

Afghan Forces Foil Rocket Attack on Presidential Palace and Defense Ministry in Kabul



KABUL - The Afghan forces foiled rocket attack on ARG Presidential Palace and Ministry of Defense in Kabul, the National Directorate of Security said Monday. According to a statement released by National Directorate of Security, the Special Forces arrested two militants of the Haqqani terrorist network in connection to the attack plot. The statement further added that the NDS Special Forces conducted operations in various parts of Kabul city and arrested Jamshid alias Sabir and Rahmatullah, the two militants of Mawlawi Ahmad of Haqqani terrorist network. Furthermore, the National Directorate of Security said the two militants were looking to launch rocket attacks to target the 100th Independence Day ceremonies ...*(More on P4)...(10)*



Blasts Disrupt Independence Day Celebrations in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - At least six bomb blasts occurred in the city of Jalalabad of Nangarhar Province on Monday morning as the residents were celebrating the 100th Independence Day, local officials said. Nangarhar governor Shah Mahmood Miakhel said that the blasts were IEDs that were detonated in different parts of the city. Nangarhar Public Health Directorate said in a statement that at least 30 people were wounded in the explosions. No group has so far claimed responsibility for the explosions. Afghanistan's Independence Day is celebrated on August 19 every year. Although Afghanistan was never part of the British Empire, it gained its independence from Britain after the signing of the Anglo-Afghan Treaty in 1919 - a treaty that granted complete neutral relations ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Pakistan Strongly Condemns the Multiple Terrorist Bomb Attacks in Jalalabad

KABUL - Pakistan strongly condemns the multiple terrorist bomb attacks in Jalalabad today, on the centennial Independence Day of Afghanistan. These cowardly attacks manifest the desperation of terrorist outfits and spoilers as hopes for peace, stability and national unity in Afghanistan have grown stronger by the day.

Pakistan remains a steadfast partner of Afghanistan, in the joint efforts to defeat all designs aimed at perpetuating instability in the region. We continue to firmly stand together with the Afghan nation in these testing times. We also pray for the early recovery of dozens of people reportedly injured in today's attacks. (PR)

4 Taliban, ISIS Militants Killed, Detained in Special Forces Raids, Airstrike in Kabul



KABUL - The security forces conducted separate operations in Kabul in the past 24 hours killing or detaining 4 Taliban and ISIS militants. The military officials said the Special Forces arrested an ISIS-K militant during a patrol in Deh Sabz district of Kabul. The officials further added that the Special Forces also destroyed a small cache of weapons. Furthermore, the Special Forces arrested a Taliban militant during a separate raid in Mussahi district of Kabul. The military officials also added that an airstrike killed 2 Taliban militants in Mussahi district of Kabul. The anti-government armed elements including Taliban and ISIS sympathizers have not commented regarding the operations so far. (KP)

Afghan Air Force conduct airstrikes in Logar and Ghazni killing 9 Taliban militants



KABUL - The Afghan Air Force conducted airstrikes in Logar and Ghazni provinces killing at least 9 Taliban militants. The 203rd Thunder Corps said in a statement that the Afghan Air Force conducted an airstrike in the vicinity of Pul-e Alam district in Logar. The statement further added that the airstrike killed at least 5 Taliban militants. Furthermore, the 203rd Thunder Corps said the Afghan Air Force conducted a similar airstrike in Gilan district of Ghazni which killed 4 Taliban militants. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aug 20, 2019 - Children are highlighted today, Aries, either yours or someone else's. You could be in one of the healing professions. If you're a nurse or doctor, you may have the opportunity to make a big difference in the life of one of your patients. If you're a parent, see if you can spend extra time with your children. You will all benefit from some quality time together.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Aug 20, 2019 - You have a generous spirit, Taurus. And today you're feeling particularly altruistic. Finally, you have a chance to help your fellow man in a very real, direct way. Forget about big goals and lofty visions. Don't try to set out to eradicate world hunger. You can go down to a local shelter and help cook a meal for a few dozen people. The personal contact will do you good.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Aug 20, 2019 - This may be an intense day, Gemini, especially if you follow your instincts and say what needs to be said to loved ones. There may be some unresolved issues at home. Do you and your siblings need to address them? If so, today is the day. You can expect some emotional reactions. This will be draining at first but ultimately therapeutic.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Aug 20, 2019 - This is just the kind of day you like, Cancer - intense and super-charged, just like you! It seems there's a deadline coming up, or a time-sensitive project. You'll have a lot to do and not a lot of time in which to do it. This is when you're at your most productive. Just remember to drink plenty of water and eat. Even superheroes need fuel in order to accomplish their heroics.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Aug 20, 2019 - You're an organized, disciplined person, Leo. No one who knows you would disagree. But there are times when you need to loosen up a bit, and this is just such a time. Forget about work, chores, and all your daily obligations. You've been working too hard lately. Live a little. Take a holiday. Don't think of this as being irresponsible. Think of it as

