

31 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Air Strikes

KABUL - At least 31 Taliban insurgents were killed in foreign troop's airstrikes in southern Helmand province on Sunday, local official said. In addition, more than 30 other insurgents were injured. The airstrikes were launched in Musa Qala district of the province to clear the insurgents in which 31, including the Taliban's shadow district governor, were killed, head of the media of the Afghan National Army's 215th Maiwand Corps based in southern Helmand, Mohammad Rasouljaji said. "A massive weapons storage of the insurgents was also destroyed in the air strikes," he said. Meanwhile, Omar Zwak, a spokesman for Governor of Helmand has confirmed that the insurgents...*(More on P4)...(16)*



Passenger Among 6 Killed in Kunduz, Bamyan



KUNDUZ/BAMYAN CITY - Five Taliban militants have been killed in northeastern Kunduz province while a passenger was shot dead by robbers in central Bamyan province, officials said on Monday. Maj. Ghulam Hazrat Karimi, commander of Afghan National Army (ANA) in Kunduz province, said five rebels, including a dreaded commander, were killed during an operation launched in Khanabad district. Six other militants, he said were wounded in the clashes but security forces suffered no casualties. However, Taliban on their website confirmed the death of only two militants in the operation but claimed killing five ANA soldiers and leaving five others wounded. Elsewhere, two drug smugglers along with 14 kilograms of narcotics were captured in Kunduz province. Provincial police spokesman Sayed Sarwar Hussaini confirmed the incident. Separately, armed robbers shot dead a passenger and took all belongings of other passengers in Yakawlang district of Bamyan province. Passengers said that they were travelling from Dara-i-Suf district of Samangan province to Bamyan when robbers deprived them of their cash and other valuables. They said that dacoits took mobile telephones and 112,000...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Clashes Once Again Halt Power Supply in South

LASHKARGAH - Fierce clashes between security forces and Taliban militants have cut off the main supply of power to southern Helmand and Kandahar provinces, officials said on Monday.



Helmand electricity chief Eng. Nasratullah Qani told Pajhwok Afghan News that the two days of clashes in areas between Kajaki and Sangin districts had cut off the power supply lines at various locations. He said the team they sent to the areas had been able

to repair the lines at some locations, but suspended work after the clashes resumed. Qani said the lines would be repaired on emergency basis once the situation improved. Kandahar Electricity Department deputy head...*(More on P4)...(20)*

7 Rebels Perished in Ghazni, Laghman Clashes

MIHTERLAM/GHAZNI CITY - At least seven insurgents have been killed and eight others wounded during clashes in southern Ghazni and eastern Laghman provinces, officials said on Monday. Three assailants were killed and two others wounded when rebels mounted attack on Afghan National Army (ANA) forces in the Shabaz Khan locality of Qarabagh district, a spokesman for the 3rd brigade of 203rd Thunder Military Corps said. According to Staff Sergeant Noor security forces were on routine patrol in the area when came under militants' attack. But Habibullah, the resident of the locality, said security forces suffered casualties as two policemen wounded during the gun battle. Afghan Local Police (ALP) Hamidullah said seven insurgents were killed and six others wounded in the firefight. Shafiq Nang, the governor's spokesman, confirmed the clash, but denied that security forces suffered casualties in the insurgents' attack. Taliban Spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed killing three ANA soldier in Shabaz Khan gun battle. Elsewhere, four Taliban were killed and six others wounded in a clash in the Alingar district of Laghman province, an official said. Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman, said the clash erupted in the Mango and Sandaro locality early on Monday. *(Pajhwok)*

Road Blockade Sends Prices Soaring in Kohistanat

SAR-I-PUL CITY - The prices of necessary food items have increased manifold than its retail prices due to blockade of road leading to Kohistanat district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, residents said on Monday. The road had been blocked by Taliban 17-days back, said the residents. They said insurgents have blocked the road by putting huge stones in the middle of the road. Police Chief Mohammad Asif Jabbarikhel confirmed increase in prices of com-



modities. He said efforts were underway to reopen the road for traffic. Faiz Mohammad, a businessman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of one litre petrol jumped from 45 to 120 afghanis, diesel from 43 to 85 afghanis, while the prices of 20 litres oil soared from...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Dozens of Afghans Alleged in Terror Finance Held in Pakistan

