

# 37 Taliban, 12 Police Killed in Kandahar Clashes

KANDAHAR - Thirty-seven Taliban militants have so far been killed during an ongoing operation in Nish district of southern Kandahar province, police said on Saturday. A dozen police were also killed and eight others wounded in the offensive, said provincial police spokesman Zia Durrani. He said the wounded police included the district police chief, Ghulam Ghous. He said the insurgents continued to pose threats in the district and the operation would continue until the threats were naturalised. Local residents said the fighting had



ceased but Taliban militants still existed in various parts of the district. One of them, Mohammad Hanif, said the fighting stopped today and security forces continued their raids in various areas. He said Haji Alam, Shehrak, Shinkian and other villages had been scene of fierce clashes between security forces and Taliban militants. He said all sides including civilians had suffered heavy casualties so far in the clashes. He said the rebels killed many civilians on the accusation of working for security forces. He said 23 people killed by ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

## Afghan Teen Arrested Over German Murder-Rape

BELRIN - A teenage Afghan asylum seeker has been arrested on suspicion of the rape and murder of a 19-year-old female student in Germany, police and prosecutors said Saturday. The 17-year-old Afghan was arrested on Friday after his DNA was found at the scene of the crime and he was identified on CCTV, authorities in the south-west German town of Freiburg told a press conference. The Afghan, who has said nothing to investigators about the

alleged crimes, arrived in Germany in 2015 as an unaccompanied minor and had been living with a host family. The teenage victim was a medical student who was found dead on the banks of the river Dreisam, which Freiburg straddles, on October 16. An autopsy found that she had drowned. The previous evening she had gone out to a student night before cycling home. Her body was found just a few hours later. No personal link has yet been ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

## Nine Insurgents Killed in Kunduz Operation

KABUL - At least nine insurgents were killed in a joint Afghan military operation in northern Kunduz province in the past 24 hours, the Interior Ministry said in a statement on Sunday. In addition, eight other insurgents were injured. The operation was launched in Zarkharid, Gortepa, Zakhil, and Shora Kha areas of Kunduz city in a bid to clear the areas of insurgents, according to the statement.



During the operation, the forces seized weapons, it said. However, the statement did not provide more details on the operation or on casualties among security forces. *(Tolonews)*

## Air Strike Kills 2 IS Fighters

JALALABAD - Two militants loyal to the hard-liner Islamic State (IS) group were killed as unmanned plane targeted their hideout in east Afghanistan, a local official said Sunday. The official who declined to be named said that acting upon intelligence report, the security forces launched drone attack on Sunday morning, killing two IS fighters on the spot in Achin district of the eastern Nangarhar province with Jalalabad as its capital 120 km east of Kabul. Meanwhile, the government forces after days of heavy fighting evicted IS militants from Pachiragam district of Nangarhar province. Nangarhar's provincial governor Gulab Mangal visited Pachiragam district on Saturday and after inspecting the situation promised to assist the families whose houses had been destroyed by IS militants, spokesman for provincial administration Attaullah Khogiani told media outlets here. IS militants who are active in Achin, Batikot and Pachiragam districts are yet to make comment. *(Xinhua)*

## 9 Insurgents Killed, 7 Wounded in Ghazni Battle

GHAZNI CITY - Nine Taliban insurgents were killed and another seven wounded in retaliatory firing by security forces in southern Ghazni province on Sunday, an official said. However, Taliban claimed inflicting casualties on security forces during the clash that occurred in Arzo area of Ghazni City, the provincial capital. A military spokesman in Ghazni, Mohammad Hanif Rizayee, told Pa-



jhwok Afghan News that insurgents stormed a security check point in Arzo area and the ensuing clash lasted about two hours and resulted in the killing of nine rebels and injuries to another seven. He said the rebels' corpses ...*(More on P4)...*(14)

## Taliban Collect Smartphones from Ghazni Residents

GHAZNI CITY - Taliban militants have collected smartphones that played music and video songs from local residents in Qarah Bagh district of southern Ghazni province. Alam Khan, a resident of Mirakhan area of the district, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban had collected mobile phones from people in their area. "Phones in which songs are uploaded have been collected by Taliban from people. Taliban stop each person and check his mobile." Another resident, Rahmatullah Khan, said most residents of Qarah Bagh district kept



simple mobile phones that did not play videos. "People use mobiles to talk to their relatives and friends who are abroad. But Taliban don't allow the phone." Khan said there might be some people who used cell phones only to play music and watch videos, but most residents used mobile phones to resolve problems. Several other residents held similar views. Syed Alam, a resident of Sulimankhel area in ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