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Aug 20, 2019 - Virgo, today you may have to make some important decisions. You're demanding of your friends and loved ones. Have you ever thought about why? It's possible that you demand more of them than you do of yourself, and that doesn't seem fair, does it? Today insight and inspiration will show you how you can rectify this. Lower your standards for others or raise your standards for yourself.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Aug 20, 2019 - You may be thinking about everything you need to do to improve your work situation. You've made your demands clear, but no one seems to be paying attention. Maybe you've approached the wrong people. This could be just the excuse you've always needed to become your own boss. You have creativity and sound business ideas, Libra. Why not see if you can combine the two?

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Aug 20, 2019 - You're sensitive, Scorpio, and impressionable. You may not appreciate the intense atmosphere building, but it may be just what you need to get motivated. Yes, you're about to face a lot of pressure, but you can handle it. No more planning, no more delays, no more staring off into space. Buckle down and get your work done. You can fantasize during your free

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Aug 20, 2019 - It's one thing to stick to your guns, another altogether to do so without considering the views of others. People may resent this stubbornness, Sagittarius. Today you're encouraged to take a good look at yourself. Practice listening rather than speaking and you may be amazed at what you learn. Other people have opinions, too. Some of them are valid. Imagine that!

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)

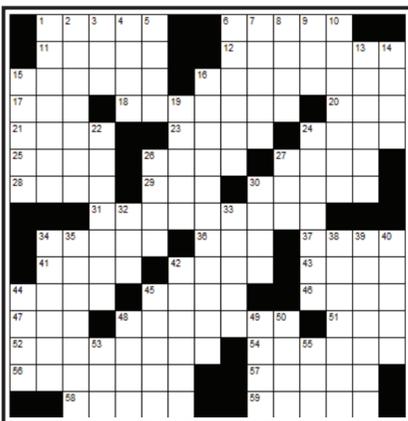
Aug 20, 2019 - Today you may be confronted with one of the harsher aspects of your personality, Capricorn. It can be a bit of a shock when such a thing happens. It may be that your temper flares or you wrestle with feelings of jealousy. You're normally on top of your emotions, and losing control in any way is upsetting. Don't fret. You're human like everyone else.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aug 20, 2019 - Today you won't feel quite like your usual upbeat self, Aquarius. There's nothing to be concerned about. It's just that you have a lot to do and can't help but be focused on it. You certainly are conscientious! See if you can't get out for some fun after you've finished your tasks. You've earned a break.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Aug 20, 2019 - You're feeling altruistic today, Pisces. You're eager to do what you can for others. You can now put into action all those lofty visions of volunteering for a worthy cause. It's time to do some real work. You'll be astonished at how great it feels to make a direct contribution. Spending time chopping vegetables in a soup kitchen is much more satisfying than mailing a check.



Across

1. Frequently, 6. Whole, 11. Short-billed Old World rail, 12. Perform surgery on, 15. Coastal diving bird, 16. Copied, 17. Before, poetically, 18. Cassock, 20. Regulation (abbrev.), 21. Purgatory, 23. Location, 24. Compassion, 25. Be cognizant of, 26. Italian for "Wine", 27. Sea eagle, 28. Identical, 29. Half of a pair, 30. Drive, 31. Moves to another country, 34. Speedy, 36. "___ Maria", 37. Petty quarrel, 41. Matured, 42. Break, 43. If not, 44. Always, 45. Does something, 46. Exhausts, 47. Be unwell, 48. Extolled, 51. Mesh, 52. In a condescending manner, 54. Blood vessel, 56. Reasonable, 57. Nipples, 58. Oxygen and helium, for example, 59. Feel, ,

Down

1. Egg-shaped instrument, 2. Liberty, 3. Children's game, 4. Anagram of "Seek", 5. Infamous, Roman emperor, 6. Chief ingredient in ketchup, 7. Express a thought, 8. French for "Head", 9. Genus of macaws, 10. Public toilet, 13. Move unsteadily, 14. Jittery, 15. Tugs, 16. Like an itinerant, 19. Utilizing, 22. Cleaning device, 24. Irons, 26. Cancel, 27. French for "Summer", 30. Stair, 32. Central, 33. Nautical for stop, 34. Gorge, 35. Everlasting, 38. Venus and the Earth, 39. Bad-mouth, 40. Cantankerous, 42. Balances, 44. Where the sun rises, 45. Axial, 48. Wanes, 49. Dines, 50. To endure (archaic), 53. Bleat, 55. Buff, ,

Yesterday's Solution

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OPTINE TWIT MOVE
DECCELERATE PLAT
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EDDY MAISS APISITS

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