

# 13 Taliban Eliminated, 5 Wounded in Kunduz Clash

KUNDUZ CITY - Thirteen Taliban insurgents have been killed during a clash in the Khanabad district of northern Kunduz province, an intelligence official said on Sunday.

A reliable source in the National Directorate of Security told Pajhwok Afghan News the firefight between the Taliban and the security forces erupted in the Janat Bagh area of the district on Saturday.

He said 13 militants were killed and five others wounded in the battle. Notorious Pakistani commanders Mullah Jan and Mullah Alaudin, Mullah Almas were among the dead.

"Janat Bagh area is very important to ... (More on P4)... (17)



## Aryana Sayeed: Kabul Concert Goes Ahead Despite Threats

Kabul despite opposition from conservatives, and threats of an attack.

The concert was held amid tight security at the heavily protected Intercontinental Hotel.

It was a rare music concert in the city.

Kabul has witnessed a series of suicide attacks and explosions in the past few months.

Saturday evening's concert was originally scheduled to be held in Ghazi stadium to mark the country's Independence Day. More than 3,000 tickets were sold at premium rates.

But the authorities said they could not guarantee security at that venue.

Ms Sayeed did not give up. She went ahead with her performance, but at a different venue.

Her fans were delighted.

"Despite the threats, I didn't think such a big number of girls would attend here. Fortunately, the number of women is bigger than men," said Bahar Sohailli, who attended the concert.

"I asked some of the girls: ... (More on P4)... (18)

## Tehran Denies Arrest of Iranian Suicide Bomber in Afghanistan

KABUL - The Islamic Republic of Iran's embassy in Kabul has rejected the claim that an Iranian suicide bomber has been arrested in Afghanistan.

Officials at the Iranian embassy in Kabul have rejected the claim that security forces have apprehended an Iranian suicide bomber in Afghanistan's Nimroz province.

A press release by the Iranian embassy suggests that the Afghan government has, so far, presented no evidence and documents to prove the claim.

The Nimroz police chief had told media two days earlier that an Iranian suicide bomber had been arrested while attacking a security checkpoint in the province.

The police chief claimed the detained individual was an Iranian national, and that one of those killed in the attack on the checkpoint was his cousin.

However, the Iranian embassy says it still cannot confirm the news as Kabul has presented no document that would prove the individual is an Iranian.

The embassy's press release has urged Afghan authorities to submit any relevant documents for further consideration.

"Of course, ISIS-linked elements have ... (More on P4)... (19)

## Balkh Airport Victims Seek Justice

KABUL - Female relatives of victims wounded in last week's clash at Mazar airport gathered in protest outside Mohmand's house on Sunday.

About a dozen women gathered on Sunday outside the home of Asif Mohamad, a provincial council member, in protest against the recent incident at the Maulana Jalaluddin Balkhi International Airport in Mazar-e-Sharif and called on the national unity government (NUG) to ensure justice is carried out.

The women blamed the governor of Balkh Atta Mo-



hammad Noor for the incident and called for a fair investigation.

More than ten women had gathered outside the house but none of them would reveal their names.

"The guy who was killed (in the shooting) at the airport was my brother and I want justice," one of the woman said. ... (More on P4)... (20)

## 10 Civilians Killed, 2 Injured in Logar Unrest

PUL-I-ALAM - Ten civilians have been killed and two others injured in separate incidents of violence during the past two weeks in central Logar province, an official said on Sunday.

The governor's spokesman, Mir Ahmad Selab, told Pajhwok Afghan News the civilians suffered casualties in Taliban attacks, blasts and gun attacks in Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital, Baraki Barak and Mohammad Agha districts.

Selab asked people to cooperate with the government



in improving the security situation. But Haseebullah Stanikzai, a member of the provincial council, said both Taliban and security forces were responsible for civilian deaths in Logar.

He said incidents of civilian casualties had increased in Logar province this year compared to the past.

