

AAF Raid Leaves 5 Militants Dead in Ghor Province

FEROZ KOH - At least 5 militants were killed in an airstrike conducted by the Afghan Air Force (AAF) in the central Ghor province of Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Sunday that the airstrike was carried out in Pasaband district. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. Pasaband is among the relatively volatile provinces in Ghor province where the anti-government armed militants occasionally conduct insurgency activities.

Recent reports suggested that several Afghan



security personnel were trapped following a coordinated attack by the Taliban militants in this district.

However local officials said the siege was broken and at least two security posts overrun by the Taliban militants were recaptured by the Afghan forces. Ghor provinces borders the restive Helmand province in the south which has been witnessing growing violence during the recent weeks. Both the Taliban insurgents and the Afghan forces have suffered heavy ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Bomb Blast Destroys School in Zabul

QALAT - A bomb blast organized by militants destroyed a primary school in Zabul district with Qalat as its capital 340 km south of Kabul on Sunday, a local official said.

"Militants exploded an explosive device inside a school in Shahr-e-Safa district early Saturday and destroyed the building," district governor Abdul Samad Durani told Xinhua.

Since the attack happened early morning, no one was hurt in the blast, the official asserted. The official, however, blamed the enemies of peace, a reference to the Taliban for organizing the blast.

Taliban militants who had outlawed modern education and girls school during their rule which collapsed in late 2001 are yet to claim responsibility. More than 400 schools have been shut down due to security reasons in southern parts of Afghanistan where Taliban militants are active. *(Xinhua)*

8 Years on, Cases of 84 Kandahar Jail Inmates Yet to be Tried

KANDAHAR CITY - Cases of 84 prisoners in the jail in southern Kandahar province have been uninvestigated for the past eight years, appellat court officials say.

The authorities were trying to investigate the cases in a way to ensure justice, Appellant Court Judge Fazal Hadi Fazil said in an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News.

He acknowledged the cases of 84 prisoners in Kandahar jail had been pending since 2008. Information about the uncertain fate of the prisoners surfaced after the court appointed a commission to visit the Kandahar



central jail once a month. Most of the 84 inmates are security personnel, who are accused of different offences, including murder. Fazil said the cases remained pending in attorney office, which did not refer them ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Road Leading to Paktia's Janikhel District Reopens

KABUL - The road connecting the Janikhel district of southeastern Paktia province with other parts of the province has been reopened for traffic, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Sunday.

A statement from MoD said Afghan Army Chief Gen. Qadam Shah Shaheem visited security check-points along with the Thunder Military Corps commander in Chamkani and Janikhel districts. He called the situation satisfactory and met religious scholars. Gen. Shaheem assured them of improved security in the area. Janikhel patients would be airlifted to the capital by the Afghan Air Force planes, he promised. The elders and Ulema assured the army chief of cooperation with security forces. *(Pajhwok)*

21 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Kunduz Operation

KUNDUZ CITY - At least 21 Taliban insurgents were killed in a military operation in northern Kunduz province on Saturday, local officials said on Sunday.

In addition, eight other insurgents were wounded. The operation was conducted by security forces in Imam Sahib district of the province to clear the insurgents, according to officials. There were no military or civilian casualties



in the operation, officials said. However, officials did not provide further details about the operation. The operation comes in the wake of recent attacks against military outposts by insurgents. *(Tolonews)*

Helmand Police Chief Targeted in Roadside Bomb Explosion

LASHKARGAH - The provincial police chief of the southern Helmand province was targeted in an explosion earlier this evening, the security officials said.

Preliminary reports suggested the police chief of Helmand province Aqa Noor Kentoz sustained injuries in the attack. However, Sediq Sediqi, spokesman for the Ministry of Interior, said at least three policemen were wounded in the explosion but the police chief was not harmed seriously.

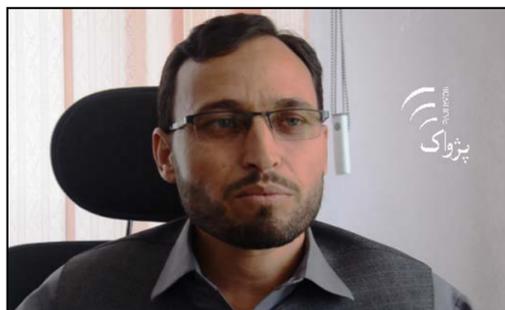
He said the incident took place on the main highway of southern Helmand province after an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) went off. The incident comes as the security situation in Helmand province has sharply deteriorated during the recent weeks. The Taliban militants have launched numerous coordinated ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

Several Development Projects Ongoing in Khost City

KHOST CITY - Local officials in southeastern Khost province on Sunday pledged greater services and facilities for the residents of the provincial capital.

