

Family of Fallen Soldier Calls for Justice of ANA Individuals

KABUL - The family of a soldier who was killed in Friday's attack on the Afghan National Army's 209 Shaheen Corps Headquarters in Balkh province said they were shocked by the large number of dead bodies they saw and that they want justice to be served on those who failed to prevent the attack.

"My demand from government is that those who did this to the Shaheen base should not be punished but they should vanish. Suspending them is not enough. They should be hanged to death," said Ahmadullah, a resident of Urgan district in Paktika, who lost his son in the army base attack.

Government has meanwhile still not pro-



vided details about the incident.

Ministry of Defense (MoD) has described the casualties as 135 dead and 64 wounded. "Our martyrs from the 209 Shaheen Corps were 135 as well as we had 64 wounded. We have announced to the media about the number of those martyred and wounded based in their provinces," the MoD deputy spokesman Mohammad Radmanish said. Earlier a number of reliable sources said government had decided to keep the details of casualties on the army base attack secret. "Apart from the issue that they are not announcing the death toll, they are not taking any steps to prevent such incidents in the future," said Nazari Paryani, a journalist. (Tolonews)

Juwin Road Put into Service after Being Asphalted

FARAH CITY - A 33-kilometre road that connects Juwin district of western Farah province with the provincial capital was put into service after being asphalted on Wednesday.

Public Works Minister Mahmood Balegh, Farah Governor Dr. Mohammad Arif Shah Jahan and provincial council members were present on the occasion of the project launch.

Balegh said the nine-metre wide road was completed at a cost of 471 million afghanis from the Public Works Ministry's budget. Bismillah Juwini, a resident of Juwin district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the road project would help reduce the journey time from three hours to one hour.

He said it took three hours for local residents to reach Farah City when the road was not asphalted. ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Nangarhar Public Reps Denounce MoAB Strike

JALALABAD - Public representatives in eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday denounced the use of America's largest non-nuclear bomb in the Achin district.

The provincial council members, including the council's deputy head and secretary, told a press conference in Jalalabad, the provincial capital, the use of mother of all bombs was condemnable.

The provincial council deputy head, Dr. Lal Mohammad Durrani, said dropping the GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast (MOAB) was not aimed at destroying Daesh (ISIL) hideouts, but to use Afghanistan as a testing. ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

38 Rebels Slain in Tirinkot Operation: Police

TIRINKOT - At least 38 Taliban insurgents have been killed and 12 police wounded during an ongoing operation in the capital of central Uruzgan province, officials said on Wednesday.

Uruzgan police chief Brig. Gen. Ghulam Farooq Sangari told Pajhwok Afghan News the joint operation was launched yesterday for capturing Kotwal area of Tirinkot, the provincial capital. The offensive is still underway.

He said about 38 insurgents, including five commanders, had been so killed far during the offensive and 18 others wounded. Security forces also captured many homes from Taliban



commanders as Maulvi Hakimullah, Maulvi Farid, Maulvi Abdullah, Maulvi Abdul Rahim and Shafiullah. Security forces also captured many homes from Taliban during the operation that left three soldiers injured. Afghan National Army (ANA)'s 4th Infantry Battalion spokesman in Uruzgan, Wahidullah Fazli, said a ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

Dreaded Taliban Commander Killed, 20 Held

MAHMOOD RAQI/KABUL - A notorious Taliban commander has been killed in central Kapisa province, while 20 others arrested in southern Kandahar province, government sources said on Wednesday.

Kapisa Police Spokesman, Mohammad Ayub Yousafzai, told Pajhwok Afghan News commander Mullah Mubarez was the

resident of Mabyan area of Tagab district. He said Mubarez was shot dead in Mashar area by unidentified gunmen late on Tuesday night; he had killed most of the residents accused to spying to government in the past. Yousafzai added, it was determined in the primary investigation that Mubarez targeted as revenge by another group of Taliban.

Separately, 20 Taliban insurgents have been arrested by National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel in Kandahar province. NDS said in a statement, that the detainees had links with four different groups and they were involved in destructive activities in Kandahar and other areas. The detainees had confessed their crimes. (Pajhwok)

Al Qaeda's Bangladesh Chief Killed in Kandahar

KABUL - The Al-Qaeda in the Indian Sub-Continent (AQIS) has confirmed its Bangladesh chapter head Tariq Ali-as has been killed in a battle in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan, a media report said on Wednesday.

