

140 Militants Killed in Nangarhar Last Month

JALALABAD - At least 140 militants have been killed and more than 50 wounded during joint and special offensives in eastern Nangarhar province last month. During the period, 132 individuals were also held in connection with different crimes, said Lt. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, the provincial police chief. He told a press conference here that 18 clearing and airstrikes operations were carried out against militants in Nangarhar last month. He said nearly 140 militants were eliminated and 54 were wounded and 132 crime suspects arrested. He added security forces also seized 19 different weapons, 23 vehicles and an arms cache during the month. Around 10 militants joined the peace process as a result of efforts by security organs which were ...*(More on P4)...(15)*



Frustrated with New US Strategy, Pakistani FM Claims Afghan Forces Sell US Weapons

ISLAMABAD - In an apparent gesture of frustration with the US strategy for Afghanistan and South Asia, the foreign minister of Pakistan has claimed that the Afghan security forces are selling the US supplied weapons. Khawajah Asif made the remarks during an interview with a private Television Channel in Pakistan. Asif further added that more than 90 percent of the attacks in Pakistan were plotted inside the Afghan soil besides claiming that 40 percent ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Mullah Omar's Family Members, Some Taliban Leaders Returned from Pakistan

KABUL - Some family members of the Taliban group found Mullah Mohammad Omar and several leaders of the group have reportedly returned from Pakistan. The provincial police chief of southern Kandahar province Gen. Abdul Raziq informed the return of the Taliban leaders as he was speaking to reporters in Kandahar late on Saturday. Gen. Raziq further added that some family members of Mullah Omar ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Mohmand Asks Ghani to Intervene in Case Against Noor

KABUL - Mohammad Asif Mohmand has called on the president not to politicize his case but to ensure legal justice is carried out. Balkh provincial council member Mohammad Asif Mohmand on Monday called on President Ashraf Ghani to intervene and ensure the outcome of his case against Balkh governor Atta Mohammad Noor is referred to the Attorney General for legal action. Mohmand accused Noor of arresting and assaulting him two weeks ago. An investigation was carried out by a fact-finding team but no new developments have emerged. Noor however insists that Mohmand ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

22 Killed in Overnight Unrest in Paktika, Helmand

SHARANA/LASHKARGAH - Overnight clashes and a bomb blast left 20 insurgents and two security men dead in southern Helmand and southeastern Paktika provinces, officials said Monday. Seven insurgents were killed and four others wounded during a clash with Afghan Local Police personnel in Towda area of Mata Khan district Sunday night, acting Paktika police chief Dadullah Khan Hotak said. He told Pajhwok Afghan



News another three militants were killed and as many injured in a blast caused by their own explosives in Dani area of Urgun district. Elsewhere in Paktika, five Taliban were killed and three others wounded in a gun battle with border police in Giyan district on Sunday night, ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Work on 2 Uplift Projects Begins in Laghman, Nuristan

JALALABAD - Work on a health facility in eastern Laghman province and the reconstruction of the Statistics Department in Nuristan province has begun, an official said on Monday. The construction work on the clinic started in Baba Saib area near Mehtarlam, the capital of Laghman, a statement from the governor's office said. The project will be completed in six months at a cost of six million afghanis.



The building will have six rooms, separate accommodation for watchmen and electricity generators, drinking water facility and a boundary wall, according to the statement. It will also have a pharmacy, medicine and vaccine preservation facilities, a gynecology ward, a waiting room, a check-up room, a registration ...*(More on P4)...(19)*



