

### 5 Insurgents Killed in Sar-I-Pul Gunbattle



SAR-I-PUL - At least five Taliban insurgents were killed and four others wounded as a result of a clash in northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said on Wednesday.

Naqibullah Daqiq, administrative chief for Sancharak district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants attacked from three directions two villages of the district late on Tuesday night.

Five rebels were killed and four others wounded in a gunbattle that continued until morning, he said, adding the security forces suffered no casualties. Assadullah Khuram, a member of the provincial council, confirmed the overnight battle and said both sides might have suffered casualties. The Pajhwok reporter in Sar-i-Pul tried to contact Taliban for comments, but failed. (Pajhwok)

### Attackers Killed Before Reaching Baghlan Army Base



KABUL - Two would-be suicide bombers were killed at the first gate of Kelagai camp in Baghlan early hours of Wednesday morning after they were identified by security forces, the 209 Shaheen Corps said in a statement. The bombers were in a Humvee and after the shooting, the explosive-laden vehicle was detonated and the bombers were killed, the statement said, adding that one army soldier was wounded in the incident. The statement did not provide further details. (Tolo news)

# Taliban Claim Deadly Bomb Attack on Police in Kabul



KABUL - There has been no let-up in violence in Afghanistan even though the Taliban and the United States appear close to a historic pact for US troops to withdraw in exchange for a Taliban promise the country would not be used as a base from which to plot attacks by extremists. The blast, in the west of the city during the morning rush hour, sent a huge cloud of grey smoke billowing into the sky. The Taliban said a "recruitment

centre" had been attacked by one of their suicide bombers. "A large number of soldiers and police were killed or wounded," the Taliban said in a statement. Deputy Interior Minister Khoshal Sadat later told a news conference 14 people had been killed and 145 wounded. Four of the dead were policemen and the rest civilians, while 92 of the wounded were civilians, he said. The bomb went off when the vehicle carrying the device was stopped at a

checkpoint outside the police station, said interior ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi. Women and children were among the casualties, the health ministry said. Pictures from the scene showed extensive damage with facades blown off buildings and a jumble of rubble and vehicles strewn through the area. "Again a Taliban suicide attack in Kabul targets a civilian area that resulted in harming of so many innocents," Sediq Sediqqi, a spokesman for President ... (More on P4)... (9)



### 3 NDS Personnel, 2 Terrorists Killed in Kabul Raids

KABUL - Three security personnel and two suicide bombers have been killed during the National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel raids in three different areas of capital Kabul, according to a statement on Wednesday.

Security personnel conducted the raids on the suicide jackets and explosive laden vehicles preparation factories in the 8th, 15th police districts and Bagrami locality, the NDS statement said. It added the raid was conducted in complete coordination with the residents of locality and earlier information collected by the NDS operatives.

The terrorist factories were situated in the middle of civilians' homes therefore security personnel along with police have carefully conducted the operation which consumed more time and ensured the safety of civilians. Two terrorists were killed, weapons, equipment of car bombing, suicide jackets, explosives and hand-made mines were recovered. Three special force personnel of the NDS were also killed during the encounter, the statement said. (Pajhwok)

### Children Among 8 Wounded in Herat Magnetic Bomb Blast



HERAT CITY - Eight people including children and women were injured in a magnetic bomb explosion in the capital of western Herat province on Wednesday, officials said. Aminullah Amarkhel, provincial police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News that a magnetic bomb attached to a Corolla model vehicle went off in the limits of fifth police district this afternoon.

He said that the incident caused casualties but he had no exact figures. On the other hand, Dr. Arif Jalali, director of Herat Zonal Hospital, said that eight injured people were taken to the hospital so far. He said that the injured included two children, two women and four men, all of them civilians. No groups have so far claimed responsibility for the attack. (Pajhwok)

### 7 Taliban Killed, 2 Security Personnel Injured



FARAH CITY - Seven Taliban insurgents have been killed and two security personnel injured in the Taliban attack on security forces check-post in the Balaboluk district of western Farah province, an official said. Governor Spokesman Mohibullah Mohib told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban stormed security forces

check point in the Shewan locality on Tuesday night. Fathullah, the resident of locality confirmed the Taliban attack on security forces check-point and added both sides suffered casualties during the attack. The Taliban have not yet spoken about the incident. (Pajhwok)

## Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aug 7, 2019 - This is a passionate, creative day, Aries. Your blood is hot and passion is on your mind. With luck, you have a significant other who can benefit! If not, you will have to find another way to burn off that energy. Invite a close friend for a jog. You're in the mood to socialize. If you can't have physical intimacy, be satisfied with emotional closeness.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Aug 8, 2019 - It's very possible that the best solution today is to simply give up control, Taurus. When it comes to matters of the heart, other people may be in a whirl of turmoil. Trying to figure out their state of mind will be impossible so don't even try. You may just want to let things ride and see where you end up tomorrow before making any major moves.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Aug 8, 2019 - Mind your manners today, Gemini. Make sure your charm is turned up high. Merging with the group is essential as you keep the momentum of the energy going. The more the merrier. Once you get the ball rolling in the right direction, there will be plenty of momentum to help it up the next hill. The important thing is that you take responsibility for your actions.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Aug 8, 2019 - Situations and people with strong opinions about how things are done may impede your trajectory today, Cancer. Issues of love and romance may be the most affected by this tense energy. The key is to remember that everyone isn't your enemy. Try not to get paranoid about this. Do your best to take a relaxed approach and have confidence that things will work out fine.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Aug 8, 2019 - Your adventurous spirit is noble, Leo, but you might find that this is one of those days in which you're asked to justify your actions. Other people could be jealous of you and your lifestyle, so they're trying to find fault with the things you do. Don't get tricked into thinking that anything you're doing is necessarily wrong or bad.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Aug 8, 2019 - The warrior within may be stirred today. You might also have some self-doubt about your actions, Virgo. Stay confident that you're on the right path at all times. There may be a bit of tension in your world, but try not to get too worked up over it. This is just a passing phase. You shouldn't overreact and think that you're completely wrong regarding something you're doing.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Aug 8, 2019 - Be aware that you might feel overshadowed or that your efforts won't be recognized, Libra. You could feel like you do all the work for others and get nothing in return. The key is to make sure that you do the things you do because you want to. Do them for you. Don't do them for others because you expect that they will do something for you in return.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Aug 8, 2019 - Issues regarding love and romance may be confusing today, Scorpio. You should be aware that strong forces are at work to tangle the current situation. Try not to get too discouraged by whatever transpires as a result of this energy. Keep in mind that this, too, shall pass, and things will become clear again. Right now you should just sit back and take things with

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Aug 8, 2019 - Focus on the information coming your way today, Sagittarius. Try not to get too emotional about the consequences of the information. More than likely, a neutral approach is best in any situation you encounter. If you already have a strong preconceived notion of how things are going to be, you will fail to notice the valuable nuances that are being presented to you now.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Aug 8, 2019 - Things may get a bit hostile today, Capricorn. No one wants to budge from his or her position. You could be caught between mind and heart issues. Both sides are unforgiving and unwilling to give up control. Your best bet is to try to find compromise wherever possible. You may not get the exact solution you want, but you will get one that's workable for all parties.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

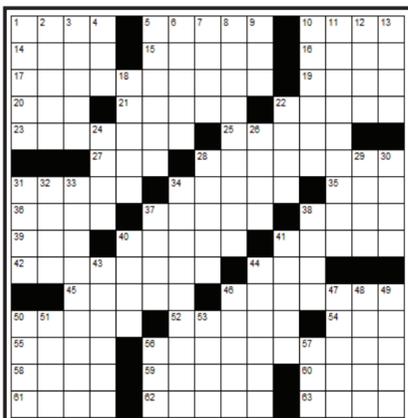


Aug 8, 2019 - You may think that everything is perfect, Aquarius, when suddenly, there's a great surge of unyielding emotional energy. Be on the lookout because such situations are likely to crop up and add intensity to your journey. Pool your knowledge with that of other people instead of trying to come up with all the answers by yourself.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Aug 8, 2019 - Others are apt to play a big role in the events that unfold today, Pisces. It's likely that closely communing with others will be very important. Despite this, you may still feel alone. Even within a large group, your heart may yearn to bond tightly with just one other person. Do your best to stay positive regardless of the combative forces likely to be at work on a day like this.



#### Across

1. Conspiracy, 5. Fabrics with long coarse nap, 10. Regretted, 14. Emanation, 15. Lone-Star State, 16. Covetousness, 17. Format a computer disk, 19. To endure (archaic), 20. Apprehend 21. Grin, 22. Ales, 23. Having three units, 25. Stealer, 27. Hankering, 28. Tempestuously 31. Darlings, 34. Brandish, 35. "The Matrix" hero, 36. Hoopla, 37. Automaton, 38. Glance 39. Genus of macaws, 40. Mistake 41. Close-knit group, 42. Grasshoppers, 44. French for "Good", 45. Pays attention to, 46. Bouquet, 50. Large body of water, 52. Grieve, 54. Not against, 55. Specks, 56. Wandering from the main path, 58. Leave out, 59. Courtyards 60. Backside, 61. Risqué, 62. Welt, 63. DDDD,,

#### Down

1. Applied to a wall or canvas, 2. Pertaining to the moon, 3. Small African antelope, 4. Make lace 5. Flower part, 6. Spiral, 7. Angle of a leafstalk, 8. A geographical dictionary, 9. South southeast 10. Ransom, 11. Crude, 12. Always, 13. Colors 18. Small islands, 22. Fowl 24. Combustible pile, 26. Low, flat land, 28. Grain storage buildings, 29. Lascivious look 30. Oxen's harness, 31. East Indian tree, 32. Tropical American wildcat, 33. Indifferent 34. Author, 37. Electrical or crossword, 38. Shallow metal containers 40. Biblical garden, 41. Sores on toes, 43. Frothy, 44. Located in the north, 46. Papal court, 47. All excited, 48. Gander 49. Sea eagles, 50. Smell, 51. Unwakeupable state, 53. Brute, 56. Crow, 57. Unhappy, ,

#### Yesterday's Solution

BROKE, ARCS, DARE, ROBIN, BALL, EGG, EVILS, UNAD, PLED, DETONATING, OILS, CANARD, PLANT, OBESE, DAIRY, MAID, ALAS, TONE, EISE, LYRE, BIRD, ANGLE, PERS, ADS, GARDS, SOPPY, ESTEEM, AESOP, DAP, PERM, LEDE, ROSEN, ERNE, ETUI, AGAVE, LIEN, RAPS, LEGIT, TEST, STEW, TIEALS

always, apathy, artist beast, collar, defeat delete, drama enamel excuse, fare, forest intake, manage perfect price, river, safety, sates scrape, sharp spark spook, stick, sweet, sympathy, table

