

77 Rebels Eliminated in Nangarhar Operation, Airstrikes

JALALABAD - Seventy-seven Taliban insurgents have been killed and several others wounded during airstrikes and ground operations in eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Saturday.

Attaullah Khogyani the governor's spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News the operations, including air raids, conducted in Hisarak and Ghanikhilo districts.

Sixty-nine militants were killed and scores wounded in security forces operation and air bombardment in Hisarak district in the past 24 hours, he said. Khogyani claimed, nine notorious commanders were among



the dead, adding security forces suffered no casualties. Separately, eight militants have been killed and most of their weapons destroyed in Waveshtama Vayala locality of Ghanikhilo district late on Friday, he added. However, Zabihullah Mujahid, the group's Spokesman denied Afghan government claims about recent clashes and said the whole Hisarak district was in their control without a military headquarter. Ahmad Ali Hazrat, the provincial council chief, warned Hisarak district would fall to Taliban if large scale operation could not be launched in the district.(Pajhwok)

4 Rebels Dead, 9 Hurt in Jawzjan Clashes

SHIBERGHAN - Five militants were killed and 10 others wounded during a clash in Muradian and Qush Tapa districts of northern Jawzjan province early on Saturday, officials said. Police Chief Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Turkistani told Pajhwok Afghan News militants stormed police check-posts in the Jangal Aregh locality of Muradian district, but security forces repelled their attacks effectively without suffering casualties. Two assailants were killed and seven others wounded in the early morning clash. Among the dead were Mullah Ahmad Dastyar and Maulvi Ahmad Shah, the insurgent deputy shadow governor for Jawzjan. One civilian was also wounded when a bullet landed and hit him. The residents of locality transferred the injured person to the hospital. Separately, two more Taliban were killed and as many wounded during an overnight firefight in the Qush...(More on P4)...(17)

Operation Launched to Re-Open Helmand-Kandahar Highway

LASHKARGAH - Helmand Governor Hayatullah Hayat said that an operation has been launched to re-open Helmand-Kandahar highway to traffic. "The highway will be opened in two to three days. Taliban closed it by planting mines on both side of the street", said Hayat, Helmand's governor. He said he hopes the highway will be opened in two days. Sharif Amiry and Abdullah Hamim, TOLO News correspondents reporting



from the battle zone, have said the operation is moving forward slowly due to the mines. The insurgents launched massive attacks on the southern Helmand prov-

ince a few weeks ago. For the past 18 days the major southern artery has been completely closed to traffic. Clashes are however still ongoing in the war-ravaged...(More on P4)...(18)

Unidentified Armed Men Kill Education Officer in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - An education officer from central Logar province was killed by unidentified armed men in Chahar Asiab district of the capital Kabul province, the Ministry of Education (MoE) said Saturday. A statement from MoE received by Pajhwok Afghan News said that Mohammad Zarif, a member of education supervision of Mohammad Agha district of Logar was killed by unknown armed men on Friday night. Provincial education department spokesman, Mohammad Shapor Arab, told Pajhwok Afghan News that 62 years old Mohammad Zarif was working with the monitoring office of the department...(More on P4)...(19)

Taliban Suffer Heavy Casualties in Sar-I-Pul Airstrikes

SAR-I-PUL - At least 32 militants have been killed and 16 others wounded during an operation in the Sancharak district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official claimed on Saturday. Governor Mohammad Zahir Wahdat told Pajhwok Afghan News the insurgents suffered the casualties during Afghan forces' airstrikes in Masjid Sabz, Topkhana and Ganjwa areas of the district late on Friday. Taliban's administrative and finance manager Qari Abdul Basir was among the dead, Wahdat said, adding civilians



and security forces suffered no casualties. Although the insurgent movement has not yet commented on the operation, a Taliban member, wishing not to be

named, denied the killing of Basir. The source confirmed only four militants were killed. A resident of Topkhana area, who...(More on P4)...(20)

