

Military Operation Still Not Launched in Kunduz: Officials

KUNDUZ CITY - Kunduz residents are still waiting for the promised military operation to be launched in their battle-weary province after Minister of Defense, Gen. Abdullah Khan Habibi's promise to this effect on Sunday during his visit to the northern province.

During Habibi's visit, he promised that a military operation would be launched so as to clear the area of insurgents.

Local officials confirmed on Tuesday that so far no military operation has been launched in the province to clear the area of insurgents and that security forces are



still taking a defensive role.

This comes after Taliban insurgents once again attacked near the Alchin Bridge at about 8pm local time on Monday - they also reportedly tried to attack the Kunduz airport which is located in the city, said officials.

However, insurgents retreated after coming under heavy fire from security forces. Officials did not provide details about casualties.

Alchin is located in the south-western part of Kunduz city and is about 3 kms from the airport. ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Parwan's Women Artisans Complain of Drop in Handicraft Sales

KABUL - Women from central Parwan province, who participated in a handicraft exhibition, complained of few buyers for their products and stressed the need for holding such events more frequently.

Organised by the Rural Rehabilitation and Development Department of Parwan, the three-day exhibition concluded at the Sitara Hotel in Charikar, the provincial capital, on Monday. Forty artisans participated in the event that showcased different types of artistically sewn dresses, agriculture and dairy products, as well as other local things.

Mohammad Ullah, a resident of the Tokhchi area of Bagram district, also took part in the exhibition to display his detergents, jams and vinegar. He has been making the products for the past seven years. Ten women are working with ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Taliban Shadow Governor Among 50 Killed in Ghor

KABUL - As many as 50 Taliban militants including a shadow governor for the western Ghor province had been killed in air strikes carried out on Monday, the Interior Ministry said in a statement released here Tuesday.

"A total of 50 rebels including Mullah Ahmad Shah Ghor, the shadow governor of Taliban group for the western Ghor province, were killed after government forces conducted series of air sorties in Pashtunkot



district of the neighboring Faryab province on Monday evening," said the statement. Huge quantity of arms and ammunitions of the militants were also destroyed in the air raids,

the statement asserted. Taliban militants who are active in parts of Faryab and the neighboring Ghor province are yet to make comments on the report. (Xinhua)

24 Daesh, Taliban Fighters Eliminated in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - At least 24 Taliban and Daesh militants have been killed during clashes with security personnel in eastern Nangarhar province, officials said Tuesday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News 12 Islamic State fighters were killed and six others wounded by forces in the Mamadara area of Achin district. Civilians suffered no casualties.

Separately, Khogyani said, a dozen Taliban insurgents, including three commanders, were killed during an operation in Hesarak district. Khogyani added the operation in Hesarak was still underway. Hesarak and Achin are remote and unstable districts of Nangarhar. ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

RAPL 2016 Championship Tournament to Start on 25th August

KABUL - Roshan Afghan Premier League (RAPL) will launch its 2016 Championship Tournament at Afghanistan Football Federation (AFF) stadium on Thursday the 25th August at 3:00pm.

The opening ceremony will include RAPL 2016's new THEME SONG performed LIVE by three "Afghan Stars" contestants, the audience wearing colors to symbolize the Afghan flag and many more surprises.

The first day of the Tournament will continue with the open-



ing match between the winner of the 4th Season and the Eastern Zone's team, De Spinghar Bazan, against Simorgh Alborz representing the Northern Zone. The ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

US Soldier Killed in Helmand Operation

LASHKARGAH - One U.S. service member died as a result of wounds sustained during operations near Lashkargah city in Helmand province on Tuesday, a press release issued by the Resolute Support mission said.

According to the press release, another U.S. member was wounded and is currently in stable condition.

The press release said six Afghan soldiers were also wounded in the operation. "On behalf of all of U.S. Forces -Afghanistan, as well as Resolute Support, our deepest sympathies go out to the families and friends of those involved," said General John W. Nicholson, commander of U.S. forces and Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan.

"We are deeply saddened by this loss, but remain committed to helping our Afghan partners provide a brighter future for themselves and their children," Nicholson added.

