak district of Jawzjan province, police spokesman Mohammad Reza Ghafori said. The four were hiding in a ruined structure... (More on P4)...(16)

Construction Work Resumes on Khost Airport

KHOST CITY - Construction work on the international airport has been resumed in southeastern Khost province after a two-year delay, but some people claim corruption in the project.

First of all, the runway would be constructed and later other facilities would be completed, Khost Governor Hukum Khan Habibi told Pajhwok Afghan News on the sidelines of a ceremony marking the resumption of construction work on the airport.

The 2,700-metre long and 300-metre wide runway would be constructed over the next 14 months,



he said. Provincial council chief Abdul WaliWahidzai, happy over the resumption of work on the airport, said corruption still existed in the project, asking judiciary organs to launch investigation into the project and convict individuals accused of... (More on P4)...(17)

Taliban Deputy Shadow District Chief Killed

TALIQAN - The shadow deputy district chief of the Taliban group for Khwajah Bahaudin was killed during a gun battle in northeastern Takhar province.

The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said Mullah Hassan who was also famous as Abu Bakr was appointed as the deputy district chief by the Taliban group for Khwajah Bahaudin. A statement by MoI said Mullah Hassan was killed along with another prominent Taliban leader during gun battle with the police forces. According to MoI, Mullah Hassan was involved in major terrorist attacks in Takhar province, specifically in attacks on security posts.

MoI also added that the security personnel and local residents did not suffer any casualties during the gun battle. The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the... (More on P4)...(18)

Hundreds Rally in Paktia over Elder's Assassination

GARDEZ - Hundreds of people on Monday took to the streets in southeastern Paktia province against the assassination of a tribal elder and accused local officials of negligence.

The tribal elder, Syed Ishaq, was killed two days ago along with his son and a bodyguard in Gardez by unknown gunmen.

Nearly 1,500 people staged a protest in Gardez, the provincial capital, against the killing. Carrying photos of the slain person, the protestors asked the government to arrest



the killers and bring them to justice.

One of the protestors, a tribal elder, Sofi Habib, told Pajhwok Afghan News Syed Ishaq was not the only elder killed, but several tribal elders and traders had been murdered in the city before.

The local administration showed it negligence in arresting or punishing criminals, he said, warned if the government did not ensure people's security, the residents of Paktia... (More on P4)...(19)

Gun Man Killed Mother, Sister

AIMANA - A man has shot dead his mother and a sister in northern Faryab province, officials said on Monday.

Najmuddin, 30, gunned down his 55-year-old mother and 25-year-old sister in Yamblaq locality of the 9th municipal district of Maimana, the provincial capital, on Sunday night, crime branch chief Col. Sarbeland told Pajhwok Afghan News. "Najmuddin was a gangster and detective organs have been trying to find him," he said, adding the incident occurred due to a family dispute. Both of the victims had been shot in the head, forensic lab head Dr. Sameer Anayat said. Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) head for Faryab, Syed... (More on P4)...(20)

Nimroz Water Supply Department to Have Own Building

ZARANJ - Construction work on a building or the water supply department was launched in the southwestern province of Nimroz on Monday.

The building is part of development projects that commenced seven months, Director of Rehabilitation and Rural Development Eng. Farid Azim told Pajhwok Afghan News.

The project would be constructed at a cost of 479 million afghanis from the budget of the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Rural Development (MRRD).

A water supply pipeline being constructed in Zaranj is also part of the scheme, which has been implemented 50 percent. The construction of three water reservoirs is also in progress, a project that will take 18 months to complete.

The two-storey building would be constructed on 493 square metres of land and will have 20 rooms.

Water Supply Director Eng. Abdul Ghafar Sadid said staffers of the department had been working in three rented rooms. But with the construction of the building, staff will be able to deliver better services for the people.

Governor Mohammad Sami, happy with work on the projects, assured: "All the three parts of the scheme will be completed on time and will resolve the problem of drinking water in Zaranj." (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You might be the leader of the watercooler squad at work today since you can enjoy wasting time as long as you're having fun. But you are so quick to react now that you could say something that's not meant to be shared. Words slip out of your mouth before you even consider their impact. However, taking several deep breaths before speaking up won't negatively impact your popularity.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You appear to be putting in maximum effort on anything you take seriously today. However, you could simultaneously get lost in your daydreams, even if your double life isn't noticed by anyone else. Although others can't tell how far from reality your mind is meandering, they can see that your rich imagination adds something special to your practical ideas.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may be at a turning point in a relationship because you must decide if you're going to take it to the next level or retreat to emotionally safer ground. Be careful because you could make a bad choice today if you let your hopes color your perceptions. Postpone any major decisions for a couple of days. Once your muddled thinking clears, you can choose your course of action with more confidence.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Comparing your idealistic dreams with where you currently are in your life can be quite the disconcerting exercise. The gap between your fantasies and reality may be so large now that you don't even know where to begin. Instead of setting yourself up for failure by aiming too high, try a more modest approach. Focusing on your recent

