

No Compromise on Commando Force, Vows Mohib



KABUL - National Security Advisor (NSA) Hamdullah Mohib has said the courage and heroism of commando forces has taken away comfort from the enemy forces and did not allow them to reach their targets, according to a state-

ment on Friday. Mohib made the comments during a visit to commando corps headquarters here, a statement from the National Security Council (NSC) said.

The NSA expressed happiness that commando forces conduct many operations on its own and required very little support. Commando troops have reaffirmed commitment for the defence of the country which was

their only goal and target. They showed readiness for conducting operations anywhere in the country in every circumstance to eradicate the movement of the enemy. ...*(More on P4)...(7)*

Large-Scale Military Operations Launched in Badakhshan



KABUL - Afghan forces have launched large-scale military operations in three districts of north-eastern Badakhshan province early Thursday morning to clear three districts of militants, local officials said. The operations were launched in Warduj, Yumgan and Keran Wa Manjan districts, provincial governor Zakaria Sawda said. "The army, police, local police and public uprising forces are involved in the operations," he said, adding that "the Afghan Air Force will also support the

operations." "The forces launched operation from Parneyan district of Panjshir province to retake Keran Wa Manjan district. The second operation launched from Baharak district to clear Warduj and for Yumgan, the forces launched operation from Jurm district," he said. Keran wa Manjan district had fallen to militants more than a month ago while Warduj and Yumgan were not in control of the government forces in recent years. (Tolo news)

Taliban, Daesh Suffer Casualties in Kunar Airstrikes

KABUL - Twenty-eight Daesh and Taliban rebels have been killed and some injured in foreign forces airstrikes in eastern Kunar province, according to security sources on Thursday. Sher Wali Samim, police spokesman in Kunar, said foreign forces conducted airstrikes on the Taliban positions in the Chapa Dara district on Wednesday. Eleven Taliban were killed and eight others injured, he said. Separately, a statement from 201st Selab Military Corps said 17 Daesh rebels were killed and five others injured in foreign forces airstrike in the Chapa Dara and Chawkai districts of Kunar. Daesh and the Taliban have not commented about the incidents. (Pajhwok)

Illiterate Bamyan Women Being Taught How to Vote

BAMYAN CITY - Awareness program regarding biometric voting for illiterate women has been launched in central Bamyan province for the September 28 presidential election, an official said on Thursday. Aqila Yousufi, Independent Election Commission (IEC) gender section head for Bamyan, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the aim of the biometric awareness program was to encourage women to widely partake in the presidential election. He said more than 5,000 women would be trained under the program at literacy centers on how to vote. "During the Wolesi Jirga elections, many people did not turn up to vote because they did not know how to vote -- a problem for most of the women," he added. He added the awareness program im-



plementation would enable people how to use their vote and would also prevent rigging. Sadiq Farhank, literacy head at the education department, told Pajhwok the program was being run at all vital literacy institutions in capital and districts of the province.

He termed the program as important as it could encourage many women to participate in the upcoming presidential polls. Khawar, a resident of Sukh Shahr village of Bamyan City, the provincial capital, told Pajhwok that after attending the program, now she knew how to

cast her vote biometrically. She said in the past women in Bamyan would face many problems while using their votes but the program would help them cast their votes through biometric process easily in future. A number of other women held similar views in this regard. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Aug 31, 2019 - Extend the day by getting up earlier than usual, Aries. Even though it may be hard to leave the comfort of your bed, the rewards will be many. The celestial energy beckons you to get up and join the activities of the day. You'll be much more productive and accomplish a lot by the end of the day.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Aug 31, 2019 - You may be trying to cling to something that doesn't want to sit still, Taurus. It's like trying to grab a wet fish. The more tightly you squeeze it, the likelier it is to slip out of your grasp. The trick is to be more strategic and less frantic. You also might consider letting the fish go. It isn't yours anyway.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Aug 31, 2019 - Overall, this should be a pleasant day, Gemini, and you'll be properly recognized for the person you are. You may feel like royalty, so feel free to dress in your most regal attire. Take an independent viewpoint when asked about running your castle. Be creative, honorable, and permissive in your rule.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Aug 31, 2019 - Frustration may set in early today, Cancer, but things should pan out for you as the evening approaches. Once you deal with an issue, let it rest. There's no need to keep revisiting an old dispute just because you want to prove you're right. If people don't agree the first time around, they probably won't agree the second or third time either.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Aug 31, 2019 - Whether you realize it or not, you'll have the upper hand today, Leo, so take advantage of this opportunity. Things may be going so well that you might not even notice what a fantastic time you're having. Sit back and take a moment to appreciate your good fortune. Others will gravitate to you naturally, and you'll always seem to have the right an-

