

6 ANA Soldiers Killed, 4 Wounded in Farah Roadside Blast



FARAH CITY - Local officials on Thursday said six Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed and four others wounded in a roadside bombing in Bala Bulook district of western Farah province.

Local officials warn dozens of Afghan forces besieged by the Taliban in the district would probably be killed by the insurgents if reinforcements not arrive there.

Mahmud Naimi, deputy Farah provincial council head, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the roadside blast took place in Aab Khurma area of the district late on Wednesday.

He said that besides Afghan forces casualties, two HUMVEE vehicles of the soldiers were also destroyed in the explosion.

Taliban have blocked most routes leading to Farah province by planting bombs on them since two days, he said.

Naimi said, "Security forces in Bala Bulook district repeatedly said that they are besieged by the Taliban and they were currently faced with shortage of equipment, fuel and food."

He warned that the security forces would be killed by the insurgents if the government did not respond on time.

Passengers now obligated to travel on unpaved routes to Herat or Kandahar provinces, Afghan forces cannot travel on those routes due to bombs planted on them, he said.

On the other hand, Mohibullah Mohib, Farah police spokesman confirmed roadside blast on a HUMVEE vehicle of Afghan forces but provided no information about casualties.

He said that Afghan forces launched a clear operation in the area where the incident happened.

A day earlier, at least 35 civilians were killed and 27 others wounded when a bomb hit a bus on Heart-Kandahar highway in Farah province. (Pajhwok)

Osama Son Hamza Bin Laden Dead, Believes US



KABUL - Hamza bin Laden, Al-Qaeda supreme Osama bin Laden's son, is dead, US officials say. Several media outlets, quoting unnamed officials, reported on Wednesday the 30-year-old died in an operation. CNN said the US had

a role in his death and that the Trump administration recently got evidence corroborating the American assessment. The New York Times reported that Hamza bin Laden had been killed in an operation within the last two years. The man believed to be in his early 30s

was reportedly an emerging leader in Al-Qaeda. He carried a million-dollar reward on his head. Hamza released audio and video messages on the Internet, urging his supporters to conduct attacks against the US and its Western allies. (Pajhwok)



5 Rebels Killed in Nangarhar; Weapons Seized in Paktika

SHARANA/JALALABAD - Five Taliban militants have been killed and several heavy and light weapons seized by security forces during separate raids in Nangarhar and Paktika provinces, officials said on Thursday.

Brig. Gen. Rahamdil Haidarzai, commander of the second infantry brigade of the 203rd Atal Military Corps, told reporters that security forces conducted different operations against Taliban militants in the past two months and recovered some light and heavy weapons from them.

Two BM1 launchers, five 82mm artillery shells, five rockets, five Kalashnikovs, walkie-talkies, motorcycles, two vehicles and explosives were some of the items recovered during security forces operations. He said some of the mortar shells made in Pakistan were seized in Barmal district.

Separately, four Taliban militants have been killed in a US drone strike in the Pachiragum district of Nangarhar province on Wednesday night.

A machine gun belonging to the Taliban and some other equipment were also destroyed in the strike. Elsewhere in the province, National Directorate of Security personnel... (More on P4)... (13)

12 Chechen Fighters Affiliated to Al-Qaida Killed in Afghanistan



KABUL - At least 19 militants, including 17 fighters affiliated to al-Qaida, were killed in an operation by Afghan forces in Charkh district in Logar Province, the Ministry of Defense said in a statement on Friday. The statement said that 12 of those killed were Chechens and four of them were Af-

ghans. The operation was carried out in Pengram and Zaid Lala areas in Charkh district, the statement said. According to the statement, a key commander of the group was also killed in the operation. (Tolo news)

Couple Among 3 Arrested Over Selling Child in Herat



HERAT CITY - Three persons, including a couple, have been arrested over selling a baby child in western Herat province, police said on Thursday.

Acting police spokesman Farhad Frotan told Pajhwok Afghan News a man and his wife sold a child of their neighbor to another woman

