

115 Militants Killed in Joint Operations in Past 48 Hours

KABUL - At least 115 militants were killed in clearing operations conducted by the Afghan National Army (ANA) and the Afghan Air Force (AAF) in the past 48 hours. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Sunday that the operations and airstrikes were conducted in Sherzad and Khogyani districts of Nangarhar, Kohistanat district of Sar-e-Pul, Shohda and Kof Aab of Badakhshan, Mosa Qala and Nawzad districts of Helmand.



Nadershah Kot district of Khost, Aab Band district of Ghazni, Da Herawood district of Uruzgan, Pashtun Kot district of Faryab, Tagab district of Kapisa, Mohammad district of Logar and Barmal district of Paktiak province. A statement by MoD said at least three commanders of the militant groups identified as Mullah Zakir, Mullah Latif and Mullah Baryalai were also among those killed during the operations... (More on P4)... (19)

6 Civilians Wounded in Khost Explosion



KHOST CITY - The explosion occurred at around 3:00pm in the Sargardan Chowk in the Khost City, the provincial capital, in front of a shop, Police Chief Brig. Gen. Faizullah Ghairat told Pajhwok Afghan News. Five persons, including two shopkeepers and a woman and

a child, were injured in the blast, he added. But Dr. Malik Noor, director civil hospital, said six wounded had been brought to the hospital where they were in stable condition. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast. (Pajhwok)

Civilian Casualties in Helmand Rises 12% This Year

LASHKARGAH - The Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) regional office in southern Helmand province said on Sunday civilian casualties have risen 12 percent as compared to 2014 in the province. Mohammad Belal Sediqi, AIHRC head in Helmand, told journalists violence and insecurity had surged in the prov-



ince this year, affecting mostly civilians. He recalled last year 212 civil-

ians had died and 586 others had been wounded, but this year in the first six months alone 128 civilians had lost their lives and 234 more wounded. This, he said, showed a 12 percent rise in the number of casualties. Sediqi said majority of the civilians suffered casualties due to land mines, suicide attacks, and firefights respectively. He blasted both the Taliban ... (More on P4)... (20)

15 Rebels Killed in Kunduz Offensives

KUNDUZ CITY - At least 15 Taliban have been killed during separate operations in northeastern Kunduz province, an official said Sunday. The newly appointed Kunduz police chief Brig. Gen. Qasim Jangalbagh told Pajhwok Afghan News the operations launched after militants captured Khwaja Ghaltn, Hazrat Sultan, Khazani, Quchi and Kuba villages on the outskirts of the capital of Kunduz. He said the villages were recaptured and 15 militants were killed and 28 others wounded during the



operation. The bodies of some of the rebels were still lying on the fight scene. Security forces and civilians suffered no casualties. Taliban did not comment on the incident as of yet. A resident of Kuba village Mohammad Zaman said tens of families have been shifted from Kunduz to the capital of the province due to violence. "We just shifted our family without taking our belongings with us. There was heavy fighting between rebels and security forces and we hardly got out of our homes," he recalled. (Pajhwok)

6 Dead in Helmand Explosion

LASHKARGAH - Six policemen have been killed, two wounded mysteriously and one went missing in the Sangin district of southern Helmand province, security official said on Sunday. Wishing to go unnamed, the official said policemen suffered casualties in an overnight attack on security forces' checkpoint in the Konbandi local-



ity. A tribal elder Alisah Khan said four policemen had been killed and as many wounded in militants' attack. Three Taliban fighters had been killed and four wounded in the gun battle, he added. (Pajhwok)

ANA Soldiers Among Scores Dead in Sar-I-Pul Offensive

SAR-I-PUL - At least 67 Taliban insurgents and 6 others Afghan National Army (ANA) were killed and injured in anti-militants offensive in the Kohistanat district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said on Sunday. The operation codenamed Shamshir-Do (Sword-2) started on Tuesday to purge the dis-



trict of anti-state elements. The district fell to Taliban last month. Lt. Gen. Karamuddin Yawar, deputy interior minister, headed the operation amid claims that 40 militants were killed and 27 others wounded in the ensuing clashes... (More on P4)... (23)