Concerns Raised over Taliban on Kabul-Jalalabad Highway

JALALABAD - Reports indicate that the Taliban are targeting military convoys along parts of the Kabul-Jalalabad Highway and that they are also creating random check points to search motorists and passengers. Drivers and passengers that use the highway have said that they witness sporadic clashes between security forces and insurgents at times along parts of the highway. They said only a few people now use the road after sunset. "Sometimes we witness conflict between security forces and the Taliban - particularly in Tangi area of the highway," said Najibullah, a driver. "The Taliban sometimes harass and search the passengers. We do not use the highway after sunset. But if I have to use the highway at night I worry a lot,"...(More on P4)...(21)

40 Drug Smugglers Detained

KABUL - Forty individuals, including an Iranian citizen, have been arrested by police in connection with 30 cases of smuggling alcoholic drinks and drugs in different provinces, an official said on Saturday. Ahmad Khalid Mowahid, the Criminal Justice Task Force's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News these suspects had been detained arrested in a spate of operation during the current month. The arrests were made in Kabul, Panjsher, Samangan, Parwan, Nimroz, Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunduz, Jawzjan, Helmand, Herat, Faryab, Farah and Badakhshan prov-



inces, Mowahid said. He added 118 kilograms of heroin, 24 kilograms of morphine, over 868 kilograms of opium, 297 liters of chemicals and 1872 liters of alcoholic beverages were recovered from the detainees. The task

force is processing the cases, Meanwhile, 27 individual were arrested in connection with 18 separate cases of drug smuggling in the different provinces and handed over to the task force in August. (Pajhwok)

Afghanistan, Bangladesh in Talks for ODI Series in September

KABUL - Afghanistan are in talks with the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) to play their first bilateral ODI series against Bangladesh in Dhaka next month, the Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) has said. The ACB and the BCB have not yet decided on the number of matches but the series could be held after the Eid holidays, which fall around September 11 and 12. "We are in talks with the BCB to play the series next month but we are yet to sign the Memorandum of Understanding [MoU]," ACB media manager Aziz Gharwar told ESPNcricinfo. "We haven't yet set dates for the matches but we will soon publish the dates on our website." The BCB is looking to play a home ODI series before England's arrival next month, and ESPNcricinfo learned that



the board is in talks with one other team, apart from Afghanistan. Akram Khan, the chairman of BCB's cricket operations, said: "We are still in talks with them but we cannot confirm anything at the moment." England's tour of Bangladesh is scheduled to begin on October 7. If the series against Afghanistan is confirmed, Bangladesh...(More on P4)...(22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



What starts as an irresolvable conflict between what you want and what you must do magically transforms into a best-case scenario today. Taking steps to manifest your dreams could paint a rosy picture, but the truth will be revealed because your feelings are running deeper than usual. You will not be satisfied until you fulfill your desires in a sustainable manner.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Your reluctance to compromise could be a mistake that alienates people today. Fortunately, philosophical Jupiter's conjunction with mental Mercury and diplomatic Venus arms you with information that helps resolve a sticky situation. However, consciously choosing to be flexible restores intellectual and emotional connections.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your brain is running at warp speed with your mouth running just as fast. Luckily, your key planet Mercury is buzzing around a delicious Venus-Jupiter conjunction, revealing a treasure trove of wonderful ideas. Your genuine optimism plays a significant role in creating abundance when it comes to love and recognition. Use your positive thinking selectively, instead of believing that everything is for your personal gain.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You seem to have plenty of information to share today but, thankfully, you don't come across like a know-it-all. Charming Venus kisses generous Jupiter to continue a positive people trend in your life. Happily, you're able to gain admiration from others and draw them into your world. Although the compliments you hear now may be flattering, they could be lacking in sincerity.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You can feel the good vibrations now, offering you a break from a recent financial struggle. But even if money matters remain unchanged, you might be self-indulgent anyhow. A sweet conjunction between beautiful Venus and opulent Jupiter floods your 2nd House of Material Possessions with good news, tempting you to forget your current fiscal condition.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Any lingering self-doubt quickly dissipates today as witty Mercury and friendly Venus hang out with buoyant Jupiter. You are truly inspired now as new ideas increase your options and bolster your self-esteem. Be willing to take a risk, but bring along some of your famous common sense for backup. As Mae West said, "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Although illusory visions may already be dancing in your head, it's still worthwhile to let your imagination run wild today. Paradoxically, daydreaming is likely to produce positive results, even if your facts are wrong while mental Mercury and valuable Venus collaborate with auspicious Jupiter. Create your own fantasies rather than falling for someone else's tall tales, since good fortune rewards following your instincts now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your network of friends is your primary support system now as you attract people who admire your goals and appreciate the passion you bring to a cause. Your current powers of persuasion allow you to make your points more effectively than ever. Thankfully, you can restore the confidence of an old friend or appear more desirable to a new one today.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