against 6,000 afghanis. He said the couple managed to escape the area after selling the child, but after security forces received information about the incident, they reached the area and arrested those. The couple had confessed to their crime, saying it was all because of their poor economic situation. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aug 3, 2019 - A position involving power and authority is opening up, and you're the perfect one for the job, Aries. Today's astrological aspect is helping you find the necessary confidence and physical strength. You have the emotional and physical boost you need to feel good about your leadership abilities. This is a time to take control of the situation.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Aug 1, 2019 - Your self-esteem may be challenged today by a fast talker or unpleasant situation, Taurus. Don't accept things at first glance. There's a much deeper meaning brewing below the surface, and you'd be foolish not to recognize that. Stick to your guns and stay grounded. Newfangled devices and big promises may not be all they're advertised to be.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Aug 3, 2019 - Emotionally speaking, things might get tense for you today as others demonstrate a rather selfish attitude, Gemini. Remember that selfishness isn't always considered negative. Sometimes it's healthy and necessary to take on a self-centered role. Remember that you need to take care of number one at all times.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Aug 3, 2019 - You might be quite stirred by the general energy today, Cancer. "Stirred" may be too light a word. Put on your armor and get ready to do battle. Others may cower when they see what's going on outside, but you will want to jump into the fray. Strong emotions are the weapons of the day. Everyone knows that you have a strong arsenal in this department.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Aug 3, 2019 - Move in for the kill today, Leo. Don't stop until you succeed. Don't let other people's insecurities become yours. Have confidence in yourself and the way you act around others. Just because someone else feels sad, that doesn't mean you have to just to make him or her feel better.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Aug 3, 2019 - Now is the perfect time to say something you've been meaning to say for quite a while, Virgo. Get it out in the open. Keeping it inside is only eating away at your internal mechanisms. Stop worrying about the consequences and make the move. Today is a day to be bold and aggressive. Other people might respond similarly, so if you dish it out, be sure you can take it.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Aug 3, 2019 - Your opinions might be the focus of conversation all day, Libra. You have a very strong will that you aren't afraid to express. You will get that chance. Enlighten others with your wealth of knowledge. Take control of the conversation and accept the mental challenge of trying to win other people over to your side. Whether you're successful or not, you will have a good time trying.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Aug 3, 2019 - Your sensitive heart may be touched by anger today, Scorpio. Don't be afraid of hurting other people's feelings as you express this emotion. You'd be doing yourself and other people a disservice by not revealing the true scope of your emotions. The other parties involved may not have all the facts necessary to make the most educated decision.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Aug 3, 2019 - You might feel a great deal of physical power today, Sagittarius. If someone asks you to help move a couch, you're likely to be able to pick the whole thing up by yourself. Don't sell yourself short. You have more internal strength than you reveal to others. There's no need to hide it any longer. Make use of this great power.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Aug 3, 2019 - The train is headed out, so you'd better hop on, Capricorn. People won't be too sympathetic to your emotional sob story today, so keep it quiet. Whining will most certainly get you kicked off the train altogether. The energy of today is teaching you to toughen up. Don't take it personally, but realize that there are important lessons to learn.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

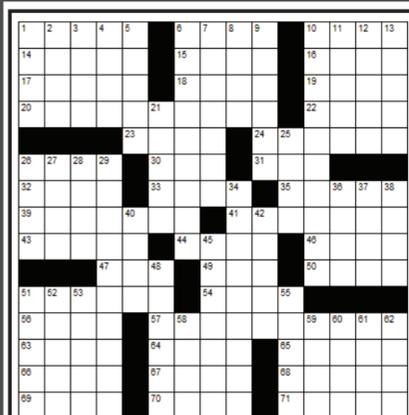


Aug 3, 2019 - Jump into action with energy today, Aquarius. Order others around and delegate tasks for a change. An aggressive approach is what's needed, and you have the ability to deliver the goods. Trying to do everything yourself may seem like a great idea at first, but you're better off enlisting help so others can feel more involved and you can concentrate on do-

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Aug 3, 2019 - Guard your heart well today, Pisces. It's a prime target for the abrasive words being tossed around. Your sensitivity leaves you feeling alone and naked in the harsh atmosphere. You might be better off staying in bed. If you decide to go out, be prepared. Know your weaknesses so you can use your energy resources most efficiently.



Across

- 1. Make physical contact, 6. Friends, 10. Rapsallions, 14. Snow house, 15. Violent disturbance, 16. Tidy, 17. Anagram of "Sneer", 18. Killer whale, 19. Carryall, 20. The audience of a newspaper, 22. Kitty (poker), 23. Satisfy, 24. Door frame part, 26. Against, 30. Brassiere 31. Terminate, 32. Welt, 33. Invited, 35. Handrail post, 39. Take advantage of, 41. Back rub 43. Spot, 44. Wicked, 46. Outcropping, 47. Pull, 49. Yore, 50. Terminates, 51. Newly 54. Gunk, 56. Lascivious look, 57. Squadron, 63. District, 64. Not fat, 65. Something to shoot for, 66. Lean, 67. Canvas dwelling, 68. Intense adverse criticism, 69. Lack of difficulty, 70. Poems, 71. Varieties, ,

Down

- 1. Layer, 2. Monster, 3. Forearm bone, 4. College girl, 5. Flexible tubes, 6. Lying face downward 7. Dunce, 8. Hubs, 9. Mainstay, 10. Cause to glow, 11. Intended, 12. Adhesive 13. Metal 21. Jewish scholar, 25. Hotels, 26. Amazes, 27. Following, 28. The thin fibrous bark, 29. Unable to read, 34. Anagram of "Streaming", 36. Alert, 37. Quaint outburst, 38. Lower limbs 40. Burden 42. Clearly, 45. Disease preventer, 48. A poor city district, 51. Winged 52. Weekday, 53. Anagram of "Leers", 55. Float, 58. Outbuilding, 59. Lazily, 60. Bound 61. Shoestring, 62. North American deer (plural), ,

Yesterday's Solution



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