Pakistan's Military Continues Kunar Rocket Attack: Official

ASADABAD - Wahidullah Kalimzai, the governor of Kunar on Sunday confirmed that over the past several days at least 43 missiles have hit the border areas of Kunar province killing one civilian and wounding a 9 year-old Afghan kid. "It is very unfortunate to say that 43 rockets have hit several areas in Nari, Sarkano and other districts of Kunar



over the past few days. The attacks have caused the destruction of several homes, killed one civilian and wounded another," Kalimzai said on Sunday... (More on P4)... (21)

10 Insurgents Killed in Nangarhar Drone Attacks

JALALABAD - At least 10 insurgents were killed in foreign troops drone strikes in eastern Nangarhar province on Saturday, local officials said. The operation was launched in Haskamina district of the province to clear Taliban and Daesh insurgents. At least 10 were killed, the National Directorate of Security (NDS)

department of Nangarhar said in a statement. "There were no civilian casualties during the attacks," it said. However, the statement did not provide more details about the attack. The attacks come a week after 66 Taliban and Daesh insurgents were killed in seven... (More on P4)... (22)



2 Civilians Killed in Kandahar Roadside Mine Blast

KANDAHAR CITY - At least two civilians were killed in a roadside mine blast in southern Kandahar on Saturday evening, local officials said. In addition, six other people were injured in the blast. The incident took place in Maiwand district of the



province after a bus struck a roadside mine killing the two civilians, Kandahar Media Office said in a statement. "A seven-year-old girl is also among the injured," it said. No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the incident. (Tolnews)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Don't fall victim to believing that you can do everything today. You may be shocked when you realize you've been so busy lately putting out fires that you forgot to do something that was quite important. Hopefully, you discover your omission early enough in the day to remedy the situation before things grow out of hand.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You might assume that a cautious approach to scheduling your time will prevent any logistical issues from spoiling your day. Unfortunately, it's nearly impossible to think of everything in advance. Don't worry if something urgent pops up unexpectedly today. Rather than reacting fearfully, consider what this new situation can teach you and remain as open as possible.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your emotions are changing so rapidly that it's too complicated to explain what you're feeling each moment. However, by the time you attempt to share your emotions, they have already begun to shift. You may try to talk really fast to anyone who will listen because you're anxious to catch the wave; unfortunately, this fear-based strategy will only add to your frustration.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

It's not easy to be very patient today because you're expecting something wonderful to happen at work. The Moon's return to your sign is emotionally empowering, but you're still not likely to tell others what you need. You see no reason to waste time with words when a straightforward approach of incisive action will lead you directly to your goal.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although a variety of social activities has kept you hopping during the past few days, you might feel the need to crawl back under the covers. But even if you long to be alone, you can still benefit greatly from collaborating with others. Shutting yourself off from the rest of the world isn't your best move, find something exciting to do that you can't help but want to share with your peers.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You can be incredibly picky when choosing your friends, but letting down your guard is no problem at all once you give your stamp of approval. In fact, your openness can be rather disarming today as you shift gears instantaneously. Others might be quite surprised if they judge you too quickly by your appearance because your aloofness disappears once you make the choice to warm up.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You aren't interested in taking on any extra responsibilities today, prompting you to distance yourself from coworkers who place too many demands on you. You prefer someone else to be in charge now so people won't depend on you so much. Unfortunately, it's not so easy to avoid new obligations, especially if you recently led others to assume you would be there for them in a pinch.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You might have a case of the jitters, yet engaging in physical activity doesn't seem to calm your nerves. You won't be able to work off your excess energy by throwing yourself into a job. In fact, pursuing creative endeavors might be your best chance for finding any peace. Proving your worth by being productive is a misguided strategy; focus on what brings you pleasure.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are weary of trying to compete with people who are so wrapped up with their perfect performances that they miss the point. You have even less patience for those folks who don't share your goals. Rather than pretending to be interested in things that don't matter to you, reserve your energy for more meaningful interactions. One deeply moving connection is more emotionally satisfying now than any number of trivial ones.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

