

12 ANA Personnel Killed in Separate Attacks: MoD

KABUL - The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Saturday said 127 militants and 12 Afghan National Army soldiers have been killed in different security incidents in parts of the country over the past 2 days. The casualties occurred during ground and air operations in Takhar, Maidan Wardak, Kunduz, Faryab and of Kunar provinces, a statement from MoD said. Ghazni, Khost, Nangarhar, Uruzgan, Herat, and Helmand provinces were



also scene of security operations, in which 93 rebels suffered casualties. A Taliban commander was arrested along with 4 militants, 5 motorbikes destroyed and some weapons and ammunitions seized during the offensives, it added. The MoD confirmed 12 ANA soldiers targeted by rocket attacks and roadside bombs were killed in different parts of the country. But the Taliban said only few militants had been killed. (Pajhwok)

Los Angeles Police Return Afghan Immigrants' Lost Wedding Album

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles airport police used Facebook to track down an Afghan immigrant couple who accidentally left their wedding album at the international terminal last year, leading to a ceremonial presentation this week of the long-lost memento, an official said on Friday.



The couple landed at Los Angeles International Airport in September 2014 from Afghanistan, where the husband was a military interpreter and faced threats due to his work, said Rob Pedregon, a spokesman for Los Angeles Airport Police.

On the day the couple flew into the airport, their wedding album was discovered tucked into a briefcase left in the international terminal, Pedregon said. During the three-month window in which airport authorities hold lost... (More on P4)... (18)

NDS Detain 2 Taliban Leaders in Nangarhar

ALALABAD/QALAT - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) have arrested two Taliban leaders, including the group's Qarghio district chief, on Saturday in Behsud district in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said.



Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Ghairat Abdullah, Taliban shadow district chief, was ar-

rested along with other armed militant. The apprehended persons hail from Laghman and confessed to committing several crimes,

he has said. Separately, Ghulam Jilani Farahi, senior police official in Zabul, said four militants and a policeman... (More on P4)... (19)

5 Smugglers Detained with 1.5 Tons of Drugs

ZARANJ - More than 1,400 kilograms of narcotics have been seized and five alleged smugglers detained in connection to drugs trafficking in southwestern Nimroz province, an official said Saturday.

Provincial police chief Brig. Gen. Dilawar Shah Dilawar told Pajhwok Afghan News that 1,420 kilograms of drugs were seized followed by a clash in Chagni area of Zaranj City, the capital of the province.

Five smugglers, with one of them wounded in the clash, were arrested and a machine gun, two Kalashnikovs, a large amount of ammunition and a car were also impounded from the smugglers. Police suffered no casualties during the clash.

In another incident, Dilawar said that three policemen were wounded when a bomb hit a ranger car on Zaranj-Dilaram highway in Alili area. The incident took place near the area where a clash with the smugglers had occurred. (Pajhwok)

Rocket Attack on Faizabad Foiled; NDS Officer Killed

FAIZABAD/CHARIKAR - Security forces on Saturday foiled a possible rocket attack on Faizabad, the capital of north-eastern Badakhshan province, an intelligence official said.



The National Directorate of Security (NDS) official, who wished anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News 23 BM-1 rockets were found ready for launch in Jozgon area on the outskirts of Faizabad on Saturday. He said no one had been arrested in connection with the

incident. A resident of Faizabad, Abdul Karim, said they were happy that the plot to target Faizabad people... (More on P4)... (20)

Insurgents Torch Five Mosques in Baghlan

PUL-E-KHUMRI - Insurgents this week caused extensive damage to five mosques in northern Baghlan province after setting them alight, local officials said on Saturday.



Abdul Rasheed Nadem, head of Baghlan's Haj and Religious Affairs Department said that the incident happened two days ago in Dand-e-Ghori village in Pul-e-Khumri the capital of the province. No group including the Taliban has

claimed responsibility for the incident yet. But the residents of Dand-e-Ghori said that Daesh is active in the area.

The police have meanwhile launched an investigation into the incident, said officials. (Tolnews)

Bomb Blast Kills Three Children in Bamyan

BAMYAN - Three children haven killed and another wounded in a landmine explosion in northeastern part of Bamyan province.



Officials say the blast took place in Tapa Boom area of Yakawlang District when children were collecting wood for burning. Chaman Khan, officer of the Criminal Investigation Department of Bamyan said that the area where the explosion took place on Thursday has witnessed severe clashes between security forces and Taliban.