All the pieces seem to fit into place today when captivating Venus connects with prosperous Jupiter in your 10th House of Public Status. It's hard to avoid falling in love with your career as you chase every opportunity that appears now, convinced that fame and fortune will be yours. However, gaining recognition for your work can be an empty achievement if you don't pursue personal relationships, too.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Cooking up plans for an inspiring trip or engaging in stimulating conversations connects your head and your heart in delightful ways. Good news is all but guaranteed while a generous conjunction of delectable Venus and cheerful Jupiter lights up your 9th House of Future Vision. This is a perfect time to pitch your ideas to others because they are likely to be receptive.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Your cash flow may be stretched to the max, but that won't stop you from trying to squeeze more out of every penny these days. A valuable triple conjunction of clever Mercury, magnetic Venus and promising Jupiter in skillful Virgo falls in your 8th House of Shared Resources, giving you the edge in financial negotiations.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



It's as if you just won the relationship lottery and people seem to be going out of their way to be extra nice to you. A delightful union of delicious Venus and buoyant Jupiter in your 7th House of Companions brings you gifts from good friends or openhearted individuals. Seek support, including funding, for your latest cause. You will never know who might come through for you unless you ask.

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1. Road or bridge fees, 6. Stinging insect, 10. Questions, 14. Utilize, 15. Curved molding, 16. Breathe hard, 17. Embankment, 18. Formal dance, 19. Comply with, 20. Geranium, 22. Algonquian Indian, 23. Pottery oven, 24. Exit, 26. Dethrone, 30. Female sib, 31. Attempt, 32. Dwarf buffalo, 33. Bristle, 35. A drama set to music, 39. Urinary organs, 41. Fasten, 43. Statistics, 44. Sounds of reproof, 46. Parental sister, 47. Autonomic nervous system, 49. Zero, 50. Jar tops, 51. Flower part, 54. Bit of gossip, 56. Game on horseback, 57. A formal charge of wrongdoing, 63. Two-toed sloth, 64. Trudge, 65. Gnatlike insect, 66. "Dam!", 67. Unadulterated, 68. Ales, 69. Notch, 70. Cravings, 71. Something of value.

Down

1. After-bath powder, 2. Not under, 3. Magma, 4. Mortgage, 5. Streamlined, 6. Most unstable, 7. Opposed, 8. Peddle, 9. A small sphere, 10. Being of questionable authenticity, 11. A fencing sword, 12. Leg joints, 13. Infections of the eye, 21. Panty-waist, 25. Hot rum drink, 26. Trees of the genus Quercus, 27. Module, 28. Fizzy drink, 29. Equivalent, 34. Mental positions, 36. Decorative case, 37. Cleave, 38. Picnic insects, 40. Feudal worker, 42. Small islands, 45. Mythical animal, 48. Dapper, 51. Potatoes, 52. Anagram of "Talon", 53. San Antonio fort, 55. Arboreal snake, 58. Hint, 59. Fastens, 60. Midmonth date, 61. Monster, 62. Where a bird lives.

Yesterday's Solution

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