

Afghan Special Forces Storm Key Taliban Hideouts in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - The Special Forces of the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) stormed some of the key hideouts of the Taliban insurgents in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan.

According to the local government officials, the Afghan security forces confiscated missiles, military trucks, vehicles, laptops, explosives, and other equipment during the raids.

The officials further added that the first raid was conducted on a hideout of the Taliban insurgents in Nawa district leading to the discovery of a cache of the missiles belonging to the Taliban insurgents. Several missiles were discovered and destroyed by the security forces in area #52 of Nawa district, the officials said, adding that the insurgents were looking to use the rockets for the attack on Lashkargah city and Shurbab military base. *...(More on P4)...(19)*



Four Arrested on Charges of Murder, Robbery in Kabul City

KABUL - At least four people have been arrested by the security forces on charges of armed robbery and murder in Kabul city.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) officials in the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said the suspects were arrested in different operations and over different incidents in the city.

The officials further added that one of the suspect was arrested in connection to the murder of resident of Kabul city in the vicinity of the 15th police district.

The Afghan security forces also confiscated a weapon along with the *...(More on P4)...(20)*

2 Arrested in Connection with Murder of

KABUL - Two individuals have been detained by Kabul police in connection with the murder of five children of a family, an official said on Tuesday.

Brig. Gen. Mohammad Salim Almas, crime branch chief for the 101st Asmaee zone, said in a post on his Facebook account that the suspects were arrested on Monday night.

He said five children aged between, 10 and 14, were murdered on July 30 in the Saleem Karwan *...(More on P4)...(21)*

Taliban Shadow District Governor of Jawzjan's Faizabad Killed

FAIZABAD - Local officials say security forces pushed back Taliban attack on a village in Jawzjan province, killing five insurgents.

Mawlawi Ahmadshah, Taliban shadow district governor for Faizabad district of northern Jawzjan province has been killed in a clash with security forces, local officials said on Monday.

In addition, four other insurgents died in the fighting. The clashes took place in Muradyan village of the Faizabad district of the province after dozens of Taliban insurgents attacked the village and clashed with security forces, provincial governor, Sayra Shekib Sadat said. "The clashes started on Sunday and the Taliban suffered heavy casualties," Sadat said. However, she did not provide further *...(More on P4)...(25)*

Would-Be Suicide Bombers Shot Dead in Kapisa

MAHMOOD RAQI - Two would-be suicide bombers have been shot dead in the Tagab district of central Kapisa province, a military statement said on Tuesday.

The 201st Selab Military Corps said the suicide attackers on motorcycles wanted to target security forces in the district on Monday evening. They were gunned down by Afghan soldiers and their suicide vests also went off.

Police spokesman Mohammad Ayub Yousafzai confirmed the incident took place in Ahmadzai area of Tagab. The rebels planned to target Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel but were killed before they could execute their plan. Separately, four insurgent were killed during a clash with security forces in the same district. The Taliban have so far said nothing regarding the incidents. (Pajhwok)

Pakistanis Among 7 Taliban Killed in Ghazni Drone Strike

GHAZNI CITY - At least seven Taliban insurgents have been killed and four others wounded during a US drone strike in southern Ghazni province, an official said on Tuesday. Police spokesman Fahim Amarkhel told Pajhwok Afghan News that US forces carried out the strike on militants in the Gilan district of the province late on Monday night. He said seven militant, including Pakistani rebels, were killed and four others wounded in the air raid, which also hit a vehicle full of weapons. Sidiquallah, an inhabitant of the area, said three militants were killed in the raid. He also claimed seeing a vehicle carrying three insurgents being targeted by the drone. Meanwhile, the Taliban also confirmed the strike. The group's spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said only two fighters were killed. Rockets and mortar shells were being carried by the vehicle struck, he concluded. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Ban Work on Development Projects in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - The Taliban have ordered stopped work on some development projects in Mohammad Agha district of central Logar province, residents complained on Tuesday, a claim the insurgents confirmed.