He said those killed in the blast age between 9 and 13 years of age. Mohammad Nabi, mayor of Yakawlang District said that the area was furnished by Taliban when they were controlling it. He said most of those bombs exist in the area and threat lives of people. (KP)

4 Local Police Killed in Uruzgan Clashes

TRINKUT - Four policemen have been killed during a four-day clash between Taliban insurgents and Afghan Local Police members in south-eastern Uruzgan province, local officials said on Saturday.

Khas district of the province after Taliban insurgents attacked several villages, a spokesman for Uruzgan Police Chief, Dost Mohammad Nayab said. "The clashes are still continued in the district," he said. However, the Taliban have not yet commented on the situation. (Tolnews)



Policeman Killed in Kandahar Infighting

KANDAHAR CITY - One policeman was killed and another injured after policemen turned on each other and clashed near the capital of southern Kandahar province. The security official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News the policemen first verbally clashed and then opened fire at each other near the Electricity Department office in Kandahar City. He did not know the exact reason and confirmed 1 policeman had been killed and another wounded in the infighting. Samim Khpalwak, the governor's spokesperson, confirmed the incident but did not go into details. He said security forces had reached the spot to investigate the incident and more details would be shared with the media once the investigation was completed. (Pajhwok)

2 Civilians Mistakenly Shot Dead by Police

HERAT CITY - Two civilians have been killed by police and bodyguards of the Ulema Council's head in western Herat province, an official said on Saturday. The governor's spokesman Ehsanullah Hayat told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place after a car crashed into the vehicle of the Ulema Council head in Herat City last night. After the incident, the men attempted to escape but police and bodyguards fired upon them, leaving two civilians dead, the spokesman said. Five of the bodyguards and four policemen had been detained in connection with the incident, he said. A security official wishing anonymity said the shooting took place when Ulema Council chief Khuda Dad Salih was on his way home. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Let your freak flag fly and flirt like there's no tomorrow as mischievous Mercury trines uninhibited Uranus in your sign. Although social obligations and professional responsibilities continue to demand a significant portion of your attention, you have a sweet opportunity to reconnect with the innocence of romance today.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Dreams of the distant future pull you out of your comfortable past. As intrigued as you might be about all the possibilities that stretch out before you, it's less threatening to think about them than to take an action. It's as if you want to shine your light while remaining safely under the covers. Fortunately, you can count on your friends and family to listen to your hopes and concerns.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You have a spiritual message to share with others today, but it may be challenging to find the right social context in which you can feel safe enough to let down your guard. There are plenty of thoughts running through your head now, including unorthodox political ideas and radical opinions about love. Hang out with a trusted friend who will walk on the wild side with you for a while.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You can't be faulted now for making a dramatic gesture that lets everyone know exactly where you stand on an important issue. Reality is giving you the green light to move forward and share things you may normally keep to yourself. As long as you're not trying to enlist anyone to join your cause, it's healthy to state your beliefs clearly, regardless of what others may think.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although the universe is probably encouraging you nearly everywhere you look, too much of a good thing is not as wonderful as it sounds. If nothing else, at least examine your true motives if you're being generous to a fault when interacting with those you love. There's nothing wrong with telling a story so captivating that your audience is mesmerized, but you could take it too far.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may be quite distracted by your vivid fantasies now even if they don't seamlessly fit into a conversation in your current social context. Although your imagination is working on overdrive today, you don't have to talk about your metaphysical beliefs to have a memorable experience. Thankfully, you can derive profound meaning from a spiritual awakening without anyone else knowing about it.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're striving for absolute transparency in communication today, but the truth is hard to find. You want to know exactly where your friends stand, yet the more you uncover, the less you know. It's even more confusing when the ones you love are sending so many mixed messages. You may eventually realize that everyone's conflicting advice is muddying the water, not clarifying it.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You could surprise everyone today, even yourself, when you decide to buckle down and commit to a project. Although you are optimistic about your ambitious timetable, remember that Saturn the Tester is looming in the background now. No matter how much you plan, things could take longer than you think.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Although you Archers are the zodiac's Champions of Optimism, there are so many opportunities knocking at your door now that even you can't keep up with all of them. Adventures seem to be lurking around every corner; worlds are waiting to be explored beneath every rock. It's as if you're standing on top of a mountain and believe you can see forever and a day. Nevertheless, even the best of news comes with a price.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