Khost City Mayor Eng. Mohammad Umar told Pajhwok Afghan News that 14 ongoing development projects, including the construction of roads, bridges, culverts and canals, would be completed soon.

He said the projects would be completed at a cost of 260 million afghanis. The most important project was the construction and rehabilitation of a seven kilometres



road inside the city, he added. "Some roads constructed decades earlier were in dilapidated condition and its rehabilitation was necessary and the municipality gives priority to the project," the mayor added. Residents expressed happiness over the execution of uplift ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

ISIS Militants Suffer Casualties in US Drone Strike

JALALABAD - The loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group suffered casualties in the latest airstrike carried out by the US forces in Afghanistan.

The provincial police department in Nangarhar province confirmed that the loyalists of the terror group were targeted late on Saturday evening in Achin district.

The militants were targeted in Pekha area of Achin district leaving at least two of them dead, the provincial police said, adding that the local residents and the security forces did not suffer any casualties in the raid. The loyalists of



the terror group have not commented regarding the report so far. The US forces based in Afghanistan are regularly targeting the loyalists of the terror group in eastern Nangarhar province by conducting strikes. The persistent raids by US forces come as the Afghan forces are engaged in a major operation to eliminate the loyalists of the terror group from Nangarhar. The ISIS loyalists suffered a major blow late last month after their group ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Although you strive to make decisions based upon the facts, even the clearest picture is blurred today. Forgive yourself for not being able to discern the truth now, especially when trying to explain your feelings to others. Venus, the planet of personal love, opposes Neptune, the planet of spiritual love, catching you in a fantasy web of your own making.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Knowing what you want from others is the key to opening love's door today, yet you must be willing to make reasonable compromises regarding your expectations to find satisfaction. The practical Capricorn Moon fosters stability, but fantasy rules when magnetic Venus opposes enchanting Neptune, making a fairy-tale romance too alluring to resist.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your sharp perceptions are tingling as they help you decipher the underlying messages of recent events. However, separate ideas and images start to weave together in a logical way, revealing the big patterns that show you how to be more efficient in the future. This entangling of thoughts can result in disoriented feelings when needy Venus opposes foggy Neptune in your 10th House of Status, making it difficult to find direction in your search for meaning.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

It's reasonable to make a sacrifice for love or approval, as long as the other side is willing to meet you halfway. Unfortunately, giving everything with the unrealistic hope that you'll get your fair share in return is not a sustainable strategy. Dreaming and scheming with someone can be a lot of fun now as long as you remain in the world of fantasy without making any serious commitments. Because

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You might be feeling quite hopeful one moment and somewhat doubtful the next. A rational Capricorn Moon is pitted against an irrational Venus-Neptune opposition today, making for a volatile mix of calculated ambition and unavoidable hypersensitivity. One person may seem like a bully while the other plays the role of a victim.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Relationships aren't necessarily all that they appear to be today. You may be quite sweet on someone while romantic Venus in your 1st House of Self opposes spiritual Neptune in your 7th House of Relationships. However, the biggest danger is setting yourself up for future heartache, since fantasies can seem so authentic that they feel palatable. Thankfully, a simple reality check now can minimize the emotional letdown later on.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're in a rather somber mood while the Moon is visiting serious Capricorn. You plan on narrowing your options now that Venus is in discriminating Virgo, but her opposition to blurry Neptune makes it nearly impossible to focus on what you want. In your fantasies you can have it all. Nevertheless, there are important matters to consider; although your imagination is extraordinarily vivid today.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

It may be challenging to distinguish between your dreams and reality today, so be careful about believing that all is well if it isn't. Sexy Venus opposes illusory Neptune in your 5th House of Romance, creating a heightened sense of fantasy. You want to experience the ideal union and won't be satisfied with physical pleasure unless the elusive spiritual component is also present.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

The spotlight of recognition and appreciation shines on you now that three planets are activating your 10th House of Status. However, Neptune can leave you wildly dejected if your expectations are too high and an opposition from delectable Venus is too idealistic. Nevertheless, exercising a little self-restraint at the right time restores your faith in dreams while simultaneously keeping you realistic about what you can accomplish.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