KABUL - Pakistan's premier intelligence agency has tracked down a gang of around 52 Hundi and Hawala dealers - all of whom are Afghan nationals and majority of them hold a Pakistani identity card. They have been accused of funneling cash into terrorist organizations, Pakistani media reports on Monday. The Express Tribune reports that top officials of



the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) helped the accused acquire forged Pakistani ID cards, reads the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) report recently...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Insurgents Blow up Shrine in Logar: Saleh

PUL-I-ALM - Insurgents blew up a shrine in the Charkh district of central Logar province, the governor's spokesman said on Monday. Mohammad Salim Saleh told Pajhwok Afghan News that militants blew up the Shah Khalwati shrine with explosives in the Garamabad locality of the district at around 5: 00 am today. He alleged that militants' commander Maulvi Shoaib had hands in blowing up the shrine. He said security forces were conducting raids to nab Shoaib. Khalilullah Kamal, the town's administrative chief, confirmed the memorial had been blown up by anti-state elements. *(Pajhwok)*

Police Detain 8 Persons in Connecting of Various Charges



CHARIKAR - Police in northern Parwan province have arrested four people for their alleged involvement in the killing of a school director and several others for torching a police check post, an official said on Monday. On Sunday, unidentified gunmen shot dead Dad Khuda Jahish, the direc-

tor of SherAqa Shaheed High School and wounded a student. The residents of the locality and some students staged a protest against the killing of school director and alighted a police check-post in the area. The protesters demanded interrogations from...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Conflicting Views about Casualties in Helmand Offensive

LASHKARGAH - Security officials and Taliban claimed inflicting heavy casualties on each other during anti-insurgents offensive by Afghan security forces in southern Helmand province. Col. Mohammad Sarwar Khushal, commander of the 215th Maiwand Military Corps, told Pa-

jhwok Afghan News that Afghan forces launched operations in Khanshin district on Sunday. At least 25 rebels were killed and an Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier was wounded during the clash, he said, adding that some areas were also cleared of militants. But...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You probably don't realize just how close you are to achieving your dreams, even if you assume everything will work out in the end. You have sufficient strength to face a tough issue as your unflagging optimism overrides any negativity today, empowering you to take risks and do great things. But the bad news is how far from reality you might wander now if given the chance.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

A recent lack of progress casts a big shadow in your life today, and you might become confused about your overall direction. However, you don't necessarily have to start from scratch or try a new approach. In spite of the uncertainty, you can still visualize positive potential everywhere you look, even where it once didn't exist. Stay open to all the exciting roads that appear in front of you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

People are laying on the charm today as they persuade you to participate in a project that's not yet on your radar. Or, maybe someone is pushing you to skip your personal responsibilities so you can join a larger cause. However, you don't need any external distractions since you already have plenty of your own. For now, let others continue on their way without you while you stick to your original agenda.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You might fantasize about breaking out of your regular routine now, but you're probably not ready to step out of the box quite yet. Trust your instincts; there's no reason to question your prudence. The fact of the matter is it's more productive to make minor adjustments gradually than instigating one big change today. Whatever you do, just keep inching forward.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're the king or queen of the jungle and you can perform quite a show while the evocative Moon lights up your sign, inspiring you to roar with confidence. Maybe you're motivated by knowing how proudly you could strut your stuff today if you tried. Nevertheless, you must tread cautiously because your imaginary games are nothing like reality's challenges.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Unexpected events trigger intense reactions today, and you may grow uncomfortable if you sense your response is perceived as out of control. Nevertheless, it's not necessary to place arbitrary limits on your heart now just to increase your emotional security. Sometimes taking a risk is better for your soul than playing it safe. Let your feelings flow and spend time with whatever inspires you most. Take the road less traveled; follow your bliss and see where it goes.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your world seems lighter and brighter these days, but you might be secretly afraid that this positive phase won't last too much longer. Unfortunately, you can't rely on your friends for help now because they seem to be busy following their own callings. Although nothing is permanent, stressing about possible trouble in the future is a complete waste of a beautiful day.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Although you may think you created an impossible dilemma, self-doubt or self-criticism is a blatant misuse of your precious time. You will only make matters worse by thinking about everything you should have done differently. Luckily, today's upbeat Sagittarius Moon illuminates your 2nd House of Self-Esteem, supplying you with the resolve you need to break familiar patterns.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are dreaming of the distant horizon and you're not interested in settling for anything less than the outer limits of experience now. Set your career goals as ambitiously as you can because your current choices will motivate you for weeks to come. Luckily, there's no reason to hold back while the Moon traipses through your adventurous sign today. However, your journey will be much lighter if you don't try to carry your past baggage with you.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