Abdul Razaq, a resident of ... (More on P4)... (22)

## 5 Taliban Killed in Farah Clash

FARAH CITY - Five Taliban have been killed and six others injured during a clash in the Bakwa district of western Farah province, security personnel claimed on Sunday.

Noor-ul-Haq Khaliqi, spokesman for the Afghan National Army 2nd infantry brigade, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash took place in the Puza locality last night.

Taliban Commander Mullah Usman was among the dead. Six more rebels injured during the clash, he added.

Two Humvee vehicles and as many Saracha type vehicles belonged to the Taliban were destroyed in the overnight clash.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi said Taliban suffered no harm in the Puza clash. (Pajhwok)

## Hashmat Karzai Remembered on His 3rd Death Anniversary

KANDAHAR CITY - The third death anniversary of Hashmat Khalil Karzai, a cousin of former president Hamid Karzai, was observed in southern Kandahar province on Sunday.

Held at the residence of the late Karzai in Karz locality of Dand district, his brother and deputy Foreign Minister Hekmat Khalil Karzai, Kandahar Governor Zalmai Weesa, Zabul governor Bismillah Afghanistan, tribal elders and local residents attended the anniversary.

Hashmat Karzai, a strong supporter of the incumbent president during ... (More on P4)... (21)

## Ongoing Clash in Balkh Leaves Two Dead

MAZAR-E-SHARIF - Army officials in Balkh said Taliban has suffered heavy losses and a key member of them has been killed in the clash.

Heavy fighting is ongoing in Chamtal district in Balkh province, officials said, adding that two people have been killed and 12 others wounded in the clash.

Deputy head of Balkh provincial council, Sayed Abdullah Masroor, said that six of his bodyguards were wounded when a rocket shelled by the Taliban landed near their house in Taraki village in Chamtal district at around 9pm local time on Saturday. ... (More on P4)... (23)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

**Aries** You are on a mission to demonstrate your independence today, even at the risk of upsetting someone you love. The Leo New Moon Eclipse rattles your 5th House of Self-Expression. Fortunately, the negative consequences of your impulsive actions will likely be minimal because this eclipse harmonizes with reactionary Uranus in your sign.

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

**Taurus** You want to impress those closest to you with your steadfast loyalty. Although you are happy to make a decision on your own, there is no question about who is important to you. However, the Leo Solar Eclipse complicates your 4th House of Security by connecting you with destabilizing influences that are beyond your comprehension.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

**Gemini** You couldn't make up the current story of your life and have it turn out this strange. A simple twist of fate is morphing into a complex shift of direction as the Leo New Moon wreaks havoc in your 3rd House of Immediate Environment. Thankfully, your ability to skillfully navigate the rumblings enables you to maintain your sense of grace while adapting to everyone else's expectations.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

**Cancer** Your self-esteem is about to shoot through the roof as recognition and appreciation are showered upon you. This flash of fame is a reflection of the larger picture; you are being acknowledged for your significant roles, both at home and at work. The Leo Total Eclipse of the Sun recharges your 2nd House of Self-Worth, reminding you of the value that others place on you.

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

**Leo** You are standing at a crossroads and you must pick a direction for the next part of your journey. It might not bother you that you don't know which way your life will go. What does get under your skin is that you can't see very far down any of the paths today, and there aren't any maps to bail you out.

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

**Virgo** You normally like the loose ends of your life tied up in nice and tidy packages. However, the Leo Solar Eclipse polarizes your 12th House of Spiritual Mystery, revealing metaphysical secrets that send you tumbling down the rabbit hole. You can't tell facts from fiction, yet you continue to untangle the data. Detective novelist Raymond Chandler wrote, "There are two kinds of truth: the truth that lights the way."

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

**Libra** You might be feeling trapped in a box and restless to escape today. You're ready to try something drastic to shatter the mold that keeps you on a steady trajectory. The Leo Solar Eclipse electrifies your 11th House of Long-Term Goals, making it impossible to know who and what will accompany you into the future.

