

Key Taliban Member Arrested in Helmand

LASHAKARGAH - The military operation was conducted by ANA Commando Unit in Nawa district in the southern Helmand province.

A key member of the Taliban in southern provinces was arrested in a special operation conducted by the Afghan National Army's Commando Unit in Helmand province. The operation was carried out in Nawa district in Helmand on Thursday, said Agha Mohammad, the second Battalion of Army's Commando Unit said in a statement on Friday. Agha Mohammad, the deputy of Mullah Naeem, commander of Taliban for Helmand, Kandahar and Uruzgan provinces, was wounded when arrested by the forces, the statement said. The statement said that Mohammad was wounded in the Afghan forces' military operation in Nawa district. (Tolonews)



Indian Actor Saif Ali Khan to Play an Afghan Warrior in His Next

KABUL - The movie 'Soorma' will be produced by Honey Trehaan who is yet to shortlist the director and the remaining cast of the film.

Famous Indian actor Saif Ali Khan is all set to play an Afghan warrior in the film 'Soorma,' which is produced by Honey Trehaan, Indian media reported.

Saif has already wrapped up Raja Krishna Menon's gastronomical comedy 'Chef' in February, followed by Akshat Verma's 'Kaal-akaandi.'

He began shooting for Gaurav Chawla's Nikkhil Advani-produced 'Baazaar' in May with Chitrangda Singh, Radhika Apte and newcomer Rohan Mehra.

Honey Trehaan is a casting director, and will be soon directing Vishal Bhardwaj's period gangster film, which features Deepika Padukone and Irrfan Khan.

'Soorma' will be Trehaan's first outing as a producer.

Talking about 'Soorma,' the source further revealed, "Only Saif's part has been locked. Honey is yet to shortlist the director and the remaining cast for this film." (Tolonews)

Casualties as Lawmaker's Guards Attacked in Bagram

MAHMOOD RAQI - Unidentified gunmen shot dead a parliamentarian's guard in the Bagram district of central Parwan province on Saturday.

Mirdad Khan Nijrabi, a Wolesi Jirga member from Kapisa province, told Pajhwok Afghan News three of his bodyguards were wounded in the gun attack.

"We were on our way to Bagram. Gunmen stopped a vehicle in my convoy in Khwaja Kala area and opened fire at the occupants," the lawmaker said. One guard was killed while three others were wounded, Nijrabi said, adding the attackers also suffered casualties in return fire.

"Whoever has conducted the attack has committed a cowardly, terrorist act," the parliamentarian remarked.

Meanwhile, the Kapisa governor's spokesman also confirmed the attack. Qaes Qadri called the attackers robbers, who had fired at the MP's guards out of fear. (Pajhwok)



Family of Soldier Killed in Nangarhar Calls for Help

JALALABAD - Family of Humayun, an Army Commando, who was killed in Nangarhar, said they are living under a tent in Kabul.

The family of a young soldier who was killed on Wednesday in a military operation against a group of militants in Achin district in the eastern province of Nangarhar asked government not to leave them alone.

Humayun, member of Afghan National Army's Commando Unit, got married four years ago and left two sons, Ibrahim and Hanzala, and his wife Mursal.

Mursal and her sons are living under a tent in the yard of his sister's house in Kabul.

She said government should provide them with a shelter. "I urge government to give me and my sons a shelter and help them to go to school," said Mursal. Humayun's relatives said six members of the soldier's family have sacrificed their lives in defending their homeland. Humayun's father, Rokai, said his son fought over 10 years to defend the country. "He had passed the ... (More on P4)... (16)

Noor Ordered Sons, Guards to Beat Me: Momand

KABUL - Public representative Mohammad Asif Momand has said he was beaten and maltreated by sons and guards of the governor of northern Balkh province after his arrest from the airport, a claim the governor's aide rejected.

Momand, a member of the Balkh provincial council after his release by the National Directorate of Security, told reporters in Kabul on Thursday noon that one of his guards was killed and three others were wounded when private guards of Governor Atta Mohammad Noor wanted to arrest him at the airport in Mazar-i-Sharif.

He said the governor's armed men took him to Noor's home from the airport and was questioned and beaten there. "The governor ordered his sons and guards to beat me. His son Tariq Noor chopped off my ear with his teeth. The governor asked his secretary to hit me and he hit me in the head and the governor put his foot on my chest and asked 'you have waged this plot at the behest of the national security advisor, the spymaster or the president.'"

He said he told the governor that he did not need to take orders ... (More on P4)... (17)

Uruzgan Security Personnel, Rebels Suffer Casualties

TIRINKOT - The security personnel and fighters have suffered casualties during a clash in Tirinkot, the capital of central Uruzgan province, an army officer said on Saturday.

Col. Rehmat Shah Qimati, commander of the 4th brigade of the Afghan National Army (ANA), said the clash was triggered by Taliban attacks on police checkpoints in Khanqah area.

He told Pajhwok Afghan News at least 15 Taliban militants were killed and 10 others wounded in



the overnight battle. Five security personnel were also wounded, the commander said.

Col. Qimati added the assailants, who failed to capture any check-post, were beaten back as a result of stout resistance from the police security personnel.

But Public Health Director ... (More on P4)... (18)

Kandahar Parents Encouraged to Send Children to School

KANDAHAR - Activists drove in a convoy of vehicles through the streets of Kandahar City, the capital of southern Kandahar province, on Friday to encourage parents into sending their children to school.

