

NDS Foils Coordinated Attack in Mehtarlam City

MEHTARLAM CITY - The Afghan intelligence operatives foiled a coordinated attack plot in Mehtarlam city, the provincial capital eastern Laghman province. The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said a group of 6 terrorists belonging to the Taliban group were arrested in connection to the attack plot. A statement by NDS said the group was led by Rahmatullah and the other detained militants have been identified as Habib-ur-Rehman also known as Bidar son of Nik Mohammad, Syed Yaqoob son of Syed Hussain, Abdul Saboor son of Shah Mohammad, Ghorifan son of Mohammad Anwar, and Zahidullah son of



Abdul Wahid. NDS in its statement further added that the group was appointed by Taliban leader Abdul Wahid to carry out a coordinated attack in Mehtarlam city. The Afghan intelligence operatives also confiscated 3 Ak-47 rifles with 18 magazines, 2 pistols, 2 binoculars, and some other military equipment. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. The Taliban militants and insurgents belonging to ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Taliban Kill Teen Wife in Open Court in Sar-E-Pul

SAR-E-PUL - Taliban insurgents have shot dead a 19-year-old Sar-e-Pul woman, after she ran away from home, local officials said on Tuesday. The incident took place in Kohistanat district of the province. The teenager reportedly ran away from home two months ago after being beaten by her husband, a spokesman for the provincial governor, Zabihullah Amani, confirmed. Azada lived in Kohistanat district of the province and spent almost two months at a women's shelter in the capital city of Sar-e-Pul, according to Amani. "She agreed to go back to her husband's house after she was guaranteed her safety by some residents in Kohistanat," he said. "When she went back to Kohistanat they were captured by Taliban and she was shot dead on charges of escaping from the house." He believes her brother has links with the Taliban. However, police says that the two people who guaranteed her safety, ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Senior Taliban Commander Detained on His Way to Kabul

PUL-I-KHUMRI - A notorious Taliban commander, wounded in clash with security forces, was detained in northern Baghlan province on his way to Kabul for medical treatment, officials said on Tuesday. Maj. Gen. Noor Habib Gulbahari, the Baghlan police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Faizullah Yaktan, Taliban's senior commander, had been wounded during a clash in the Chardara district of northern Kunduz province. "The Taliban leader being transferred by three insurgents in a Hilux pick-up was detained by police in the Pul-i-Doshi



area of Baghlan," Gulbahari said, claiming the detainee had confessed to fighting against security forces in Kunduz. Yaktan revealed he was injured by a mortar shell, and his associates were transferring him to Kabul for treatment. The police chief said, the detention ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Young Man Gunned Down on Charikar Street

CHARIKAR - A 23 year-old man was shot dead by his friend after a verbal clash in the capital of central Parwan province, an official said on Tuesday. Police Chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Zaman Mamozi told Pajhwok Afghan News Obaidullah was killed by Ajmal using a pistol in Gulighandi Street of Chaharikar City at around 8:30pm yesterday. Obaidullah and Ajmal were selling potato crisps together on handcarts in the street when they quarreled over an issue. A furious Ajmal took out his pistol and opened fire at Obaidullah before fleeing the area, he said. Roshna Khalid, head of the agriculture institute, confirmed the incident and said Obaidullah was a second year student at the institute and was selling chips after the exam. *(Pajhwok)*

20 Insurgents Killed in Shindand District

HERAT CITY - Twenty insurgents were killed and several others wounded during clashes in the Shindand district of western Herat province on Tuesday, an official said. The governor's spokesman, Farhad Jilani, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash erupted early this morning in Shindand district and continued until 10:00am. He said the Taliban staged attacks from Khyfan, Beland Kot and Abdullahabad areas of the district on



security check-posts. But Najibulla Najibi, spokesman for the 207th Zafar Military Corps, said 17 Taliban including the group's shadow district chief Mullah Nazarwere killed and 22 others wounded. Security forces and civilians suffered no casualties, as one of the security forces' tanks seized by the militants was recovered. Naseer Ahmad, a shopkeeper in the locality, ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Indian Woman Arrested Before Joining Militants in Afghanistan

