

103 Rebels Killed, 45 Wounded in 24 Hours: MoD

KABUL - About 150 militants were either killed or wounded during operations over the past 24 hours in various parts of the country, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said on Friday. The operations, conducted in 13 provinces, included 18 clearing and pre-planned operations, 10 special operations and one nighttime raid, a MoD statement said, claiming 103 armed opponents were killed and 45 others wounded and while a landmine making expert was detained. The statement said the operations were carried out in Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman, Kapisa, Paktia, Paktika, Ghazni, Zabul, Kandahar, Badghis, Baghlan, Faryab, Kunduz, Sar-i-Pul, Badakhshan and Helmand provinces. At least 46 insurgents were killed in Paktia's Janikhel and Zurmat districts alone, including 20 foreign fighters and another 16 were wounded, the MoD statement said. There was no word from the rebels about the MoD's claims. (Pajhwok)



3 Killed, 11 Injured in Takhar Mosque Attack

TALOQAN - Gunmen opened fire at worshippers inside a mosque in Ab Chah district of northeastern Takhar province on Friday, killing three people and injuring nearly a dozen more, an official said. Six of the wounded people were said to be in critical condition and the death toll might increase, the governor's spokesman, Sunnatullah Taimur, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said people were offering Friday's prayers when they were attacked at 1pm following a clash between gunmen loyal to militia commander Bashir Qanat and local illegal gunmen over the appointment of a prayer leader ahead of the prayers. Commander Qanat had asked the mosque imam, Mualvi Mehfoozullah, to leave the mosque, but ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

16 Civilians Dead in Nangarhar Airstrikes



JALALABAD - Sixteen civilians were killed in two airstrikes by foreign forces in the Haska Mena district of eastern Nangarhar province during a joint operation with Afghan forces a day earlier, the district administrative head said on Friday. Saz Wali Shinwari told Pajhwok Afghan News the joint Afghan and foreign forces operation was carried out in Paen area on Thursday. He said the foreign forces also hit people who were on foot in the same area, killing another eight people, including four from the same family. He said the dead were not recognizable and ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

15 Taliban Killed, Scores Injured in Paktika Offensive

SHARANA - At least 15 militants have been killed, including some foreigners, during an Afghan forces' operation entering a second day on Friday in the Gomal district of southeastern Paktika province, an official said. Scores of militants were also wounded during the two days of the ongoing operation, Afghan National Army's sixth battalion commander in Paktika, Col. Mohammad Ayub, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said the dead militants including some Pakistanis and others. The joint Afghan forces were trying to reach the district centre today (Friday) but their advance had been slow due to landmines on the roads. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Protestors Say Police Killed 2 Villagers, Injured 6

JALALABAD - Protesting residents on Friday closed the Jalalabad-Torkham highway for six hours in Behsud district of eastern Nangarhar province after what they alleged police demolished their homes and killed two people and injured six others. The angry protestors said police opened fire at them after they resisted demolishing their homes in Samarkhel area under the pretext of preventing land grabbing. However, the provincial government accused the residents of firing at the police who were sent to the area to prevent land grabbing. The protestors, who blocked thousands of vehicles on both sides of the road, said police surrounded their area under the pretext of launching an operation and then started demolishing people's home and opened fire after locals showed resistance. A tribal elder and participant of the demonstration, Malak Aman, said people who lived in the area had fled their homes in districts due to insecurity. He said the government instead of facilitating the uprooted families was demolishing their ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