## Man Mysteriously Found Dead in Sar-i-Pul, Kin Arrested

SAR-I-PUL - Police have detained a woman and her son in connection with the killing of her husband in northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said on Sunday. Local officials said the man was mysteriously found dead inside his home in Aqtash locality of Sar-i-Pul City, the provincial capital, late on Saturday night. They identified the victim as 27-year-old Syed Hasham. Police arrested the victim's wife and their son and they were currently being investigated. Syed Azam, a brother of the slain man, confirmed the incident and said they were slept when the incident happened Zabiullah Amanni, the governor's spokesman, confirmed the incident and the arrest of his wife and son. *(Pajhwok)*

## ALP Man, 4 Uprising Members Arrested Over Alleged Mugging

GHAZNI CITY - One Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel and four public uprising members have been arrested on robbery charges in southern Ghazni province, an official said on Sunday. Crime branch chief at the provincial police headquarters, Mohammad Qahir Nasari, told Pajhwok Afghan News police arrested an ALP man and four public uprising members accused of looting passengers on the Ghazni-Paktika highway in Andar district. He said



the detained men snatched money, cars and other expensive items from people at gunpoint. "People have complained a number of times that they were being looted on the highway by ALP men and we were able to arrest them." He ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Thankfully, any leftover contention between you and your colleagues is easy to smooth over today. In fact, it's best to simply leave behind whatever happened during the workweek and just enjoy the spiritual vibe. There's lots of bustle and buzz in your social circle, and it's a great day to get involved with a vibrant group of people and lend some of your passion to the process.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your long-term goals or plans for the future may have been a recent source of concern, but in this moment you find yourself reflecting on all of your accomplishments. It's rewarding to realize that your efforts are paying off, and your thoughts are likely to turn to how much you owe to your extended family for their unwavering support.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

The community spirit is strong now and you may be excited about being a part of the energy. The free-thinking Aquarius Moon shines in your 9th House of Spirituality, inspiring you to volunteer at a local church or shelter. Fortunately, you may find that you're capable of taking a step back from any conflict now and come to an unconventional solution as you let go of worrying about what others think.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Attending to your own needs naturally flows into taking care of others today. Thankfully, a stressful relationship dynamic is settling down now that the friendly Aquarius Moon calms the waters, allowing some much-needed bonding and reparation to occur. This graceful energy reminds you of all of the values you share with those around you, so bask in the light of mutual support.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You tend to lead the way more than fall in line, but you do love being surrounded by your pack. The social Aquarius Moon illuminates your 7th House of Relationships, prompting your heart to swell with love for the special people in your life. Inclusive behavior elevates your position in the minds of others.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Recuperating with your friends before the workweek begins anew makes perfect sense now. The collective spirit of the day, combined with Luna's stroll through your 6th House of Health is a cosmic invitation to take a fitness class at your neighborhood gym or hike your favorite trail with a nature-loving companion. Oftentimes, strenuous exercise relaxes the body and mind better than anything else; work up a sweat and luxuriate in the sweet reward of rest afterwards.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You've cut loose the anchors keeping you tied to family obligations, freeing you to head out and enjoy pleasurable pursuits with your favorite people. The humanitarian Aquarius Moon's presence in your 5th House of Play awakens an irrepresible urge to surround yourself with creative folks who inspire you to color outside of the lines. You will start to feel better if you engage in activities that encourage personal expression like singing.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Enjoy the unexpected break from your hectic schedule and kick back today. This easygoing energy is wonderful for spending time with your soul family, while the social Aquarius Moon leaves you feeling involved and included. However, if you sense your autonomy slipping away.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You may be soaring so high above the stresses and strains of the mundane world today that you want to give back to others in appreciation. Communal spirit beckons as you are grateful for your brothers and sisters in arms. Thankfully, you can contribute in many ways, such as organizing a block party or potluck dinner, where everyone can share something they enjoy.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