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Aug 31, 2019 - Be careful about planning things too much, Virgo. Leave the morning open for spontaneous acts and haphazard events. Let the structure of the afternoon slowly evolve from the morning's events. You don't need to build Rome in a day. Enjoy a leisurely morning, and see if you can convince someone to bring you breakfast in bed. This is the perfect way to start the day.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Aug 31, 2019 - You may wake up to a cloudy brain fog, Scorpio. Emotionally, you may find it hard to make decisions about anything even though you're feeling called to do so. There are so many choices and you want them all. The good news is that you should feel much more clearheaded and stable by evening. Hang in there.

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Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Aug 31, 2019 - Independence is key for you, Sagittarius, so even though it may not be Independence Day, feel free to celebrate anyhow. Give thanks to all the freedoms you have, and make sure you're taking advantage of them. You are your own entity with a strong life force that's capable of anything. Gather your spirit, mount your horse, and ride off to adventure.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

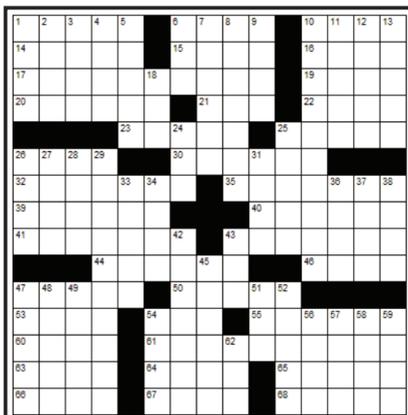
Aug 31, 2019 - Things may be unstable for you this morning, Capricorn, but improve quite a bit by the end of the day. If you can, you should probably just sleep this morning. Get a full amount of rest so you can fully enjoy the latter part of the day. This will leave you with plenty of energy so you can make the most of your night with someone special.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Aug 31, 2019 - Make sure you have an equal amount of give and take in your life, Aquarius. If someone gives you a compliment today, know how to receive it graciously instead of brushing it off as something meaningless. At the same time, be generous with your compliments to others. It costs you nothing and it's worth a treasure chest of gold. How

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Aug 31, 2019 - Relationships should go well for you, Pisces. You should be able to find emotional stability when you form a relationship with someone you trust. Don't get discouraged if this person tends to be aloof. Your friend is just giving you space to breathe and grow. Direct more of your energy outward so you may begin to manifest the ideas that you store up inside.



Across

- 1. Bird sound, 6. Press, 10. Celestial bear, 14. God of the underworld, 15. Exploded star, 16. Catches, 17. Fair, 19. Stair, 20. Joyous, 21. Historic period, 22. Algonquian Indian, 23. Anagram of "Wanes", 25. Cut off, 26. Hearing organs, 30. Record player, 32. Aircraft carrier, 35. An apparition, 39. Hirsute, 40. Military greeting, 41. Besmirched, 43. Nonproprietary, 44. Crazy, 46. A pack of playing cards, 47. Whips, 50. Marsh growth, 53. Impetuous, 54. Mesh, 55. Loutish, 60. Modify, 61. Apparent, 63. Away from the wind, 64. Friends, 65. Site of the Trojan War, 66. Composer Jerome, 67. Visual organs, 68. Homes for birds,

Down

- 1. Cook, 2. Possess, 3. Midmonth date, 4. Lease, 5. "Hogwash!", 6. Hotel, 7. Rat or mouse, 8. Supervise, 9. Zero, 10. Uneducated, 11. Backward-looking, 12. Drive, 13. Type of poplar tree, 18. Beer, 24. Venomous snake, 25. 4-door car, 26. FFFF, 27. Astringent, 28. Unusual, 29. Unbend, 31. Ascend, 33. Small slender gulls, 34. Poems, 36. Attraction, 37. Ear-related, 38. Between the head and shoulders, 42. Infer, 43. G, 45. Urticate, 47. Sideshow attraction, 48. Soup server, 49. Willow, 51. Put clothing on, 52. Indian antelope, 54. No, 56. Dossier, 57. Nile bird, 58. A promiscuous woman, 59. Skirt lines, 62. S,

Yesterday's Solution

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