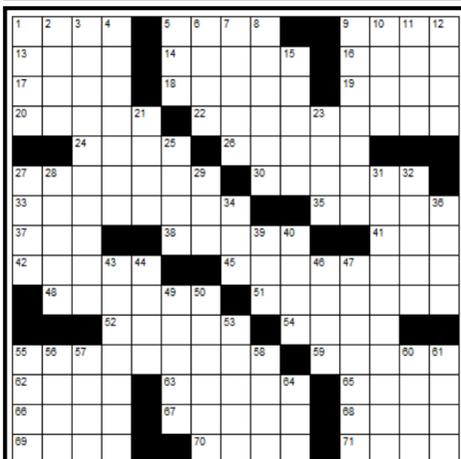
Although you might drift into fantasy realms today, you're unlikely to get completely lost in the mists of illusion because the reflective Moon is firmly anchored in your sensible sign. Nevertheless, your heart and soul are gently opening due to an inspiring opposition of delightful Venus to magical Neptune. Don't be afraid to dream; instead of gazing at the distant horizon with no idea how to reach it.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may spend money unwisely today or feel a bit betrayed by people when receptive Venus opposes deceptive Neptune in your 2nd House of Personal Resources. Fortunately, you are rational and clear-headed enough to adopt a more practical outlook on life. Nevertheless, there is an undeniable tension now between your desires and your social obligations.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Compassion is admirable, yet quite difficult to maintain if it's not reciprocated in some way. A partner may lack credibility today when vulnerable Venus in your 7th House of Associates opposes slippery Neptune. Knowing what you want and holding people accountable for their actions are essential pieces of the puzzle while the Moon is visiting earthy Capricorn. Remember, you can't afford to have untrustworthy allies when there's so much at stake.



Across
 1. Pervert, 5. Q-Tip, 9. Yucky, 13. Beige, 14. Exudes, 16. Not stereo, 17. Throat-clearing sound, 18. Steam bath, 19. Ship's front, 20. Deposits of ore, 22. Rataplan, 24. Bothers, 26. Hinder, 27. Incite, 30. Fundamentals, 33. Chasten, 35. Lacquer ingredient, 37. Confederate soldier, 38. Lyric poem, 41. Directed, 42. Panache, 45. It protects a nut, 48. A type of organic compound, 51. Palatable, 52. Jagged, 54. See the sights, 55. Consolidated, 59. Dish, 62. Decorative case, 63. Dog-_, 65. At the peak of, 66. "Your majesty" 67. Column of wood, 68. Heredity unit, 69. Stigma, 70. Evasive, 71. Border.

Down
 1. Loyal (archaic), 2. Reflected sound, 3. Praiseworthy, 4. Arm bone, 5. Mayday, 6. Blue dye, 7. Sky-blue, 8. Deaden, 9. Jeopardize, 10. Daughter of Zeus and Demeter, 11. Clove hitch or figure eight, 12. Ouches, 15. Brazilian dance, 21. Three-handed card game, 23. Headquarters, 25. Anagram of "Ties", 27. Unit of land, 28. Verify, 29. Clairvoyant's gift, 31. Famous, 32. Aroma, 34. A very long period, 36. Doing nothing, 39. Fitting, 40. French for "State", 43. Artist's workroom, 44. Ripped, 46. "Cut that out!", 47. Cargo transport, 49. Snouts, 50. Break out, 53. Creepy, 55. To tax or access, 56. Ear-related, 57. Emanation, 58. A small wooded hollow, 60. Chinese mafia, 61. Type of sword, 64. Former North African rule.

Yesterday's Solution
 LITER, OHMS, ADDS, ORATE, FEET, FRET, AME, ENTHRALLED, EMIR, SPOT, GYRATE, BALD, MAH, EAT, OBOE, DOWL, WASTE, SUBSIDY, GULL, KITTEN, STOIC, DAWN, TEND, BOB, ILL, EWES, CRANNY, LIES, AURA, STENTORIAN, GRIT, STORE, NAUHO, EASE, UNFOS, ASKED, SLED, SUNS, RHYME

absence, alone, arena, battle, bolt, cant, caper, casino center, chin, coach, confident, easily, fight, final, first, fright, hare, heart, lair, medal, movie, notice, passengers, pine, prince, record, recuperate, role, sheep, shire, skills, sport, submarine, three, throw.

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