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

**Scorpio** A change of the guard may be unfolding at work now, and the energy is too dynamic to know what will happen next. The Leo Total Eclipse of the Sun electrically charges your 10th House of Career and Public Life. You want to be honest about your intentions, but are unsure of where to place your loyalties. Observe without judgment and keep your ear to the ground for more clues.

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

**Sagittarius** Your steadfast loyalty could spiral out of control today if you wake up to the aftermath of a destabilizing coup at work. Although the Leo Solar Eclipse darkens your 9th House of Distant Horizons, it may require weeks to put all the pieces together and sort out the impact. Nevertheless, chances are you will be less affected by the current shenanigans than you think.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

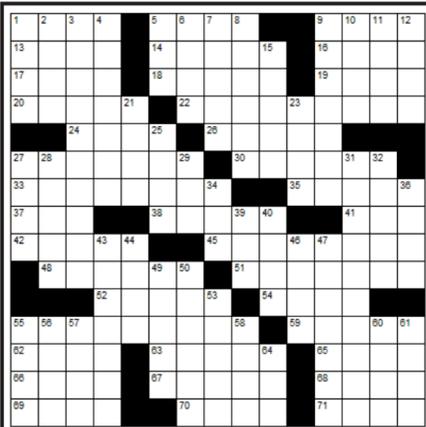
**Capricorn** There's no time to lose because the current opportunity to create large-scale changes in a significant relationship is fleeting. The Leo New Moon plants seeds of intention in your 8th House of Deep Sharing. But the tilling of the soil cannot wait if you want the full benefits of the transformation.

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

**Aquarius** The most stable partnerships in the world go through phases of instability and growth. A close relationship may be experiencing a time of seeking and transformation now. However, avoiding the emotional intensity is futile while the Leo Solar Eclipse agitates your 7th House of Significant Others. Step up to the plate and reveal your heart.

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

**Pisces** Your daily routine at work seems to be stuck in a tired rut. You show up, do your assigned tasks and then go home. The truth is you're longing for something new that, once again, makes your time worthwhile for both your pocketbook and your soul. Fortunately, you don't need to leave your job to revitalize the energy, since the Leo New Moon is busy stirring up mischief in your 6th House of Logistics.



**Across**

1. Helps, 5. French for "Names", 9. An enclosure, 13. Paper holder, 14. Codeine source, 16. Mining finds, 17. Plateau, 18. Latin name for our planet, 19. Lairs, 20. Spare, 22. Talk terms, 24. Edges, 26. A pinnacle of ice, 27. Give forth, 30. Silicon dioxide, 33. Dietary fiber, 35. Blockages, 37. Muzzle, 38. Turbine part, 41. Short sleep, 42. Different, 45. A kind of sideboard, 48. Hit, 51. Not later, 52. Long stories, 54. A mixture of cellulose fibers, 55. Pounded (British spelling), 59. Female dog, 62. Decorative case, 63. Loads, 65. Heap, 66. Not first, 67. Greek letter, 68. Fly high, 69. You (archaic), 70. Marsh plant, 71. Terminates,

**Down**

1. Crest, 2. Holly, 3. Deeply agitated, 4. Refraining from harming, 5. Excluding, 6. Not closed, 7. Bogs down, 8. Billows, 9. Will supplement, 10. Region, 11. Lady's escort, 12. Being, 15. New Zealand native, 21. Nanny, 23. After-bath powder, 25. Celebrity, 27. Therefore, 28. Protective ditches, 29. Conceit, 31. Tantrum, 32. Staring intently, 34. And so forth, 36. Box, 39. Mineral rock, 40. Harvest, 43. A Christian recluse, 44. Fully developed, 46. Defeat decisively, 47. Oval, 49. Slays, 50. Cream-filled pastry, 53. Marsh plant, 55. Fur, 56. Salt Lake state, 57. Cogitate, 58. Greek territorial unit, 60. Attired, 61. Not his, 64. Unhappy,

**Yesterday's Solution**

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