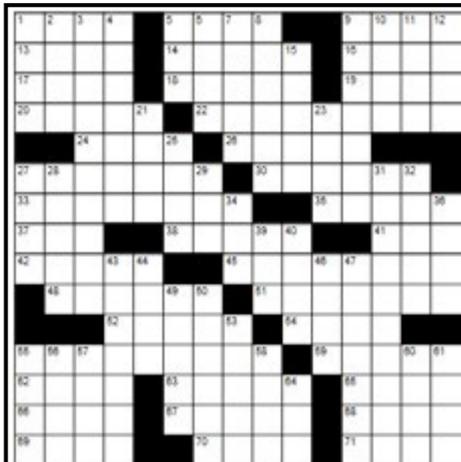
You feel a dramatic shift in your energy today as superficial conversations with coworkers start to make your skin crawl. Although you're often more likely to engage in a pragmatic discussion, the nurturing Cancer Moon reveals your softer and sweeter side. Don't worry about people thinking you're weak for expressing your feelings.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Although you may not be actively seeking new information now, you still might be confronted with a radical idea that contradicts your prior assumptions about relationships. Today's news could temporarily turn your life inside out as shocking Uranus rattles Mercury the Messenger. However, once you realize the truth, you'll be grateful that you had the courage to change your point of view.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You recently obtained a surprising scoop on someone you know and can't help but wonder if it is true. However, it's critical to consider the source of any incoming data so you can discern whether or not it's worthy of your attention. Refrain from saying anything prematurely today; if you're unsure about the validity of the facts, then bite your tongue until you know the whole story.



Across
1. Dad, 5. Offers, 9. Nobleman, 13. Winglike, 14. French farewell, 16. Colored part of an eye, 17. French for "Black", 18. Long for, 19. Anagram of "Silo", 20. Agile Old World viverrine, 22. Uneducated person, 24. Praise, 26. Type of antelope, 27. Bitter, 30. Andean animals, 33. Mass murder, 35. Fish broth, 37. Commercial, 38. Lofty nest, 41. Detachable container, 42. Serf, 45. A through route, 48. Rickettsial disease, 51. Thirstily, 52. Dynamism, 54. Roman robe, 55. Pouched mammal, 59. Filled to excess, 62. God of love, 63. Follow as a result, 65. It ebbs and flows, 66. Brother of Jacob, 67. Phillipine tribal chief, 68. Hard work, 69. School session, 70. Caustics, 71. Against.

Down
1. Twinge, 2. Balm ingredient, 3. In a non-hurting manner, 4. Indebtedness, 5. Alcove, 6. Notion, 7. Instrument indicators, 8. Periodical, 9. Panorama, 10. Murres, 11. A man's skirt, 12. Being, 15. Up to, 21. Brass instrument, 23. Quaint outburst, 25. Cut into cubes, 27. Nursemaid, 28. Trainee, 29. Weep, 31. A cherished desire, 32. Sand bar, 34. Historic period, 36. Lazily, 39. Fury, 40. French for "State", 43. Nocturnal arboreal marsupial, 44. You (archaic), 46. Prima donna problems, 47. Sailing competition, 49. Refereed, 50. Anagram of "Plains", 53. Hurried, 55. Encounter, 56. Backside, 57. Lion sound, 58. Pear-shaped instrument, 60. Modify, 61. Sandwich shop, 64. Dawn goddess.

Yesterday's Solution
about, another, belief, bore, bright, cheer, conversation, correction, dream, empire, force, free, hills, horse, jackpot, obedience, online, origin, profession, quest, rale, rose, salt, sewer, stove, stolen, string, thirst, tower, trail, updates, vault, worth, writ.