A tribal elder in the district, Siraj Ahmad, told Pajhwok Afghan News that reconstruction work on the Sorkhab-Pul-i-Kandahari, Dehno-Pul-i-Kandahari and Sorkhab-Barg roads had recently been launched.

He said the government initiated the development projects after many efforts of local people, but the Taliban banned work on the projects about few weeks back. Meanwhile, a tribal elder in Ahmadzayo village, Mihrabuddin, said the rebels had also set afire four vehicles of construction companies working on the roads. "Insurgents told these companies to stop work on the roads but when they ignored and continued their work, the Taliban burnt their vehicles."

They and some other residents of the area asked the Taliban to allow the uplift projects in their areas.

Logar provincial council member Haseebullah Stanikzai confirmed receiving complaints about the issue. He lamented the local administration *...(More on P4)...(23)*

Two Suicide Bombers Shot Dead by Afghan Forces in Kapisa Province

MAHMOOD RAQI - The Afghan security forces shot dead two suicide bombers in northeastern Kapisa province of Afghanistan.

The 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan National Army (ANA) forces officials said the incident took place late on Monday in the vicinity of Tagab district.

The officials further added that the two suicide bombers were attempting to target the convoy of the Afghan security forces riding motorcycles when they were identified and shot



dead. According to the officials, the explosives of the two suicide bombers went off after they were shot dead but no casualties were incurred to the security forces and the ordinary civilians.

The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents *...(More on P4)...(22)*

Senior Police Officials Dismissed after Deadly ISIS Attack on Herat Mosque

HERAT - At least four senior police officials have been dismissed in western Herat province of Afghanistan after a deadly attack on a mosque in Herat city of Afghanistan.

According to the local officials, the four senior police officials were dismissed after a delegation assigned to investigate the incident ended its probe.

Provincial governor's spokesman Jilani Farhad said the investigations revealed negligence on duty



of the dismissed police officials.

He said the officials dismissed includes the head of the counter-terrorism department of Herat police commandment, head of the criminal investigation department, head of the intelligence department, and head of the highway commander of Herat.

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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You may be at a loss for words today, but that won't likely stop you from talking. You might be better off remaining silent as you contemplate the impenetrable gulf that is separating you from others. Your courage inspires you to reach across the emptiness through dialogue now, but you only add to the frustration when you realize that people are misinterpreting your message.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You are inspired by your belief that your desires will be satisfied today. Your optimism brings a smile to your face, but conversations consistently tilt away from the material world now. You might think you're in a strange power struggle with the universe itself.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini While everyone else is overly concerned with the weirdness du jour, you're quietly going about your business. In fact, you are functioning as if you're in your own element. You don't mind it when unpredictable events add a touch of chaos to your day. You can react so quickly because you adapt to the changing circumstances while others stand around without knowing what to do.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Your long-term plans may require revision because your initial assumptions now seem to be wrong. Thankfully, your imagination is running at warp speed, sparking your brain with amazing ideas. Unfortunately, it's not easy to get a thought to hang around long enough to grow into a real plan.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You are happily shining your light today, hoping to spread a little love and kindness wherever you go. But one thing after another lures you away from your already-established itinerary. Nevertheless, each little distraction holds the possibility of profound discoveries. Don't leave any opportunity unexplored now, even if you end up with a day totally different than the one you planned.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo You can't help but wonder how so many people get along with so little common sense. Unfortunately, you may become anxious today, especially if others break their promises. You're not sure why they think that going back on their word is an acceptable behavior. Meanwhile, you avoid confronting anyone about your disappointment because you think that will just make matters worse now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Your life is suddenly more complicated than it was yesterday. You move from situation to situation trying to catch up, but never quite reaching the present moment. You may not have a clue as to what you can do to put the craziness back in the box once it's escaped.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio You may be in touch with your innermost mysteries, but that doesn't mean everyone else wants to hear about them. You must be judicious when talking with others at work because you could say something that sounds colder than you intend today. Nevertheless, you are acting in the role of the truth-teller now, dropping bombs of honesty in casual conversations.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You can put on quite a show today, bragging about your upcoming vacation. Although you know exactly what you're doing and where you are going, how you're going to get to your destination is more complicated. There are still so many details to be worked out that your trip is far from a done deal. Don't try to fake it; it's better to appear honest and uninformed now than be seen as a clever liar later.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You get the feeling that someone isn't telling you all they know. In fact, people may be withholding information to protect your heart. You're driven to get to the bottom of an interpersonal dynamic now, because you want all the facts at your disposal prior to making an important decision.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