It appears as if someone could be working against you now but your efforts to uncover the source of the plot may not be that effective. Nevertheless, you're likely to keep trying, hoping that a careless accomplice will drop a clue that leads you to solving the mystery. However, it's not wise to fight secrecy with your own hidden agenda; you're likely to gain more support if you are forthcoming with your intentions.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You may be the incurable optimist today until someone's unexpected emotional outburst catches you totally off guard. Fortunately, you can transform a delicate situation into one of great promise, but you can't attach your happiness to any one specific outcome. If you maintain a cool and calm disposition now, you just might be unstoppable at whatever you choose to do.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your intuition channel is wide open today, whether or not you publicly acknowledge such things. Fortunately, you are quite likely to receive an unexpected jolt of cosmic juice, inspiring you to aim for greater heights. However, it's still wise to keep your emotions under control; the upcoming changes will be much easier to navigate if you rely on logic now to keep your life in balance.



Across

- Part of the outer ear, 5. Place, 10. "Smallest" particle, 14. Acquire deservedly, 15. Rink, 16. Sheltered nook, 17. Immediately, 18. Stinky, 20. Medical care, 22. A short novel, 23. Hole-making tool, 24. SSSS, 25. Line drawing, 32. Skating jumps, 33. Thresholds, 34. Caviar, 37. D D D D, 38. Carried, 39. Magma, 40. Request 41. The language of Persia , 42. Daddies, 43. In an innocent manner, 45. Tablet, 49. A gesture of assent, 50. Nightclub., 53. Abrasion, 57. Deductive, 59. Boyfriend, 60. Make out (slang), 61. Fragrance, 62. Not first, 63. Sounds of disapproval, 64. Lugged, 65. North American deer.

Down

- we forget, 2. Pledge, 3. Scottish hillside, 4. Viscera, 5. Cross section, 6. Found in a cafeteria, 7. Snake-like fish, 8. Soon, 9. Carpenter's groove, 10. Units of land, 11. Equipment, 12. Small egg, 13. Plateaux, 19. Roasters, 21. Barley beards, 25. 20th-century art movement, 26. X X X X, 27. Scallion, 28. Beautify, 29. Body, 30. Classical Greek , 31. Mineral rock, 34. Whacks, 35. Egg-shaped, 36. Not difficult, 38. Prohibit, 39. Praiseworthy, 41. Passionate, 42. Impoverished, 44. Undressed, 45. Barely enough, 46. Paths, 47. By surprise, 48. Speaks, 51. French for "State", 52. Novice, 53. Identical, 54. Blue-green, 55. Keg, 56. Shacks, 58. Small portable bed,

Yesterday's Solution



amazement, attack, avenge, bets, brand, bring, broke, center, chalk, charge, class, congest, cook, debut, doctors, elms, excite, fable, flour, found, hats, holiday, horse, keys, lament, liter, mere, miracle, potent, press, rain, rend, selection, tackle, talent, teas.