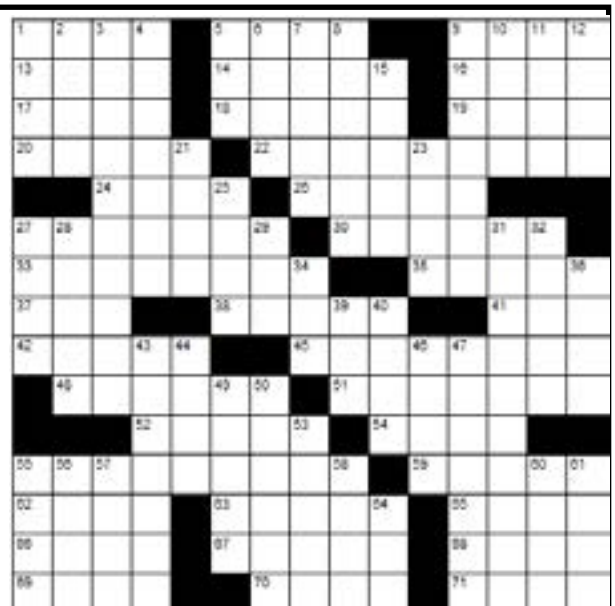
The mood of the day reminds you of the simple joy of finding a lucky penny heads up on the ground when you least expect it. It's not about monetary gain, it's about feeling like the universe is looking out for you. The philanthropic Aquarius Moon is activating your 2nd House of Self-Worth, so leave a proverbial penny for someone else today by giving back to your community in ways that align with your core values.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Everything seems right with the world as the lethargy and inner disquiet of yesterday fades into the past. Rally your friends around you today while your social sphere vibrates with the spirit of togetherness. Connection and community are the focus of the moment, and you certainly feel right at home with these concepts. But you are known for preferring the road less traveled.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

There is a gentle resonance of peaceful tranquility as your relaxing weekend winds down. You need your alone time to recharge your batteries today, but the needs of your tribe are just as important to you. Combine both approaches by attending a restorative yoga class with friends or gathering together a small group to share a meal. As you reflect on social issues with those you trust.



**Across**  
1. Pear variety, 5. Damage, 9. Writing fluids, 13. "Do \_\_\_ others...", 14. A part of the small intestine, 16. Ark builder, 17. Flower stalk, 18. Devilfish, 19. Wicked, 20. Overly sentimental, 22. Strolled, 24. Plunder, 26. Hawaiian veranda, 27. Quantify, 30. Chuckles, 33. Issuing commands, 35. 8th Greek letter, 37. What we sleep on, 38. Willow, 41. 59 in Roman numerals, 42. Smell, 45. An edible sunfish, 48. Wound, 51. Fundamental or central idea, 52. Utilizing, 54. "Damn!", 55. More important, 59. Barb, 62. Carve in stone, 63. Master of ceremonies, 65. Corporate image, 66. Cooking fat, 67. Purposes, 68. Type of sword, 69. Neat, 70. Garret, 71. D D D D.  
**Down**  
1. Kiss, 2. Savvy about, 3. Folding portable ladder, 4. Write, 5. Not her, 6. "What a shame!", 7. Kidney-related, 8. Bilateral, 9. Complain, 10. French for "Black", 11. Cabbage-like vegetable, 12. Outbuilding, 15. Bread from Heaven, 21. Not mine, 23. Tight, 25. Threesome, 27. Gangs, 28. Construct, 29. N N N N, 31. Green chalcid, 32. Supporting column, 34. A castrated tomcat, 36. Spindle, 39. Antlered animal, 40. Regretted, 43. Risqué, 44. Backside, 46. Tropical American wildcat, 47. Twisted into deformity, 49. Specks, 50. Beast, 53. Small lizard, 55. Toward sunset, 56. Decorative case, 57. Frozen, 58. Coral barrier, 60. Curved molding, 61. Troubles, 64. Eastern Standard Time.

**Yesterday's Solution**  
always, amaze, approve, aspect, basic, bottom, clean, confident, contradict, dent, direct, dollar, faculty, faithful, fleet, forward, glisten, guest, haven, humor, invoice, legal, months, purpose, raise, reach, read, soda, soften, stark, stilt, straight, strife.

