

30 Insurgents Killed in Ongoing Military Operation in Sar-E-Pul

KABUL - At least 30 insurgents were killed in an ongoing military operation in northern Sar-e-Pul province in the past 4 days, local officials said on Saturday. In addition, 18 other insurgents were injured. A large-scale military operation launched on Tuesday to re-take control of Kohistanat district which had recently fallen in to the hands of the Taliban, according to the officials. "The security forces have also cleared



18 villages in Sayyad district of the province. The forces are also in clashes with the insurgents in Alaf-Safid village," provincial acting governor, Abdul Jabar Haqbin said. "4 security forces have also been killed during the operation and 8 others were injured." The operation will continue until all insurgents from the Kohistanat district have been cleared, he added. Taliban have not yet commented about the operation. (Tolonews)

Prisoner Commits Suicide in Herat Jail

HERAT - A prisoner hanged himself to death in a jail in western Herat, an official said on Saturday. Gul Ahmad Ramish, Herat attorney general, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the prisoner who committed suicide hailed from Shindhhand district who was undergoing his 12 years jail term. Ramish said that the prisoner spent two years in jail and requested the jail authorities to allot him a separate room in jail. He hanged himself with his handkerchief on Friday. None of his family members or relative had visited him in jail



for the last two years. He was going under tremendous amount of mental and psychological pressure that was why he took the extreme step, Ramesh recalled. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Commander Among Seven Detained

KANDAHAR CITY - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency has detained a group of seven Taliban in southern Kandahar province. A statement issued by the NDS on Saturday states that the group was functioning under the command of Hussain Shah alias Maulawi Agha in the jurisdiction of Kandahar city, the province's capital.



The six others are identified as Shams-ur-Rahman alias Agha Jan S/O Jan Mohammad, Yar Mohammad S/O Khan Mohammad, Abdul Bari S/O Shah Gul Agha, Baran Shah Agha S/O Sakhi Agha,...

Police Seize 200kg Drugs, Detain 2 Smugglers

KUNDUZ/TALOQAN - Police have seized around 200 kilograms of opium and apprehended three alleged smugglers in northern Kunduz and Takhar provinces, an official said on Saturday.

Brig. Gen. Mohammad Qasim Jangal Bagh, police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News police had arrested two drug peddlers with 140 kilograms of opium they were carrying to Kabul. The smugglers hail from western Farah and southern Helmand provinces.



Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Noor Mohammad Hakimi, Takhar police chief, said a drug smuggler was apprehended while smuggling 80 kilograms of opium to Taloqan from Badakhshan. "We have increased our efforts to control drug smuggling," he added. Police have also detained 16 drug smugglers while seizing 157 kilograms of opium, 111 kilograms of drug and hundred kilograms of hashish during the last one year in the province, he informed. (Pajhwok)

3 Gas Factory Workers Killed in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - Three workers of a gas factory have been killed in Shiberghan, the capital of northwestern Jawzjan province, an official said Saturday. Provincial police chief Col. Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani told Pajhwok Afghan News a security post of Khwaja Gogirdak gas factory came under militants attack last



night. Three workers who were guarding the facility were killed by armed rebels in the ensuing gun battle, he

said, adding that insurgents managed to flee after the incident... (More on P4)...(20)

24 Rebels Dead in Ghazni, Nangarhar Operations

JALALABAD/GHAZNI CITY/MAIMANA - Twenty-four insurgents have been killed and a dozen others wounded during clearing operation in eastern Nangarhar and southern Ghazni provinces, officials said on Saturday. Fourteen insurgents perished and five others injured in the ongoing offensive in Nangarhar province, a statement



from the 201st Silab Military Corps said. Two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers had also been wounded in the clashes, the statement added... (More on P4)...(21)

Drinking Water Projects Completed in Badghis

QALA-I-NAW - The long demanded drinking water project has been completed in the western Badghis province, which will provide potable water to around 1,800 families, an official said on Saturday. The scheme is completed at a time when underground water of several areas such as the Maqur



and Abkmri districts of the province developed a salty taste. Majority of the residents had to drink salty water or store the

rain water, but few well-off families used to buy 18 litres drinking water at a cost of 30 Afghanis... (More on P4)...(22)

Militant Dead in Clash as Zabul Police Official Home Ransacked

QALAT - One militant was killed and another detained when armed insurgents stormed the home of deputy police chief Col. Ghulam Jilani Farahi's residence in Qalat City, the capital of southern Zabul, an official said on Saturday. Farahi told Pajhwok Afghan News that he had prior infor-

mation about the imminent attack and his security men were well-prepared to thwart the attack. He said that one rebel was killed while another apprehended along with pistol during the ensuing battle. He remained unhurt in the assault. (Pajhwok)