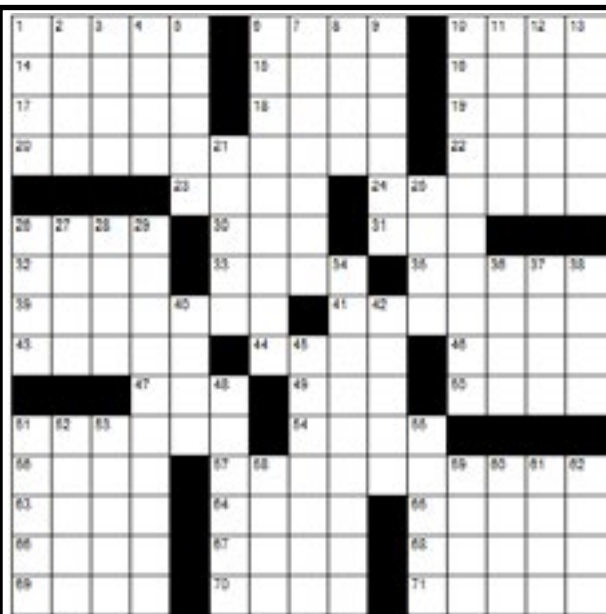
You may be uncomfortable with someone's effusive display of unbridled joy today. It's not that you want to restrain anyone's natural expression, it's just that you're uneasy with such intense emotional displays. Nevertheless, you might be surprised by the lessons you learn from this opportunity. Take a page from their book and see what it feels like to relax the rules.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're more than willing to go along for the ride with an unconventional companion today. Ironically, you're eccentric in your own right, but may be suppressing your non-conformist tendencies because of current constraints. If others rattle your cage now, it awakens that part of your personality you have tried to bury for the sake of acceptance.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You could be lost in space but you're able to camouflage your confusion by coming through with flying colors. Unfortunately, you are under pressure because others are expecting a lot from you. Luckily, your performances may be so technically perfect that no one even has a clue that more is going on. While they are mesmerized by the magic of the details of your actions, you're busy communing with nature, angels and aliens.



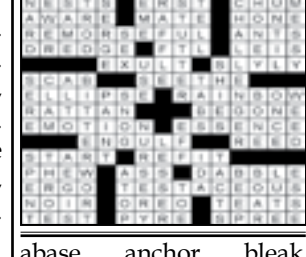
Across

- 1. Toys with tails, 6. French Sudan, 10. Thin strip, 14. Blow up, 15. Send forth, 16. Anagram of "Note", 17. Infantile paralysis, 18. Cans, 19. Shower, 20. Imprecise, 22. Ammunition, 23. A round handle, 24. Attorney, 26. Double-reed woodwind, 30. Sick, 31. Lie, 32. Fishing poles, 33. Pigeon35. Storehouse, 39. Contraband, 41. Median, 43. Stripes, 44. Abominable Snowman, 46. Anger, 47. Russian fighter, 49. Delay, 50. The original matter (cosmology), 51. Make inconspicuous, 54. Black, in poetry, 56. Notch, 57. Constant, 63. Indian dress, 64. Oceans, 65. A loose outer garment, 66. Therefore, 67. Despise, 68. Chopin composition, 69. Observed, 70. Mimics, 71. Anagram of "Store".

Down

- 1. Yachting cap, 2. Weightlifters pump this, 3. A city in western Russia, 4. Sweeping story, 5. Inventory, 6. The study of measurement, 7. Friendly, 8. Fluff, 9. Reflexive form of "It", 10. A type of berry, 11. A mixture of sand and clay, 12. Japanese cartoon art, 13. Adult male singing voice, 21. Come together, 25. Assistant, 26. Spheres, 27. Car trunk (British), 28. Smell, 29. Appraisal, 34. Organized bodies of information, 36. Bucket, 37. Leer at, 38. Abound, 40. Nonclerical, 42. Dynamism, 45. Raise, 48. Japanese hostess, 52. Emergency signal, 53. Make a counterfeit, 55. More pleasant, 58. Half-moon tide, 59. Countertenor, 60. Match, 61. Stow, as cargo, 62. Anagram of "Seek".

Yesterday's Solution



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