KABUL - An Indian woman was arrested before she manage to join the militant groups in Afghanistan where hundreds of foreign insurgents are fighting under different militant groups. According to the local media reports in India, the 28-year-old woman was arrested from Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi along with her 5-year-old son. The reports further added that the woman was looking to board a flight to Kabul but was identified and arrested before she manage to leave the country. The woman has been identified as Yasmeen Muhammed but it is yet not clear for which group the woman was looking to work for. Sources in India have said the Yasmeen was looking to join another Indian man from Kerala who is believed to be fighting for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

18 Insurgents Killed in Qush Tapa District

SHIBERGHAN - Afghan forces' airstrikes killed at least 18 insurgents, including two Uzbek fighters, in Qush Tapa district of northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Tuesday. Jawzjan police chief Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Turkistani told Pajhwok Afghan News the ground forces backed by air support were able to drive Taliban militants who had besieged the district centre for the last few days. He said the insurgents were also driven from Khanqa, Shir Bik and Gardan villages. At least 18 militants were killed and another seven were in-



jured the airstrike that broke the Taliban's siege, he said. The dead rebels included two Uzbek nationals. Turkistani said the security forces which had been besieged by Taliban for few days had run out of food and ammunition. But they were later rescued and provided with enough food and ammunition, he added. "Today the security situation in Qush Tapa is better compared ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

District Police Chief Killed in Roadside Bombing

MAIMANA - A district police chief was killed along with his driver in a landmine explosion in northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Tuesday. Abdullah Masoomi, administrative chief of Khwaja Sabz Posh district, told Pajhwok Afghan News Lt. Col. Sakhi Dad Usmani was killed on Monday night when the Taliban attacked the district centre and some security check posts. "Usmani wanted to visit a check-post in support of security personnel during a firefight with rebels, but



his armoured vehicle hit a roadside bomb on the way to the checkpoint." The bomb ripped through the vehicle, killing Usmani and his driver. A policeman was slightly wounded in the explosion, Masoomi added. At least four Taliban insurgent were killed in the ensuing clash, the official continued. But there has been no word so far from the Taliban on the incident. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Your plans may need to be changed at the last-minute if unfulfilled commitments still require your undivided attention. Be as generous as possible when responding to the expectations of others, regardless of how inconvenient it is for you. Luckily, the playful Leo New Moon occurs in your 5th House of Spontaneity.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You enjoy an ideal balance of enthusiasm and skill when the generous Leo New Moon triggers your 4th House of Domestic Conditions to bring joy, drama, and inspiration to your personal life. A smooth trine to reliable Saturn provides you with the tools you need to give substance to your new ideas.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Self-restraint may be a challenge when your restlessness provokes rash behavior, but there's too much at stake to prematurely risk your current position while pursuing castles in the air. The fixed Leo New Moon rattles your 3rd House of Communication, but plans can fall apart as grandiose declarations fail to live up to your expectations. New ideas that excite your mind also require careful consideration before you launch into a full-fledged campaign.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Make sure the foundation is solid before you commit to anyone's brilliant plan; otherwise, you might wind up cleaning up someone else's mess. The creative Leo New Moon falls in your 2nd House of Finances to help you cook up moneymaking ideas. Luckily, you can combine the Lion's bold behavior with your strong organizational skills today.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