Pakistani Troops Again Fire Rockets into Kunar

ASSADABAD - The governor of eastern Kunar province has said Pakistani troops have been firing rockets intermittently for the last five years, which have inflicted heavy casualties on civilians. Governor Wahidullah Kalimzai told a press conference that scores of families had migrated to safer places from Angam, Naray and Sarkano border-

ing areas to avoid casualties because of Pakistani army firing. Pakistani troops had fired around 43 mortar shells in last few days, he alleged, adding that "the mortar shells inflicted heavy men and material losses. The mortar attack by Pakistan has left one person injured just last night, he added. The governor said that he had brought the is-

ssues to the notice of senior officials in Kabul. Replying a question, he said: "Afghan security forces have the ability to protect the motherland from the enemies." Kalimzai expressed his views that Afghan soil had never been used for insurgency since other neighboring states should not be involved in attacks on Afghanistan. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Theoretically, you should be able to find plenty of time to rest today. However, you have chores to finish and it seems that the faster you go now, the less you accomplish. Nevertheless, awareness is the key to change. Once you understand the underlying dynamic, you can slow down your external response to emotional news even if you have an immediate reaction.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It's not like you're being unreasonable; you simply want to carve out some personal time at home today. You like the notion of being free to do things your own way, but you could run into obstacles when family members make their needs known. The fact of the matter is your current happiness depends upon your ability to meet others halfway, even if you feel like resisting at first.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Being keenly aware of your feelings today is unavoidable while the reflective Moon travels through your sign. But peace of mind isn't dependent on sharing every whimsical desire and each fleeting emotion. Nevertheless, exercising caution can counteract the possibility of reacting too quickly as a situation unfolds. Focusing on one specific goal enables you to accomplish more now than running off in several directions all at once.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

People see you as emotionally calmer today, but your fantasies are running non-stop while the evocative Moon lights up your 12th House of Escapism. In fact, your inner life could be so captivating now that you need to retreat from everyone else. Ironically, your withdrawal might be why others think you're more serene than you actually feel.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although you want to kick up your heels and dance the day away, you're worried that your time may be better spent preparing for an upcoming event. However, obsessing about a future commitment won't actually improve your prospects. Meanwhile, energetic Mars joins in the lively Leo party of planets, encouraging you to make the most of the present moment.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

There are many alluring possibilities vying for your attention today, and you could exhaust yourself trying to explore all of them. Tread carefully or you might suddenly decide to surrender and just say yes to everyone else's demands. Nevertheless, it's still wiser to reconsider your options before responding to the changing dynamics. Maintaining your sense of humor helps more than you may think; laughter is the best medicine.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Making one-too-many plans ends up triggering a serious headache now because everything continues to shift and change in spite of your wishes. Don't pack your schedule too tightly; instead, give yourself enough elbow room to act in the moment. Paradoxically, adopting a more spontaneous approach stabilizes your world and improves your productivity.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Strange winds are blowing weird thoughts into your awareness from distant times and other dimensions. Nevertheless, even the smallest dose of trust goes a long way now; you may be happily surprised once you soften your boundaries. Don't worry about the current uncertainty; you don't have to do anything except remain open to the unexpected vagaries of change.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Everyone in your world seems to be moving faster than you, and the frenetic pace tempts you to make a quick escape. However, everything is relative and you may just be moving slower today, making others appear impatient with your progress. Working with friends sounds good on paper, but you might not be able to keep up with them now. Unfortunately, the chaos around you could be a reflection of your boredom.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You may be feeling under a ton of pressure as you approach an important deadline. But forcing a resolution where there's a difference of opinion only frustrates you more and impedes your progress. Although you might want to experiment with a radical solution, take a few steps back now and breathe deeply so you can better appreciate the blessings you already have in your life.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're ready for fun and frivolities now that the Moon is prancing in your 5th House of Spontaneity. Unfortunately, everyone seems to have very different ideas about how to celebrate now. Naturally, you can't force anyone to join you in your game if they're set on playing a different one. Luckily, there's no reason to overreact and postpone your pursuit of pleasure.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You are entranced by someone's cheery disposition today, only to find yourself being lured in a totally different direction a short time later. Nevertheless, you continue to look for another alternative because your current choices seem so similar in the light of day. In an act of desperation, you might even entertain the notion that you can simultaneously follow multiple paths.

Across

- 1. 3-banded armadillo, 6. Small island, 10. Nights before, 14. Chordophones, 15. Whirl, 16. Filly's mother, 17. Boast, 18. Disabled, 19. Hard punch, 20. A device for applying, 22. Assistant, 23. Lease, 24. Sex, 26. Food thickener, 30. Citrus drink, 31. Long-haired wild ox, 32. Anger, 33. Slave, 35. Strike, 39. Strike violently, 41. Side-long, 43. Metal, 44. Travelled through water, 46. Notch, 47. Not high, 49. Since, 50. Sounds of disapproval, 51. Slender, 54. Disgorge, 56. Cab, 57. Detestation, 63. Counter-tenor, 64. Dirt, 65. A kind of macaw, 66. Mentor, 67. Sea eagle, 68. Not drunk, 69. Oceans, 70. Lower limbs.

Down

- 1. Aquatic plant, 2. A mixture of cellulose fibers, 3. At the peak of, 4. Genuine, 5. Active, 6. A New York NHL team, 7. Sprinkle, 8. Large luxurious car, 9. Power, 10. A long artificial mound, 11. Unexpired, 12. Wear away, 13. Waste conduit, 21. Stop, 25. Where the sun rises, 26. Circle fragments, 27. Aureate, 28. ... vera, 29. Insubordinate, 34. Flagstaffs, 36. Colored part of an eye, 37. Turn into the wind, 38. Large North American deer (plural), 40. Smudge, 42. French for "Love", 45. Laundry, 48. Small carnivorous mammal, 51. Bucks, 52. Worth, 53. Spare, 55. Delete, 58. Drill, 59. God of love, 60. Apprehends, 61. Algonquian Indian, 62. Hearing organs.

Yesterday's Solution



around, attend, bill, bitter, bogs, chart, chose, dole, drown, eely, elated, elect, extra, family, first, gangster, gore, ground, hanger, headache, invent, lumber, mode, pales, people, place, prince, read, record, rough, school, seek, spread, string, student, sudden, teen, vanish, woman.

