

# Tagab District of Badakhshan Fully Cleared of Taliban

**Officials have said however that the surviving insurgents fled to neighboring Yamgan district following the military operation.**

FAIZABAD - Army officials from Badakhshan province said that after conducting a seven day operation Tagab district of Badakhshan has been fully cleared of Taliban and that the insurgents suffered a heavy casualty toll. A number of Taliban were also detained during the operation, army officials said. Army officials said that Taliban retreated to the neighboring district of Yamgan. "We conducted a very effective operation and at the first step we cleared Tagab district and we took back ... vehicles which the enemy seized from the security forces," said Mir Abdul Wahid, an army official in Badakhshan. "Badakhshan police provided all the possibilities and equipment to the local police forces and we ... (More on P4)...(14)



## Mamozai Wants Massive Offensive Against Rebels in Laghman

JALALABAD - The Laghman Provincial Council (PC) head has called unemployment the main reason behind the insecurity, urging the government to launch a clearing offensive in the province. In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Rafiqullah Mamozai said on Wednesday the militants had a strong presence in villages, making life miserable for the common people. On the other hand, government officials claimed the security situation had markedly improved after the establishment of new check-posts and military bases in the eastern province. Mamozai said the local elders had assured the government of cooperation in maintaining security. He asked the authorities to work for eliminating the main driver of the conflict -- unemployment. "As long as unemployment persists, incidents of insecurity and violence will be happening. Youth are swelling the ranks of militants' due to unemployment. There is no ideological motive behind the war," he remarked. Mamozai suggested the government launch a clearing operation in rural areas of Laghman to ensure durable peace and stability. He, however, acknowledged the security ... (More on P4)...(15)

## Taliban District Chief Among 5 Rebels Dead in Ghazni: MoI

KABUL - Five Taliban, including the group district chief, have been killed in the Gilan and Qarabagh districts of southern Ghazni province, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement. Mullah Sefatullah, the Taliban shadow chief for Gilan district was killed in an armed attack in the same district. Separately, three Taliban, including the group intelligence operative Mullah Rahmatullah, was killed in security forces attack in Qarabagh district. Security forces recover weapons and ammunition from the insurgent. No security personnel or civilian suffered casualties during the clash. The Afghan National Defense and Security Forces have stepped up Counter-Terrorism operations to suppress the insurgency activities of the terror groups. (Pajhwok)

## Jobless Ghazni Youth Receiving Vocational Training

GHAZNI CITY - The labor and social affairs department in southern Ghazni province is imparting various vocational trainings to 100 jobless youth, including girls, to enable them to financially support their families. Abdul Bari Rahimi, the labor and social affairs director, told Pajhwok Afghan News the youth were being imparted vocational courses for six months in different fields. He said the trainees included 35 girls who were being trained by professional teachers. They received training in tailoring, carpentry, embroidery and mobile repair. ... (More on P4)...(16)



## Afghan who Helped US Military Fears Deportation

NEWARK, N.J. - A lawyer for an Afghan man who helped the U.S. military says he fears deportation. The man has been detained since he tried to enter the United States on a special visa at Newark Liberty International Airport on March 13. His lawyer says the visa is granted to only those who face an "ongoing danger." The American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey announced Tuesday that it has asked a federal judge



to immediately release the 25-year-old or order that he receive a bond hearing to determine whether his detention is justified. An immigration judge last week ruled that the deportation case against the man would proceed. The ACLU says he worked for five years in dining services for the U.S. Armed Forces and U.S. Embassy. (AP)

## HIA Harshly Criticizes Pro-Iran Media of Sparking Tensions

KABUL - The Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar has harshly criticized certain media outlets, specifically the ones being operated from Iran, of sparking tensions among the various sects, groups, or movements in Afghanistan. Noting the recent media reports regarding the ongoing differences and deadly clashes among the Taliban and ISIS militants in Afghanistan, Hezb-e-Islami strongly condemned the reports suggesting that the party will side with Deash, ISIS loyalists, in the event tensions further intensify among the two militant groups. According to a statement by Hezb-e-Islami, such rumors and reports are only aimed sparking further tensions among the people belonging to different sects and groups in a bid to keep fueling the violence in Afghanistan. The statement further added that the ISIS militants operating in Afghanistan are only the former militants of the Taliban group who have only changed their insurgency by changing the color of their flags. The party also insisted that the ideology ... (More on P4)...(17)



## Uruzgan Hospital Delivered 450 Dead, Injured in 12 Months

TIRINKOT - As many as 452 dead and injured people were delivered at the Civil Hospital in the capital of central Uruzgan province during the past one year, health officials said on Wednesday. Hospital Director Aminullah Tokhi told reporters here they daily imposed emergency in the hospital since the conflict surged in Tirinkot and districts in the past one year. He said they treated more casualties resulting from the ongoing conflict this year compared to the previous year as a large number of dead and wounded civilians and military personnel were delivered to the facility for treatment. Tokhi said more than 450 dead and injured people, including civilians and security forces, were shifted to the hospital in the past 12 months. He said 23 slain security personnel and 194 injured and 18 dead civilians and 217 wounded had been brought to the hospital during the period. He said both parties to the conflict used civilian population as shield, thus risking civilians' lives. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

**Aries** Ignoring an intriguing opportunity isn't your style, but you could be over-inundated with invitations that sound potentially rewarding now. You can't stop people from sharing their big ideas with you when enriching Venus squares buoyant Jupiter in your 7th House of Others. However, it's prudent to be extremely discerning

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

**Taurus** Making time for guilty pleasures complicates your day, but that won't likely prevent you from trying. You are longing for a taste of the sweetness of life while delicious Venus dynamically squares joyous Jupiter. Nevertheless, a whimsical fancy can grow into a distracting compulsion if you deny your needs.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

**Gemini** Thinking about a romantic liaison can hijack your morning, but following through might be more difficult than you expect. Oddly enough, what seemed so urgent earlier becomes lost in the busyness of the day. However, taking a break from the noise enables you to reconnect with the feelings you set aside. The Beatles sang, "Money can't buy you love."