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Funded By	World Bank
Item Description	Consultancy Services for Supervision Engineer (SE) to assess the delivery of natural gas of the Sheberghan fields and to provide supervision, quality assurance and technical support for the Construction of a Gas Pipeline from Sheberghan to Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan
Reference No	NPA/MEW/96/CS-1825/QCBS
Deadline for Submission of EOI	August 28, 2017, 15:00 Hrs (Kabul Local Time)
Address for Submission of EOI	Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail, or by e-mail): Attention: Mr. Aziz Ahmad Obaidi Consultancy Services Procurement Department National Procurement Authority Administrative Office of the President 5 th floor, Pashtunestan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan Email: aziz.obaidi@aop.gov.af copy to wais.rahimi@aop.gov.af , n.wahidi@aop.gov.af , w.jabarkhel@mew.gov.af , ahabmu@gmail.com , malik.ghanizada@aop.gov.af and wahid.frogh@gmail.com
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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You realize that your current work is not just about completing your chores today. It's beginning to dawn on you that it's going to be a while before you reach your current goals. Nevertheless, you're committed to fulfilling your obligations, however long it might take. Make a list of everything you thought would be done by now.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus Your love life is driven by fantasy today, but reality may deal you a different hand. In fact, you could feel as if you're stuck; you aren't making any progress, yet you're not unhappy enough to attempt an escape. You have a fun-filled agenda mapped out for the weekend, but people might bail on you at the last moment, leaving you to fend for yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You are ready to explore new territory today, but prior commitments make it difficult to find the time for your adventure. You don't believe that anyone is purposefully holding you back, yet you're willing to justify your behavior anyhow. Ultimately, private discussions with a close family member or friend will offer you the motivation you need.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You may revisit an unfinished conversation with a friend in order to clear up a lingering misunderstanding. At first, the tension increases as you talk, making you question the wisdom of your actions. Emotions can become heated because your perspectives are so different. In fact, winning an argument is an unrealistic goal today.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You want to apply your quick thinking to invent new avenues of income. However, everything takes longer than it should today and you don't understand the reason for all the delays. Instead of worrying about the timing, concentrate on the practicality of your plans. The more grounded your intellect, the sooner you can manifest the fruits of your labor.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo You might experience one annoying mix-up after another today, but nothing serious enough to stop you in your tracks. Your key planet Mercury turns retrograde in your sign, changing the rhythm of your conversations. You want to continue a discussion, but you're at a loss for words. Don't force any answers if nothing comes to mind. The flow will pick up again on its own accord, so be ready to ride the next wave when it hits.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You may be picking through the backwaters of your mind today in search of a lost idea or quote, but the more you look, the less you yield. You can't find what you're hunting for but neither can you set your quest aside. The subconscious has a magical way of adding meaning to whatever you perceive while clever Mercury retrogrades

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Try as you might, you can't figure out your place in your network of friends now. One minute you feel like the ringleader of the pack, and the next minute you're doubting the reasons for your participation. Thankfully, you can ground yourself today by following through on what you already started, stabilizing your role in the community.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Your mind is on the long-term trajectory of your career and you wonder why your progress seems to be stymied now. You might feel frustrated if your ambitious strategy isn't creating the forward movement you expected. Nevertheless, this is not a smart time to walk away from your current plans. Make another attempt and fiercely focus on accomplishing your goals.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You have recently stretched the envelope in new and daring ways. But you don't want to take the time to explain your thought process to others. In fact, you may have left out quite a bit of the story, for the step-by-step details are not within your grasp today. Don't get sidetracked by the minor obstacles that crop up now; plan on working out the rest of the plot as you continue on your way.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius You are turning into an investigator now and will continue to dig into the unknown until you have all the facts. However, you may be facing stiff resistance as you bump into someone who is opposing your progress. Don't get caught up in petty ego battles; confrontation is not the highest use of your current passion.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces People may mislead you today, but they aren't doing it on purpose. Mercury's retrograde turn in your 7th House of Others can add confusion to a relationship because you're likely to misunderstand one another. Fortunately, this is not rocket science; listen carefully and ask plenty of questions if you are unsure of what you heard. George Bernard Shaw wrote, "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken

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Across

1. Wooden shoe, 6. Small island, 10. Anagram of "Cabs", 14. Any compound of oxygen, 15. Honey insects, 16. Spring, 17. Leather shorts, 19. Thorny flower, 20. Black Sea port, 21. Reverence, 22. Ailments 23. Swelling under the skin, 25. Church recesses, 26. F F F F, 30. Polecat, 32. Detach, 35. Obsolete, 39. Located in the north, 40. Sullen, 41. Cardigan, 43. Bad-mouth, 44. Preclude, 46. Flower stalk, 47. Astray, 50. Swerves, 53. Baroque composer, 54. Martini ingredient, 55. Not the youngest, 60. Against, 61. Pronounced, 63. See the sights, 64. Winglike, 65. Mistake, 66. At one time (archaic), 67. Scramble piece, 68. Famous,

Down

1. Alone, 2. Cut down, 3. Remain, 4. Poems, 5. Brusque, 6. Nigerian tribesman, 7. Benni, 8. Upwind, 9. Feudal worker, 10. Sacred Christian writings, 11. Chills, 12. Passageway, 13. Consecrate, 18. Possessed, 24. F, 25. Fable writer, 26. Wanes, 27. Current, 28. Not aft, 29. PULLOVER, 31. Edges, 33. Promises, 34. Took flight, 36. Classify, 37. Being, 38. Consider, 42. A pasta dish, 43. Consumed food, 45. Available to lease, 47. Decrease, 48. Country estate, 49. Convulsion, 51. Record (abbrev.), 52. Streamlined, 54. Annoying insect, 56. "Phooey!", 57. River of Spain, 58. Not fast, 59. Small slender gull, 62. Fury

Yesterday's Solution

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