The Bangladesh-born jihadist, identified as Tariq alias Sohel, was killed in a battle in Kandahar, according to a statement issued by AQIS chief Asim Umar, claimed the Dhaka tribune.

The message titled "Verily, the help of Allah is near" was released in Telegram early Wednesday. It did not contain the date of the incident.

"Our beloved brother who made hijrah to Waziristan, after bidding farewell to the sparkles of Dhaka, Tariq Bhai (Sohel), head of Bangladesh Affairs, passed away irrigating the desert of Qandahar [Kandahar] in hopes that the spring of Islamic system [of governance] shall come back to the land of Bangladesh," Asim Umar said.

Afghan government had earlier said that around 30 terrorist organisation had been active in Afghanistan asking for more international support and help in fight against terrorist groups. (Pajhwok)



34 Daesh Militants Eliminated in Nangarhar Offensive

JALALABAD - At least 34 Daesh or Islamic State (IS) rebels including foreigners have been killed during air and ground operation, in eastern Nangarhar province, officials claimed on Wednesday.

Attaulah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News 34 militants were killed in Mahmand and Paykha areas of Achin district during the joint security forces operation.

He said a number of foreigners were also among the rebels killed and their weapons and ammunition destroyed in the offensive.

Security forces and civilians suffered no casualties, Khogyani ...*(More on P4)...*(21)

ISIS Suffer Heavy Casualties in Zabul

QALAT - The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group's offshoot militants in Afghanistan suffered heavy casualties during an operation in southern Zabul province. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) spokesman Gen. Dawlat Waziri said the militants were targeted during a night operation in Khak-e-Afghan district of Zabul.

He said several ISIS militants including foreign insurgents had gathered in the house of the ISIS leader Khalid Akhundzada when they were targeted by the Special Forces. Gen. Waziri further added that the ISIS leader Akhundzada ...*(More on P4)...*(22)

Casualties as Forces, Taliban Clash in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - Security forces and Taliban militants clashed in the Qarah Bagh district of southern Ghazni province on Wednesday morning, with both sides claiming to have inflicted casualties on the other.

Mohammad Hanif Razai, the 203 Thunder Military Corps spokesman in Ghazni, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash broke out in Abdullah Gul area of the district.

He said four Taliban fighters were killed and half a dozen were wounded in the clash that left one ANA soldier wounded.

He said the attack had been repulsed and the security forces had ...*(More on P4)...*(23)

4 Insurgents Killed, 6 Injured in Kunduz Clashes

KABUL - At least four insurgents were killed and six others injured in clashes with security forces in northern Kunduz province on Tuesday night, local officials said on Wednesday. The attack took place at about 9pm local time after a group of insurgents attacked a police check post and clashed with security forces, a spokesman for the provincial police chief, Enamuddin Rahmani said.

However, he did not provide more details on either military or civilian casualties. (Tolonews)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



It may seem as if your life is easier to manage today because you're at the top of your game. You don't need to push yourself very hard to demonstrate your competence while you make your tired old routines look completely new and different. But the easygoing Taurus New Moon in your 2nd House of Self-Esteem can lead to overconfidence, and too much self-assuredness creates its own kind of trouble.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



It's fantastic that you can be so productive now, even if the countless distractions in your life won't leave you alone. You're so wrapped up in your work while the pragmatic Taurus New Moon grounds the energy in your 1st House of Self that no one is able to talk you out of your current ambitions. Your infamous bullheadedness emboldens you to plow through obstacles and overcome resistance.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



