1 Killed, 14 Wounded in Attack on American University in Kabul

KABUL - At least one person was killed and fourteen others were wounded after a group of militants launched a coordinated attack on the American University in Kabul Wednesday evening.

The public health officials have confirmed that one student was killed in the attack and fourteen others were wounded.

The attack was launched after the militants detonated a Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) near the university compound with the remaining militants starting gun attack.(KP)

Power Returns to Kunduz After a Week-Long Blackout

KUNDUZ CITY - Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS) on Wednesday said the broken power cables from Tajikistan to northeastern Kunduz province have been reconnected.

The power utility head for the northeastern zone, Eng. Hamidullah, told Pajhwok Afghan News the cables had been cut off during a clash between Afghan forces and militants in Pul Alchin area about a week ago.

"DABS technicians had previously several times attempted to repair the cables, but they could not do so due to clashes, however, they were finally able to repair the cables on Tuesday evening, restoring power supply to Kunduz province," he said.

Kunduz residents, happy over the repair, asked the government to launch a clearing operation against ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Achin Elders Impose Fine on Daesh Sympathizers

JALALABAD - Tribal elders in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar province have imposed a five million afghanis fine on individuals sympathetic to the Islamic State (IS), an official said on Wednesday.

Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the elders informed Governor Salim Khan Kunduzi about their decision during a meeting in Jalalaabad, the provincial capital.

Residents of Achin district had decided to fine an individual five million afghanis if he supported, provided shelter and helped the IS rebels, said elders Usman and Kamin.

They urged the government equip local police forces and provide them with necessary arms and equipment.

Kamin said elders in the war-torn district had decided ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

11 Militants, 2 Policemen Killed in Ghazni

GHAZNI - A total of 11 Taliban militants and two policemen have been killed in Ghazni Province over the past 24 hours, provincial police chief Aminullah Omarkhil said Wednesday.

According to the official, the clash erupted after Taliban militants attacked checkpoints in Qala-e-Qazi locality outside provincial capital the Ghazni city on Tuesday and police retaliated forcing militants to flee.

Two Taliban fighters and three policemen have been injured in the fighting which has been sporadically continuing, the official said.

Taliban militants have not commented on the incident...*(More on P4)...(22)*

10 Militants Eliminated in Nangarhar Clashes

JALALABAD - At least 10 Taliban insurgents have been killed and five others wounded during clashes in different areas of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Wednesday.

Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News four militants were killed and five others wounded during the clashes between security forces and Taliban in Gadal area of Pachiragam district late on Tuesday. The firefights happened when the militants wanted to attack security posts, he said. Separately, six insurgents were killed during a clash in Hisarak district of Nangarhar. Civilians and security forces suffered no casualties, he said. Taliban did not comment about the incidents so far. However, the group's spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, claimed five Afghan Local Police (ALP) members suffered casualties during an attack in Surkh Rod district. (Pajhwok)

Top Kunduz Officials Come under Taliban Attack

KUNDUZ CITY - Three high-ranking security and civil officials came under attack from Taliban insurgents in northern Kunduz province on Wednesday, when a massive security operation was launched.

Accompanied by some reporters, the three officials coming under attack included the governor, the provincial spymaster and the police chief. They were travelling outside the provincial capital to visit areas recently cleared of insurgents especially the Alchin Bridge area but were ambushed by Taliban on their way.

A Pajhwok Afghan News reporter, who was in the convoy, said the three officials escorted by dozens of security personnel quickly returned to the provincial capital.

Before the attack, the three officials addressed a joint press conference in Kunduz City. Governor Asadullah ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

1 US Soldier Killed in Helmand Bomb Blast

KABUL - A US soldier has been killed and another among seven others wounded in a bomb blast in Lashkargah City, the capital of southern Helmand province, the Resolute Support (RS) mission said Wednesday. According to a statement from RS received by Pajhwok Afghan News, the incident took place on the outskirts of Lashkargah City late on Tuesday."One U.S. service member died as a result of wounds sustained during operations near Lashkargah in Helmand Province, another US member was wounded and is currently in stable condition. Additionally, six Afghan soldiers were wounded," the statement said.