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although you might be basking in the light of admiration today, you could fool yourself into thinking that everyone is your friend. It's not that anyone is necessarily working against your efforts; it's just that people have their unique agendas and it's helpful to know where they diverge from yours. Nevertheless, don't waste your breathe trying to convince anyone your way is the only way.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Staying on track may be quite the struggle today because you can see intriguing possibilities everywhere you look. Your current optimism leads you to believe a task will be easier than it is, although you still accept the fact that hard work is key in reaching your goals. Nevertheless, you are at a fork in the road and you might not know which way to go. You're probably missing some critical facts, making it wiser to pursue a more conservative route.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're living out the part of a social butterfly today, flying from one fascinating conversation to the next. However, you don't have to avoid an awkward subject, even if it leads into unfamiliar territory. Although you might choose to circumvent the most passionate discussions for now, you can still clear the air by sharing what's on your mind. Sometimes it's the littlest things that get the conversation rolling.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Although you might be sure of your current choices, it's still not a good idea to trust your senses today because they can lure you into a sense of complacency. Don't be lulled into a state of hypnotic acceptance. Even if you're imagining smooth sailing ahead, there may be storm clouds on the horizon and you're advised to batten down the hatches while the Sun is still shining.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

It isn't prudent to believe all the stories you tell now because you might have inadvertently altered the facts to support your current position. In fact, your past continually changes as your present attitude contracts and expands. Nevertheless, it's therapeutic to review your personal history as long as you understand you can't live fully in the here and now if you're clinging too tightly to memories.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You may be intrigued by an unrealistic fantasy about a relationship now. However, your idealistic dreams can actually stand between you and happier days. Acknowledging your attachment to a particular outcome is necessary if you want to overcome your attraction to it. But there's no need to go to extremes and deny your preferences if you can maintain a healthy perspective.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Perhaps you really believe you have everything under control, but you may miss an important piece of the puzzle today. Fortunately, there's no need to fix anything yet if you make a wrong assumption. Don't move too quickly or you could stir up a hornets' nest that instigates an intense power struggle. Becoming aware of your mistakes is enough for now. Your relationships are in flux.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You are an avid dreamer by nature and today's Moon-Neptune aspect magnifies your wishful thinking. You can journey so far into the depths of your imagination that you lose track of the real world. An unexpected event may shock you back into awareness now, waking you from your contemplative state and confronting you with the truth. This blast of reality is a buzzkill at first, but it could be a blessing in disguise if you seize the opportunity in the storm.



Across

1. Grasped, 5. Suffuse, 10. Fog, 14. Double-reed woodwind, 15. Persons, places or things, 16. Reflected sound, 17. Killer whale, 18. Designation, 20. Manservant, 22. Terrestrial, 23. Best seller, 24. Hollowed out, 25. Paving stone, 32. Bay window, 33. Damp, 34. Nab, 37. Piecrust ingredient, 38. Trainee, 39. Sea eagle, 40. A late time of life, 41. Confuse, 42. Manner of speaking, 43. Recantations, 45. The language of Persia, 49. Play a role, 50. Marine, 53. Spiny anteater, 57. Pre-car transport, 59. Mining finds, 60. Only, 61. Tidal bore, 62. Half-moon tide, 63. Not legs, 64. Stalwart, 65. Collections.

Down

1. Animal foot, 2. River of Spain, 3. Mentally irregular (slang), 4. The last few hours before death, 5. Not learned, 6. Natural satellite, 7. Vagrant, 8. Module, 9. Feudal worker, 10. Parisian subway, 11. Less friendly, 12. Gleaned, 13. In shape, 19. Cambered, 21. Foundry, 25. ___ slaw, 26. By mouth, 27. Fowl, 28. A long rod or pole, 29. House style, 30. Alpha's opposite, 31. Louse-to-be, 34. Invigoration, 35. Nameless, 36. Precious stones, 38. C, 39. Versions, 41. Salt water, 42. Skin irritation, 44. Seal of approval, 45. Civet-like mammal, 46. Thespian, 47. Kingdom, 48. Mentors, 51. Frosts, 52. Jacket, 53. Beige, 54. To endure (archaic), 55. Tidy, 56. Vipers, 58. Since.

Yesterday's Solution

before, bless, candy, cannon, capers, caprice, conference, coyote, custom, dance, diet, dinner, doctor, eels, exhort, extol, habit, honor, kudos, laser, logic, marmot, method, moos, nurse, officious, paydays, plain, plead, pride, puissant, rife, risky.