Restoration of Historical Palace on Track

KABUL - The palace is an imposing neoclassical building on a hilltop overlooking a flat, dusty valley in the western part of the Afghan capital. The renovation of Darul Aman palace is not a difficult task, but engineers and architects need to accomplish the task professionally, said Sayed Zia Hussaini, director of Darul Aman reconstruction project. He said the first phase of the reconstruction project has been wrapped up at a cost of \$3 million dollars. Several engineers and architects who are experts in renovating historical monuments are employed to restore the palace to its former glory. The palace was built during the era of King Amanullah Khan, but was badly damaged during years of civil conflict in the country. Experts say that ten types of bricks have been used in the construction of the palace as workers continue to rebuild the pillars inside the main hall. All bricks used in the palace are marked with the word 'Amani'. "Two of the roofs in the northern part of the palace were destroyed during bombings and the reconstruction of those parts need much attention. This is the only problem we have," said Hussaini. A team of experts comprising 40 architects and engineers, including 25 ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

APL Teams Gearing up for 2017 Tournament

KABUL - This year's APL tournament will kick off on September 7 at Afghanistan's Football Federation stadium in Kabul. Eight teams from around the country are on the last leg of their training sessions ahead of this year's Afghan Premier League tournament that is scheduled to kick off in just over a week. According to tournament organizers, the teams are practicing hard for the 6th annual tournament which will be held at Afghanistan's Football Federation stadium in the capital. "Teams started training sessions six days ago, but Shaheen Asmayee have been training for the last month and a half, which we hope will bring good results," said Nadir Alimi, Shaheen Asmayee's deputy coach. "We had friendly matches and see our players are good; we can become the champions," said Shaheen Asmayee's goal keeper Kawoosh Haidar. On Friday, order of play was determined. The first match will be against Shaheen Asmayee - last year's winners - and De Spinghar Bazan. At least 18.6 million viewers in the country as well as Afghans ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aries It appears as if someone in power is working against your interests today. But this betrayal is an all-too-familiar situation that's returned for resolution. Retrograde Mercury offers you a chance to eliminate it once and for all. Although it would be easy to blame your nemesis, a smarter tactic is to consider your role in this conflict.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Taurus Interpersonal intrigue adds complications to your life today as conversations tread into uncharted territory. Although a discussion can reveal buried feelings, the outcome is relief once the truth is told. You have an opportunity to evolve and a chance to deepen an existing relationship now, if you're willing to place yourself in a position of vulnerability.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini You can shock and amaze your colleagues when you go right for the jugular in a delicate conversation today. Oddly enough, it is often upsetting when others are so direct in their approach, but you seem to pull it off now with little collateral damage. Mischievous Mercury's current collaboration with shadowy Pluto allows you to combine lighthearted communication with an intense perspective.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Cancer Resolving a misunderstanding between you and a close friend is at the top of your list today. At first, you seem to be all over the map but your position becomes clear as you continue to talk. Perhaps your windup is slow, but your pitch is fast and smooth once you have an engaged audience. But don't overstay your welcome; say what you must and then respectfully bow out.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Leo An interpersonal or interdepartmental conflict at work can bring you out of your corner and directly into the fray today. It's not that you're looking for trouble; it's just that you want to play your part in ameliorating the tension that's distracting people from doing their jobs.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Virgo You are not interested in dredging up more data today; you're already swimming in a sea of unrelated facts. Instead, you can apply your expertise to a complicated situation at work by looking for patterns in what you already know. Focus on analysis rather than investigation. Isolate the most important points and then connect the dots so everyone can see things the way you do.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Libra You are like a dog with a bone; you're on to something special and no one is going to take it away from you. You are not typically one to stir up conflict, but you won't avoid it today if you think you're being manipulated. You believe your cause is worth fighting for now. Of course, you understand that everyone has their own agenda.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Scorpio You're ready to go to bat for your friends because you know they would do the same for you. Messenger Mercury is working in cohorts with potent Pluto, serving you an extra dose of courage. You don't take your relationships casually and are willing to accept any criticism that might result as you cut to the chase. But don't become too attached to achieving results.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sagittarius Sometimes it feels as if your world is moving in slow motion, even though you are going at full speed. Your frustration level could be on the rise now if your values clash with those of your boss. You can't decide whether to hold your ground and fight for your beliefs, or to wait for a better moment to make a stand. If possible, put off making a final decision until tomorrow when the path ahead becomes less rocky and more certain.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