The service member was killed conducting Train, Advise, Assist activities with Afghan counterparts under NATO authorities when their patrol triggered an Improvised Explosive Device, the source said, adding an investigation was underway to determine the exact circumstances of the event. Around a hundred US forces have recently arrived to Helmand to cooperate with Afghan forces after militants step up their attacks in the province.(Pajhwok)

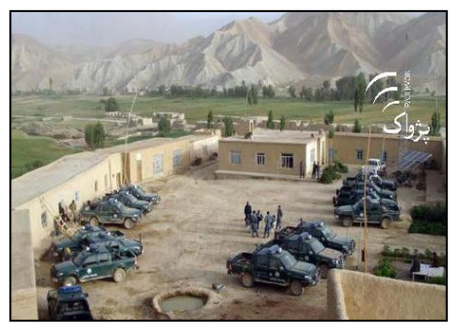
10 Dead in Hours-Long Pasaband Gun-Battle

FEROZKOH - Local officials on Wednesday said seven Taliban militants and three policemen were killed during a clash in the Pasaband district of western Ghor province.

Pasaband police chief Abdul Wahid told Pajhwok Afghan News militant attacked security posts on the outskirts of the district centre on Tuesday night and the ensuing clash stretched into Wednesday morning.

"The Taliban retreated after their seven fighters were killed and eight others wounded," he said, adding the militants still existed around the district center and were planning to carry out more attacks.

Fazl Ahmad, an Afghan National Army soldier in Pasaband, said a large number of Taliban once again attacked security posts, but faced with strong resistance from Afghan forces.



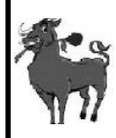
"We are ready to die, three of our colleagues have martyred and another one injured, we have not eaten bread over the past three days, we only rely on cooked rice," he said. Ahmad asked the government to provide needed equipment to security forces in ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

It might seem as if you're fighting an uphill battle when it comes to making plans for the future. Every time you decide on a course of action, circumstances throw you another curve ball. Thankfully, your luck is about to change in a significant manner as your key planet Mars pushes past constrictive Saturn.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Salmon fight against the river's currents and demonstrate great intention by swimming upstream to spawn. Your unflappable determination has brought you this far on your quest to deepen a relationship, even if the waters seem too shallow for passage. But the tide is shifting now and it will soon be obvious that you are not at the end of the journey.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Someone close to you may still be sending mixed messages by flashing a red light and green light at the same time. Unfortunately, you don't know whether to speed up or slow down; whatever strategy you try, the opposite seems to be a wiser approach. It's nearly impossible to blast ahead and screech to a halt all at once, but that's exactly what you must do. This cosmic dilemma requires you to hold two different positions simultaneously.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You wish you could deviate from your predetermined action plan today. Thankfully, you are given a chance to shed heavy-handed Saturn's weight and head out on a course of your own choosing. But don't wait until it's too late. Take small steps at first until you establish a steady pace. Once you start moving, it really doesn't matter that you're still figuring out your final destination.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Spontaneously connecting with your inner child invites your mini-me to come out to create mischief. But something still continues to hold you back from freely expressing the innocence of your heartfelt desires. Sadly, you can grow up too quickly by accepting a more mature set of duties and responsibilities.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

There is so much happening in your life now that you're uncertain about how to dig your way out of the overloaded present moment. However, everything is about to change and you will be surprised by how much time you have on your hands. Nevertheless, waiting to make your move is a mistake since the sooner you start on your new path, the better. Nobody is ever too busy; it's just a matter of reshuffling your priorities and improving your attitude.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

It doesn't matter how long you've been trying to bring up a sticky subject at work without any success. The very same topic is somehow approachable now and the resistance seems to have vanished into thin air. Nevertheless, your discussions may not fulfill your expectations because of their lack of intensity. But don't make lasting judgments based upon an arbitrary classification.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Although you appreciate certain aspects of your personality more than others, it's discouraging when people criticize you for those very same traits. You may be clear about your long-term goals, but can still be reticent when it comes to standing up for your rights.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

One minute you're waxing eloquently about the need to strike when the iron is hot; the next minute, you may be lost in a cloud of self-doubt. However, you are at a tipping point and are ready to leave uncertainty behind as a new wave of confidence ripples through your life. Don't spend a lot of time today trying to figure out what has changed. Just set your sites on your next goal and do whatever is necessary to reach your desired destination.