The activists used loudspeakers to call on people to admit their children in school and displayed banners inscribed with pro-education slogans.



Launched by 'Qalam Lar' civil society group, a large number of people, youth and activists took part in the campaign. The banners read: "Admit your children in school, who are seven years old," "send your children to school to rescue your family and the nation from dependence on others," "we want buildings for schools", education is the only path to peace and development" and others. The group's president, ... (More on P4)... (19)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries Ironically, what appears to others as your blind optimism is actually twenty-twenty vision now. Granted, an enthusiastic Mars-Jupiter sextile leads you to believe that you can overcome nearly any obstacle once you commit to the challenge. Nevertheless, it's true that the cosmos has stacked the deck in your favor today.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You might be slow to say yes to an opportunity today because you think it's too wonderful to be true. However, there is a high probability that you are wrong if you assume the worst instead of the best. Don't let your fear of change create problems before they even arise. Set a goal and work toward it steadily now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You don't know how you're going to handle all the social commitments on your calendar today. In fact, it may seem as if you're so popular now that you have little time left over for yourself. However, silently complaining about the frustrating situation won't change it; learning to say no and establishing healthy boundaries will create the personal space you seek.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You're being pushed outside of your comfort zone and you're quietly resisting each step of the way. Of course, you enjoy rambling around in your imagination now, but you might not be ready to manifest your fantasy yet. Your road to heartfelt satisfaction could be confused if you are distracted by the material world rather than spiritual experiences.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo Your current exuberance demonstrates the intensity of your convictions. Your powers of belief are so strong now that you can unknowingly will something into existence. But forcing your agenda onto others might prompt them to quickly abandon ship. Stay fully committed to your decisions, but be willing to bend in your approach.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo You might be overly concerned with your appearance today because you want to be seen in a professional light. You worry that your attempts at projecting competence could be undermined if it looks like you're having too much fun. But hiding your smile requires constant vigilance and you may be smarter placing your focus on more important matters. There's no need to perform if you are in front of the right audience.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra People are attracted to you because your positivity is highly contagious today. There is little doubt that you are on a roll while assertive Mars energizes jovial Jupiter in your people-pleasing sign. But somehow, you are extremely serious-minded, even if you appear to laugh your way through the day.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio Sometimes, when you are quiet, you can hear the wisdom of the ages speaking to you from beyond the veil. You may choose to close down, fearful that your imagination has lost touch with reality. Or, you can remain open to the undiscovered possibilities of the cosmos. However you intellectualize it, nothing is gained by being cavalier about your inter-dimensional allies.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius It's a special gift when you feel so connected with your community that you know help would arrive with a snap of your fingers. However, the positive energy flows both ways, since you are also an inspiration to others while red-hot Mars energizes propitious Jupiter during its visit to your 11th House of Groups. Naturally, you can accomplish plenty on your own, but collaborating with others enables you to surpass your dreams.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Your friends and acquaintances admire you because it's apparent you are playing at the top of your game today. You're not fooling around and everyone wants to be a part of your prosperity parade now that impulsive Mars and prudent Saturn tag team propitious Jupiter in your 10th House of Status.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius Those who know you best could have such passionate ideas of what you need that it's challenging to accept their help in the way it is offered. They shower you with their opinions now, whether or not you actually want any interference. Unfortunately, you may be so fixed in your ways that you miss a wonderful opportunity to move your life in a new direction.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces Forget about taking a day off for rest and relaxation; there are too many unfinished chores awaiting your attention now. Fortunately, a task that seemed insurmountable yesterday is a piece of cake today. Of course, your projects still require dedication and hard work; nevertheless, the energy flows easily now, empowering you to accomplish more than you expected.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71.

Across: 1. Slender nails, 6. Cards with 1 symbol, 10. Footnote note, 14. Circumscribe, 15. Agreement, 16. What a person is called, 17. French farewell, 18. A single time, 19. Male undergrad social club, 20. Schoolmaster, 22. Balcony section, 23. Falafel bread, 24. The first event in a series, 26. Pang, 30. A parcel of land, 31. 59 in Roman numerals, 32. Cry out, 33. Distinctive flair, 35. Jaunty rhythms, 39. A former Turkish term of respect, 41. Icebreaker, 43. Defrost, 44. Small salmon, 46. Humdinger, 47. Foot digit, 49. By means of, 50. Biblical garden, 51. Not first, 54. If not, 56. A purring sound, 57. Aggravation, 63. Operatic solo, 64. Feathery scarves, 65. A type of dance, 66. He writes in verse, 67. A jaunty rhythm, 68. Anagram of "Sneer", 69. Anagram of "Sees", 70. L.L.L.L., 71. Offensively curious

Down: 1. Ho-hum, 2. Go on horseback, 3. Dogfish, 4. Perished, 5. The base part of a tree, 6. Pontifical, 7. Choral composition, 8. Behold, in old Rome, 9. Unsaturated alcohol, 10. Rigid, 11. Nobleman, 12. Picture, 13. Discourage, 21. Suffered, 25. Heap, 26. Blown away, 27. Eatery, 28. High fidelity, 29. Voters, 34. Anarchists, 36. Blaring, 37. Story, 38. Render unconscious, 40. A noble gas, 42. Seashore, 45. Including everything, 48. Comestible, 51. Anagram of "Space", 52. European currency (plural), 53. Weeps, 55. Consumed, 58. Agitate, 59. Tropical tuber, 60. Hotels, 61. Curved molding, 62. Prying,

Yesterday's Solution

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