The service member was killed conducting train, advice and assist activities with Afghan counterparts under NATO authorities when their patrol triggered an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), the ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

No Progress over Re-Opening of Helmand-Kandahar Highway

KANDAHAR CITY - Taliban insurgents attacked Helmand-Kandahar highway 16 days ago but to date no large-scale attempt by military has been made to reopen the key artery, residents say. Sharif Amiry, TOLNews reporter who visited the area and the highway, said people are using Gereshk route to reach Kandahar province from Lashkargah, the capital of Helmand.

But this route is also insecure and in using it they travel for three hours through Taliban controlled areas, said residents. Amiry spoke to Lashkargah, a 65-year-old mother from Lashkargah, who lost her two young sons in the battles in Nawa district of the province and was forced to flee her home.

"Today is day six that Taliban come to Nawa [district] and we came to Lashkargah and are living in a mosque. ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

Afghan Families Returning from Waziristan Seek UNHRC Aid

KHOST CITY - Afghan refugee families who have returned to southeastern Khost province from Pakistan's Waziristan region say they want the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHRC) to treat them like other Afghan refugees. The families, who fled the Pakistani military operation Zarb-i-Azb against local Taliban insurgents in Waziristan, say they are in dire economic straits. According to the International Organization of Migration in Khost province, 2,734 Afghan families had returned from Waziristan and are currently living in various parts of the province.



Actual residents of northern Kunduz province, Jannat Gul, who returned from Waziristan to Khost nearly two years ago, told Pajhwok Afghan News that he lost all his wealth to the operation in Waziristan.

He said the Pakistani government had issued them refugee cards which were going to expire two months later, but UNHRC was yet to pay them any attention.

"We live here in houses against ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

Man Kills Wife, Mother-in-Law in Herat

HERAT CITY - A man has shot dead his wife and mother-in-law in the capital of western Herat province, an official said on Tuesday.

Mohammad Rafiq Shirzai, Herat Zonal Hospital spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that a man killed his 20 year old wife and 40 years old mother-in-law in Shal Bafan area of Herat City on Monday night.

The bodies of the slain daughter and mother were evacuated to Herat Zonal Hospital this morning, he said. Shirzai said that forensic investigations showed the two women were killed with gunfire.

The motive behind the incident yet to be cleared, but most of such incidents happen as result of family disputes.

Meanwhile, governor's spokesman, Jailani Farhad said the murderer has managed to escape, but police were investigating to arrest him.

Herat Zonal Hospital officials said five women have been killed were murdered with guns, knife attack or hanged this year in Herat this year. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

It's easy to forget your real worth now if you're confused by a spiral of self-doubt. Although you may be the target of someone's negativity, other people's actions might actually be a reminder to examine your own role in the current conflict. Don't succumb to the temptation of escaping into indulgences or denial.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your inner work is preparing you to make external changes that involve others in your life. Although this emotional process should be relatively straightforward while the Moon is visiting your determined sign, you could meet one challenge after another now. Don't even consider quitting, no matter how weary you are of confronting adversity.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A sudden realization reveals a radical solution to an existing problem today. But you must consistently follow through on your intentions or people will lose faith in you. A hard-core conjunction between expressive Mars and repressive Saturn imposes limits that separate truth from fiction now. Relationships can be tested by a lack of trust or by mounting stress; if you value the connection.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

An out-of-the-box breakthrough at work drives home the idea that you can do anything you set your mind to now. However, hot-trot Mars pushes against the cooling authority of Saturn, causing frustration to build to a breaking point. Resolving your dilemma seems impossible today for there's no easy way to express your feelings without creating an unwanted negative response in return.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You might believe your new plan will solve all that ails you. However, a tough Mars-Saturn hookup in your 5th House of Self-Expression puts an end to any pie-in-the-sky thinking. Forget about making grand gestures and fulfilling your desire to be king of the jungle. Instead, just take the practical route and focus all your energy now on overcoming the obstacles in front of you.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Escaping to an exotic location might sound like the spiritual antidote you need now, but the practical realities of your life won't allow such irresponsible behavior. Assertive Mars joins up with make-it-real Saturn in your 4th House of Foundations, requiring you to take a small but solid step toward upgrading your domestic life. Strengthen family bonds by working for a common cause.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You may experience a heightened sense of frustration now as energetically expressive Mars slams into the confines of Saturn's walls. This is not the best time to push your opinions on others. Easing up in your approach helps to create the enduring impact you hope to achieve. Don't wag your tongue or scatter your energies; instead, focus your intentions and act with conviction.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You prefer to keep your vulnerabilities hidden under lock and key, but they can still find a way to surface anyhow. Although you may be managing a crisis in the material world, there are other issues to consider now. While you could be short of cash or feel restrained by someone who isn't acknowledging your true worth, the real dilemma is your inability to just be yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Choices made now are likely to have long-term consequences, especially regarding your career. Sobering Saturn anchors impulsive Mars in your inspirational sign, so don't expect a success story to develop if you act out of haste. The bigger the commitment, the more cautious you should be about making it. If you feel competitive juices flowing or your adrenaline rising now.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