An odd mixture of mundane responsibilities and hopeful visions can confuse your progress. The Taurus New Moon shadows your 12th House of Spiritual Mystery, increasing tension between reality and fantasy. However, the earthy Taurus energy blesses you with enough stability to manifest form from an apparently unreachable dream. Don't withdraw from the amorphous realms of unlimited potential because whatever transforms into your future starts within your imagination.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Solid opportunities to build enduring relationships with your peers add richness to your world. The sensible Taurus New Moon highlights your 11th House of Groups, strengthening your social network and increasing your popularity. Nevertheless, it's up to you to make the first move. Taking the lead and sharing your goals shifts the dynamics and turns a casual acquaintance into a lasting friendship.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Your inspirational words can motivate people to continue on their individual paths with great determination. Thankfully, the reliable Taurus New Moon falls in your 10th House of Status, making it easier to express yourself on the job. Although you can succinctly explain your complicated recipe for success.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You may be considering a major decision to alter the direction of your life. Or, perhaps, you're overwhelmed with an array of projects at work. In either case, it helps to break down the dilemma into several smaller pieces and then attack them one at a time. Fortunately, the earthy Taurus New Moon adds structure to your 9th House of Big Ideas, enabling you to manage the complexity.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Although Libra the Scales is all about creating balance in relationships, you crave more than harmonious interactions with others. The Taurus New Moon emphasizes your 8th House of Transformation, requiring you to sink beneath the social veneer. Unless you're willing to go deep, you'll likely be left feeling emotionally unsatisfied. You want to experience all the pleasures that life has to offer.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your relationships are often complicated by your tendency to feel things in the extreme. You aren't one to moderate your passions just to put someone at ease. However, the practical Taurus New Moon focuses on your 7th House of Partners, encouraging you to seek salvation from life's complexities through an easygoing interaction with someone you admire.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



There's a pile of things to do on your desk and attacking it immediately enables you to finish it sooner. But beginning your work is only the first step. It's critical to establish a sustainable pace and create a consistent schedule since the dependable Taurus New Moon influences your 6th House of Habits. Starting a new job is a no-brainer now with planets kicking up dust in feisty Aries and flighty Gemini.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You appear to express yourself without much forethought today, but you need a viable strategy if you want to be a success. The Taurus New Moon occurs in your 5th House of Creativity, helping you justify a calculated risk. However, you must follow through on whatever you begin or your efforts will be pointless. Under the right circumstances, trying something new can be a lot of fun.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Although you can be an innovative thinker, your lack of flexibility makes it difficult to integrate the amazing ideas that continue to spark your imagination. Fortunately, your friends and coworkers are probably quite supportive of your efforts now. But the obstinate Taurus New Moon grows roots in your 4th House of Foundations, convincing you that your point of view is the only relevant one.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Thankfully, the hectic pace is settling down, but the noise is far from quiet. Don't wait any longer; it's time to reflect on all the recent events before you take a few deep breaths and turn your attention elsewhere. But moving on isn't about escaping the present moment; it's about interacting with others while you adjust to your current position. The Taurus New Moon stabilizes your 3rd House of Communication, helping to ground the energy around you.



Across

- 20th-century art movement, 5. Persian potentates, 10. Contributes, 14. By mouth, 15. Lone-Star State, 16. Used to be, 17. Make ineffective, 19. At a distance, 20. Apprehend, 21. African virus, 22. Hockey footwear, 23. Attack, 25. Fend off, 27. Utilize, 28. Later, 31. Cognizant, 34. Double-reed instruments, 35. French for "Friend", 36. Nurse shark, 37. French for "Love", 38. Anagram of "Ties", 39. Mistake, 40. Blockage of the intestine, 41. Swerves, 42. Area prone to heavy snows, 44. By means of, 45. Composure, 46. Obscure, 50. Ancient Hebrew vestment, 52. String, 54. Ribonucleic acid, 55. Skidded, 56. Impasse, 58. Views, 59. Japanese stick fighting, 60. Cain's brother, 61. Countercurrent, 62. Active.

Down

- An Italian woman of rank, 2. Districts, 3. Puts on, 4. Altitude (abbrev.), 5. Horse barn, 6. Serf, 7. Angle of a leafstalk, 8. Dangerous, 9. South southeast, 10. Rouse, 11. Embezzle, 12. "Darn!", 13. Arid, 18. Utilize again, 22. Resorts, 24. Emanation, 26. Always, 28. More or less, 29. Arab chieftain, 30. Perishes, 31. Anagram of "Sage", 32. Alert, 33. Withered, 34. Beaten eggs, 37. Beers, 38. Secure against leakage, 40. Footnote note, 41. Transgressions, 43. Arborescent, 44. Seller, 46. A forehead dot, 47. Small African antelope, 48. Lacking leadership, 49. Dawdle, 50. Being, 51. Implored, 53. Desire, 56. Calypso offshoot, 57. Make lace.

Yesterday's Solution

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