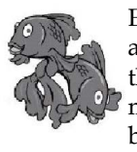
Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You excel at mapping out your plan and then executing it step by step. Although this methodical approach is likely behind your current achievements, it won't carry you to your next milestone. Oddly enough, your own ideas can be your greatest limitations now. In fact, you might need to throw away your previous blueprint for success and just make it up as you go.

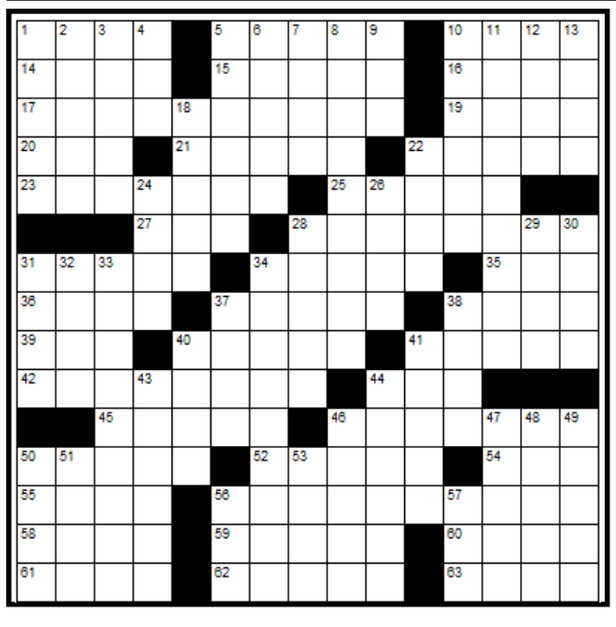
Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Acknowledging your need for structure is imperative today, especially as you look forward to the future. You're eager to move your life in a more meaningful direction, but you might temporarily be wary of the unknown. Thankfully, you can have it both ways now if you are sufficiently ready for this major undertaking. Prepare by going over your plan one last time.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Everyone seems to have their own idea about what you should be doing to make the most of your natural talents. But you might balk at listening to any advice now because it all sounds so critical to your ears. Remember that others judge you based upon their limited perceptions of your capabilities. Nevertheless, you possess a rare opportunity to set a career goal and then work toward making it real.



Across

1. Hurried, 5. Chalk, 10. Hairdo, 14. Killer whale, 15. Angers, 16. Family group, 17. Bagpipes (archaic), 19. French for "Head", 20. Hole-making tool, 21. Concerning (archaic), 22. Carnival attractions, 23. Lithesome, 25. Unpaid, 27. Snake-like fish, 28. Catches eels, 31. Cut off, 34. Nincompoops,35. Nigerian tribesman ,36. Vagabond, 37. Guarantee, 38. A round handle, 39. Sick, 40. Small cities, 41. Indications, 42. Whinnying, 44. Bird call, 45. Annuls, 46. This evening, 50. Assumed name, 52. Got along, 54. 52 in Roman numerals, 55. Plunder, 56. Flip, 58. Chills and fever, 59. Of a pelvic bone, 60. Mobile phone, 61. Thorny flower, 62. Hockey footwear, 63. Being.

Down

1. Soft drinks, 2. Walk in a stealthy manner, 3. French school, 4. Father, 5. A type of curved shape, 6. Part of a stair, 7. Distinctive flair, 8. Geological structural fea, tures, 9. Request, 10. Temporary, 11. Young bird, 12. Be worthy of, 13. 1 1 1 1 18. Burdened, 22. Trailer trucks, 24. Roman emperor, 26. Accompanying, 28. Moved in a curve, 29. Black, in poetry, 30. Boohoos, 31. Tibia, 32. Puncture, 33. Unmindful, 34. Townspeople, 37. Cancel, 38. Flightless bird, 40. Not that, 41. Smooths, 43. Small chin beard, 44. Compel, 46. Delicacy, 47. Adhesives, 48. Small mountains, 49. Name of a book, 50. Winglike, 51. Corporate image, 53. Dogfish, 56. Female sib, 57. Card with one symbol.

Yesterday's Solution

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