There are no easy answers to life's complex questions now, yet, simply knowing this secret can alleviate much of your pressure. The courageous Leo New Moon may be the cosmic turning point you need. Many previously unrelated events appear to reach a confluence as the separate strands of reality are woven together to change the course of your life.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Connecting with your inner guidance and having faith in your vision of a brighter future are two keys to your personal growth. The expressive Leo New Moon energizes your 12th House of Privacy, where its flames of creativity may be hidden from view. Nourish your hopes quietly, instead of advertising them too soon. Nevertheless, realizing the need to delve into your own imagination enables you to discover how past experiences are still affecting your current choices.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You are more eager than ever to engage in clever conversations or flirtatious behavior today. But you might find yourself lost in a crowd as the dramatic Leo New Moon activates your 11th House of Social Networking. You may be quite rigid in your thinking today because Leo is a fixed sign. You don't want to just go with the flow. You have an agenda in mind and are determined to stick to it, even if progress is temporarily slow.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your professional life receives a boost of energy when the expressive Leo New Moon highlights your 10th House of Career, perhaps earning you greater public recognition. You are willing to go the extra mile and can ensure the viability of your dream with careful research and planning.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are inspired to take more risks now -- perhaps seeking a more prestigious job or even starting a business on your own. The demonstrative Leo New Moon fuels your expansive 9th House of Future Vision, widening your horizons and revealing new opportunities to distinguish yourself in your chosen profession. You are not interested in mediocrity; you are motivated to succeed even when you face difficulties or setbacks.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Instead of seeking someone who always agrees with you, find a trustworthy partner who cares enough to tell you the unwelcome truth. You will need the honest feedback because the brassy Leo New Moon in your 8th House of Transformation pushes you to take bold steps forward in both your personal and professional relationships.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

A reliable colleague shows you how to keep your passion flowing now without burning out. Fortunately, the audacious Leo New Moon blesses your 7th House of Partners, bringing a wave of self-confidence, reinforced by the support of friends and coworkers. The extravagant ideas of your allies and the originality of your own proposals gain credibility from a solid trine to realistic Saturn.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

There is a rare opportunity to share your idealism with your colleagues today, but without a solid plan your hopes are likely to go up in smoke. The Leo New Moon lands in your 6th House of Work and Service, sparking your enthusiasm for learning new skills or encouraging you to seek more fulfilling employment. A growing desire to express more creativity on the job can inspire you to take up a new hobby.

Across

1. Change, 6. Ear-related, 10. Finest, 14. Cowboy sport, 15. Boorish, 16. Sexual assault, 17. Relating to form, 18. Bit of gossip, 19. Operatic solo, 20. Warehouse, 22. Writing fluids, 23. Merriment, 24. A Eurasian aromatic herb, 26. Chinch, 30. Small songbirds, 32. Coral island, 33. Door wedges, 37. Humdinger, 38. Really bad, 39. Margarine, 40. Not figuratively, 42. Courtroom event, 43. Gossiped, 44. Reduce in rank, 45. Swings, 47. Drunkard, 48. Nonclerical, 49. Make intelligible, 56. Pig sound, 57. Hawkeye State, 58. A nymph of lakes, 59. Curved molding, 60. Russian emperor, 61. Reversed, 62. Spar, 63. Collections, 64. Squalid.

Down

1. Not legs, 2. Debatable, 3. Cocoyam, 4. Close, 5. Evoking sadness, 6. Heavenly hunter, 7. Ballet attire, 8. Midmonth date, 9. Graveyard, 10. Cogitate, 11. Deservedly receives, 12. Peaky, 13. Orange pekoe, 21. Embrace, 25. Autonomic nervous system, 26. Formal dance, 27. Decorative case, 28. Airhead, 29. Sailor, 30. Past tense of "will", 31. Optimistic, 33. Handout, 34. Hodgepodge, 35. Kind of moss, 36. Only, 38. Court cases, 41. Beam, 42. Lockjaw, 44. To make a fool of (archaic), 45. Type of antelope, 46. Bordeaux and Dubonnet, 47. Cicatrices, 48. Weaving machine, 50. Schnozzola, 51. Smack, 52. Head of hair, 53. Remain, 54. Placed, 55. Countercurrent.

Yesterday's Solution

agent, agony, arise, artist, aurora, azure, black, bleach, bugle, cafe, class, compassion, crevasse, cuss, effort, estate, foamy, hamper, hare, honest, hyena, lemon, messy, munch, nabs, nasty, ocean, place, plane, raise, ranch, rate, rescue, semen, soul, spell.

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