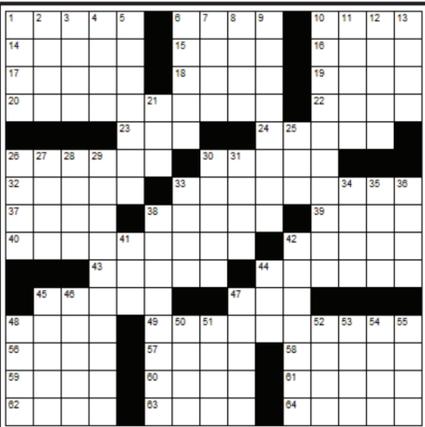


Aquarius Your non-conformist sense of identity may be confusing to others because they encounter you from a different perspective. People think you're friendlier, happier and more optimistic than you might actually feel yourself, but you're quite sensitive to your own thoughts. Your self-awareness is in a state of flux and you can't see yourself clearly today.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You may attempt to stay neutral in a little squabble at work, but following your diplomatic intentions isn't your smartest strategy today. You don't want to rock the boat by adding your radical perspective, but keeping everything calm isn't necessarily in your best interest now. Everyone will benefit by learning from your experience. Nevertheless, sharing a story or some poetry helps to make your point without offending anyone.



Across

1. A kind of macaw, 6. Arid, 10. Drift, 14. A tart fruit, 15. Beseech, 16. Small island, 17. 3rd Greek letter, 18. Feudal worker, 19. Protruding part of the lower jaw, 20. Extremely angry, 22. Knows, 23. Aye, 24. Catkin, 26. Having a woven pattern, 30. Ticketed, 32. Warning, 33. Without compare, 37. Abominable Snowman 38. Very slender, 39. Overhang, 40. People sitting in adjoining seats, 42. Small islands, 43. Steed, 44. Enclose 45. Fictional deer, 47. Altitude (abbrev.), 48. Expunge, 49. Causing irritation, 56. Death notice, 57. Reflected sound, 58. Street urchin, 59. Mongolian desert, 60. Fraud, 61. Make improvements, 62. Sweeping story, 63. Collections, 64. Rips,

Down

1. Aquatic plant, 2. Harvest, 3. Ammunition, 4. Cavort, 5. Expert 6. Eyeglasses, 7. At one time (archaic), 8. Hindu princess, 9. Pleasing visual images, 10. Evil, 11. Pale with fright, 12. A hard kind of stone, 13. 10 10 10 10, 21. Startled cry, 25. Japanese apricot, 26. Not nights, 27. Away from the wind, 28. Anagram of "Meat", 29. Mathematics, 30. A friction match, 31. Rascalions, 33. Derbies or berets, 34. Storm, 35. Always, 36. A musical pause, 38. Trait of being cautious, 41. Unruly crowd, 42. Whole number, 44. Sick, 45. Jazz style, 46. Excuse, 47. "Smallest particles", 48. Venician magistrate, 50. Behold, in old Rome, 51. Not this, 52. Identical, 53. Portent, 54. Subconscious, 55. Terminates

Yesterday's Solution



again, always, beyond, bike, bodies, captain, cliff, description, disappear, discharges, dread, drink, early, east, example, feet, friction, immortal, mint, mistake, peace, peat recent, rulers, scent