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

**Cancer** Love is on your mind today, but you don't need fireworks or expensive gifts. Instead, you long for emotional security and it might feel like you can't get enough of it while romantic Venus in your sign squares giant Jupiter. You're treading through tricky territory once the Moon enters tenacious Cancer, tempting you to cling to someone you adore.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

**Leo** Although you often resort to dramatic gestures to demonstrate your affection, you may hold your feelings closer to your chest today. Beautiful Venus is camping out in your 12th House of Privacy now, urging you to express yourself in more intimate ways. Nevertheless, you are so energized that your emotions will be apparent to others.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

**Virgo** You may attempt to create opportunities to hang out with kindred spirits today. However, engineering social events is complicated by your preoccupation with unresolved emotional issues. Retrograde Mercury turns your thoughts inward as it travels through your 1st House of Personality. Nevertheless, you still have the choice to step outside of your self-oriented frame of reference and establish meaningful connections with your network.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

**Libra** Your need to be recognized by your workmates may conflict with your wish to cultivate a personal relationship. Naturally, you want both but might have to choose one or the other because of demands on your time today. Professional responsibilities require so much attention that there is little energy left over for your friends and family.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

**Scorpio** There may be specific items on your bucket list that you're ready to check off, but you're reticent to share your plans with others yet. In fact, you could go out of the way to perform your work-related duties with such a flair that no one notices what you are actually doing now. Although your companions might not be aware of your intentions, you must be honest with yourself.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

**Sagittarius** Your friends are so supportive of your dreams now that it might feel as if the world is your oyster. Of course, it's lovely when everything seems to be coming up roses, but it's not so pretty when unspoken needs are left unfulfilled. Nevertheless, you can't blame anyone other than yourself if you keep your desires secret from those closest to you. Share what's in your heart.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

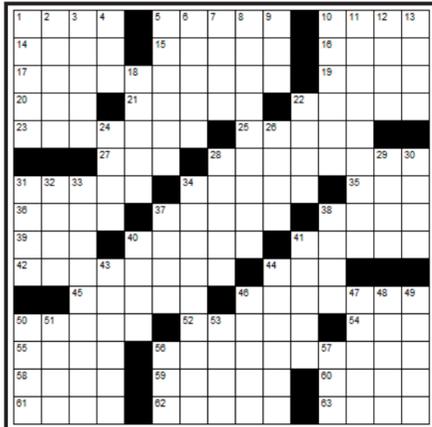
**Capricorn** It's a sweet surprise when you learn that you're on someone's love radar today. Although your first reaction might be to withdraw emotionally, you could quickly change your mind if there's chemistry in the mix. Whether or not you're in the market for a romantic connection now, a new friendship can be mutually beneficial.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

**Aquarius** You will do anything to avoid the spotlight at work today. You're happiest operating behind the scenes now that boisterous Jupiter is dynamically squaring shy Venus in your 6th House of Daily Routine. But your desire for anonymity doesn't squelch your need for peer recognition. You deserve appreciation for your dedication to the team.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

**Pisces** You might assume that everyone should know what you want when, in fact, you actually need to tell them. Although it requires courage to put your feelings on the line today, the feedback you receive makes the risk worthwhile. The nurturing environment you create by exposing your heart sets an example for others to follow.



**Across**  
1. Collections, 5. Plant life, 10. A small high-pitched flute, 14. Two-toed sloth, 15. Keen, 16. Burden, 17. Strain to watch, 19. Baking appliance, 20. To and \_\_\_, 21. Equestrian, 22. Practical, 23. Preachings, 25. Exhorted, 27. Utilize, 28. Conceding, 31. Pursue, 34. Itsy-\_\_\_, 35. Petroleum, 36. Not low, 37. Mixture of rain and snow, 38. Adorable, 39. Mistake, 40. Mildew (British spelling), 41. Thigh armor, 42. Conspicuous, 44. Neither \_\_\_, 45. Ascends, 46. Residue fragments, 50. Raise, 52. Armistice, 54. Take in slowly, 55. Historical periods, 56. Collaborator, 58. List of options, 59. Blacksmith's block, 60. Shower with love, 61. Sit for a photo, 62. Abounding in noxious plants, 63. Church alcove,  
**Down**  
1. Rides the waves, 2. Habituate, 3. Small drum, 4. A type of large sandwich, 5. Wild and menacing, 6. Territories, 7. Curved molding, 8. Drafted, 9. Biblical boat, 10. Paid for something, 11. Showing prejudice, 12. Gas or petrol, 13. Feudal worker, 18. Jagged, 22. Not pretty, 24. Pulp, 26. A musical pause, 28. Submit, 29. Pesky insects, 30. Delight, 31. Cook, 32. Employ, 33. Supporters of agriculture, 34. Chalcantite, 37. Achy, 38. Credit or playing, 40. Be compelled, 41. Laser printer powder, 43. Kleenex, 44. With grace, 46. Roman god of love, 47. Prevent legally, 48. Violent disturbances, 49. Binge, 50. Rope fiber, 51. Chocolate cookie, 53. Wander, 56. Bird call, 57. American Dental Association,

**Yesterday's Solution**  
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