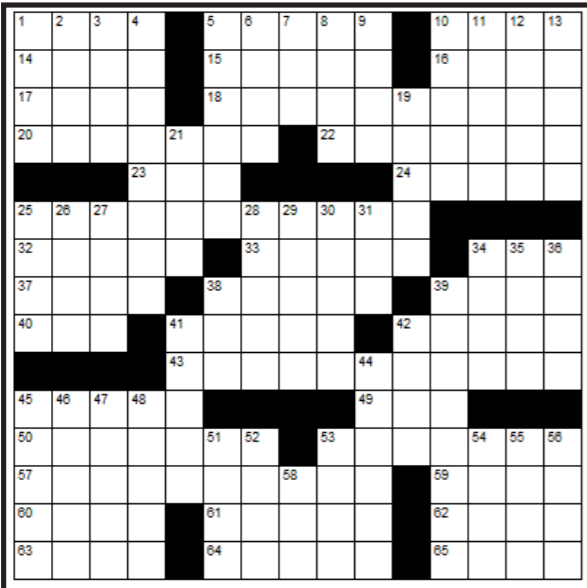
Capricorn You know how the system is supposed to work, but somehow crossed wires are messing with the results. Rather than untangling the current communication snafu, you want to get to the bottom of the chaos by fixing the structure itself. Unfortunately, the way out of this dilemma is complicated by the fact that some key players won't even acknowledge there's a problem.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aquarius You're unhappy with the current direction that's being taken at work today. However, you don't think it's in your best interest to spend your time and energy fighting against the status quo, especially if your beliefs are in the minority. Fortunately, you know that right action is a moral issue and that truth is on your side now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Pisces You're busy mustering support for one of your pet causes but can't understand why others are slow to rally their enthusiasm today. But the current lack of help might not be an indication that your proposed course of action is a bad one. It's more likely that the weak link in the chain is your presentation rather than your proposition. Fortunately, your chances will improve once cerebral Mercury turns direct next week.



Across
1. End ____ 5. A steel wire rope, 10. Smack, 14. Liturgy, 15. Double-reed instruments, 16. Concern, 17. Thin strip, 18. Reporter, 20. Appeal, 22. The junction between two neurons, 23. Large Australian flightless bird, 24. Disturb, 25. Asphalt compactor, 32. Muse of love poetry, 33. French for "Red", 34. Disencumber, 37. Wimp, 38. Cake frosting, 39. Walking stick, 40. Born as, 41. A kind of macaw, 42. Devilfish, 43. Booking, 45. Nautical for stop, 49. Senesce, 50. Sediment, 53. Furrow, 57. Deductive, 59. A Freudian stage, 60. Unadulterated, 61. Avoid, 62. Clock sound, 63. Orange pekoe, 64. Excellence, 65. Female sheep (plural).

Down
1. Constellation bear, 2. Sediment, 3. French for "State", 4. Withdraws, 5. Agree, 6. Assist in crime, 7. Fiddle stick, 8. Not more, 9. Catch a glimpse of, 10. Waste matter, 11. Narrow-waisted stingers, 12. Got up, 13. Basic belief, 19. Habituate 21. Ammunition, 25. Stitched, 26. Not false, 27. Lack of difficulty, 28. Killer whales, 29. France's longest river, 30. Pertaining to the moon, 31. It comes from a hen, 34. Hindu princess, 35. Within, 36. University administrator, 38. Fury, 39. Arrange 41. Pretentious, 42. Wise men, 44. Rapsallion, 45. Adjust, 46. Locale, 47. 3-banded armadillo, 48. Bottoms of shoes, 51. Bit of gossip, 52. Scramble piece, 53. Dry riverbed, 54. Be cognizant of, 55. Shoestring, 56. North American deer (plural), 58. Mongrel,

Yesterday's Solution

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