A complex combination of overreaction and self-restraint makes for an emotionally trying day. The planetary pressure builds and you could feel either confined or ignored as assertive Mars meets up with oppressive Saturn. Use these conflicting energies in a constructive manner by hatching a plan that is consistent with your destiny as you see it. This moment in time is just the start of a long process.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Hang onto your hat, for an instant replay of the past few months is possible today. You are caught in the middle of a cosmic game of chance, reminding you of other times in your life when you didn't get what you wanted or when you fell short of your target. One minute you're not sure of your next move and the next moment you're impulsively jumping into a new venture.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Power struggles are spawned by your bright ideas and the subsequent resistance you encounter. However, self-restraint is the key ingredient for moving through this dynamic phase when impetuous Mars slams into cautious Saturn in your 10th House of Career. What began as a whimsical inspiration now requires planning and management. Push ahead with determination, even when pleasure tempts you to relax.

Across

1. Pulsate, 6. Killer whale, 10. Ship, 14. French for "Red", 15. Apply, 16. Annul, 17. A drama set to music, 18. Calamitous, 19. Violent disturbance, 20. As deserved, 22. Numbskull, 23. To make a fool of (archaic), 24. Go-between, 26. Mold, 30. Religious law, 32. Not silently, 33. Soft leather shoes, 37. Association, 38. Film, 39. By mouth, 40. Guessed, 42. Alpha's opposite, 43. Basic belief, 44. Fancy, 45. Anew, 47. Central, 48. Gait faster than a walk, 49. Avatar, 56. Hindu princess, 57. A soft sheepskin leather, 58. Lowest point, 59. Chocolate cookie, 60. Lie in wait, 61. Without company, 62. Alert, 63. Cravings, 64. Englishman.

Down

1. Stepped, 2. Expect and wish, 3. Regrets, 4. Monster, 5. Whiskered, 6. More peculiar, 7. Police action, 8. Ringlet, 9. Temporary cessation, 10. Onerous, 11. Scallion, 12. Take as one's own, 13. Carry, 21. Solemn promise, 25. A state of SW India, 26. A ceremonial staff, 27. Ailments, 28. Boor, 29. Act of doubting, 30. Desire, 31. Corrosive, 33. Bit of dust, 34. Angers, 35. Badgers, 36. Kill, 38. Socially correct in behavior, 41. Japanese apricot, 42. Denoting a numerical order, 44. Accomplished, 45. A kind of macaw, 46. Lost cause, 47. They live in monasteries, 48. Anagram of "Wor", 50. Pout, 51. Farm building, 52. A landlocked African republic, 53. Anagram of "Dome", 54. 3 times 3, 55. 3.

Yesterday's Solution

SELF	SLEEP	HARD
FAIR	TIARA	OBOR
OREO	QUANDA	SOUT
GLUTTON	ESPUSSE	
HUB	ASTER	
INCINERATOR		
DOULA	ATRIA	WATIE
DOTY	BIOTIL	WREIN
ASS	OPINE	THIRD
	PEDESTRIANS	
AROMA	HEP	
DEFILIER	PRESENT	
OETTER	ALLE	APIES
EVEN	AREAS	WEAK
DENS	TENTH	NETS

abbreviate, alone, always, anthem, astronomy, belt, blast, broad, brush, cent, close, dance, dream, earth, enough, fence, happy, ideal, janitor, lode, mental, misery, necessary, never, night, obey, plomb, pram, repeat, river, scan, taken, tear, temperature, thanks.

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A N T H E M Y A L W A Y S
A L O N E E F R M J R T N
T N A B B R E V I A T E I
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