

18 Taliban Rebels Surrender in Badakhshan: Official

FAIZABAD - Some 18 members of Taliban militant group have renounced violence and surrendered in Badakhshan province, an army source said on Tuesday. "A total of 18 armed opponents denounced hostility and surrendered in Tagab district, Badakhshan province late Monday," Ghulam Hazrat Karimi, spokesman of army's Division 20 Pamir based in the northern region, told Xinhua. Among the surrendered was a local commander of Taliban named Qari Mehrab and the former insurgents also handed over



13 rounds of weapons to military authorities, the source added. With the insurgents' surrender, peace and stability would be further strengthened in several parts of the province, 315 km northeast of Afghan capital of Kabul, Karimi noted. More than 10,000 Taliban militants have laid down arms and joined the government-backed peace and reconciliation process since mid-2010 when the government launched the initiative, according to officials, but the claim has been rejected by the armed outfit as "baseless." (Xinhua)

Bomber Planning to Attack Indian Consulate Arrested

JALALABAD - Eleven militants, including a would-be bomber tasked with targeting the Indian diplomatic mission in eastern Nangarhar province, have been detained, an official said on Tuesday. National Directorate of Security (NDS) chief

for Nangarhar Brig. Gen. Dad Mohammad Harifi told a press conference here that their operatives had also seized more than 1000 weapons which were being carried to Kabul for terrorist attacks. He said the detainees had ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

1 Killed, 3 Injured in Kunduz Explosion

KUNDUZ - One militant was killed and three Afghan civilians were wounded after an explosion ripped through an intersection in Kunduz city, capital of northern Kunduz province on Tuesday, police said. "The blast occurred roughly at 3:00 p.m. in Rastae-Hangaran locality when a militant tried to plant a sticky bomb into a vehicle parked near at site but the device exploded prematurely killing the militant on the spot," Mahfozullah Akbari, police spokesman in the northern zone, told Xinhua. Security forces have cordoned off the area for precautionary measures. The injured were shifted to a nearby hospital by police and none of the wounded received life-threatening wounds, he said. Among the injured was a senior government official, according to unofficial sources. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet. (Xinhua)

3 Rebels Dead, Women among 9 Hurt in Sar-i-Pul Clashes

SAR-I-PUL / SHERBERGHAN - At least three Taliban have been killed, two women and seven others insurgents wounded in separately incidents of violence in northern Sar-i-Pul and Jawzjan provinces, officials said on Tuesday

Mohammad Reza Ghafoori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that two militants were killed and five others wounded during a clash with security ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

2 Held, Drugs, Weapons, Recovered in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Dozens kilograms of drugs, weapons and ammunition have been recovered separately in eastern Nangarhar province, the gubernatorial spokesman said on Tuesday. Col. Hazrat Hussain Mashriqiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News that police had detected and recovered 80kgs of hashish on the outskirts of Pachiragum district. No one had been so far detained in connection with the drugs recovery, but a probe had been launched ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Zafar-21 Offensive Concluded with 7 Rebels Dead in Faryab

MAIMANA - The Zafar-21 military offensive has ended after clearing of eight villages and killing of seven militants in the Sherin Tagab district of north-western Faryab province, an official said on Tuesday. Governor Syed Anwar Sadaat told Pajhwok Afghan News the operation that ended Monday was aimed at clearing some villages of Sherin Tagab and eliminating security threats to Maimana-Andkhai highway. Eight villages including Baloch Torat, Rahmatabad, Gor Aoghloi, ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

Sher Khan Port Enterprise Director Suspended

KUNDUZ CITY - The attorney's office in northern Kunduz province on Tuesday suspended the Sher Khan dryport enterprise head on charges of dereliction of duty and aiding land-grabbers. Prosecutor Mohammad Arif Mubashir told Pajhwok Afghan News hundreds of acres of land belonging to the port's enterprise had been usurped

and sold with the help of Imam Mohammad Sarshakhi, acting-director of the enterprise. "We have received several letters from the port and the governor's house, asking us to prevent the usurpation of land meant for a township. The acting director refused appearing for investigation at the attorney office." ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

Unscheduled Load Shedding Irks Kandahar Residents

KANDAHAR CITY - Residents of southern Kandahar province complain of prolonged power load Shedding, saying they are faced with multiple problems. Industrialists also grumble about unscheduled load Shedding, saying their factories have to be content with a 10 hours power supply for diesel generator. They recall a governmental

promise about the establishment of 10 a megawatts solar power during the current year. However, the pledge is yet to be honoured. Official of the Da Afghanistan Breshan Shirkat (DABS) were earlier asked by local representatives for meeting the electricity shortfall in the from enough ...*(More on P4)...*(21)

90 Tons of Drugs Seized in 45 Days: Official

KABUL - Afghan police have seized averagely two tons of drugs every day during the past one and a half months, arresting and 284 people in connection with drug smuggling across the country, an official said on Tuesday. Police seized 61 tons of raw hashish in Khak-i-Jabbar district of

central Kabul province on December 3, said deputy counter-narcotics head at the Ministry of Interior. Brig. Gen. Baz Mohammad Ahmadi told reporters in Kabul the hashish were seized in Gardi Maidan area of Khak-i-Jabbar district. He said no one had been detained ...*(More on P4)...*(22)

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Procurement Entities	Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat "DABS"
Funded By	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Item Description	500-kV Transmission Line (Sheberghan to Dasht-e-Alwan)"
Ref. No	NPA/DABS/95/W-1404/ICB
Bid Security	The Bids must be accompanied with Bid Security in the form of a Bank Guarantee provided in the Bidding Documents at the amount of US\$3,000,000 (three million) and valid for 298 days after the bids submission deadline.
Deadline for Bid Submission	05 February, 2017, 10:00 hours. (Kabul, Local Time) , Electronic submission of Bid is not allowed. Late bid will be reject.
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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

The world appears foggy as you look through your subjective lens today, and it's hard to separate what is real and what is not. You may find yourself completely lost in thought, encountering hopes and fears that arise from your blind spot. Do what you can to keep your feet on the ground as the ambiguous Pisces Moon provokes unrealistic concerns, possibly leading you to self-sabotage.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your heart tells you to aim for the stars since anything is possible if you put your mind to it. Faith sustains you on your way to reaching your goals while the shimmering Moon dances with fanciful Neptune in your 11th House of Dreams. However, no vehicle can run on hope alone. Fortunately, an energetic Mars-Uranus connection provides the electricity you need to wake up from your daydream.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your illustrious reputation precedes you everywhere you go in your imagination today. Fantasies of fame and fortune swirl through your mind as the reflective Moon conspires with Neptune the Dreamer in your 10th House of Status. Try not to get too lost in an illusion, as your feelings could hijack your logic when it's time to make decisions. Stay alert; a fresh and original insight may come out of nowhere.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

There is a spiritual vibe lingering in the air today. The mystical mood resonates with your sensitive disposition, allowing you to move through the day feeling connected to your intuitive power. You may experience a renewed sense of faith in the universe at large while the Moon joins magical Neptune in your 9th House of Higher Truth.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your generous heart is in the driver's seat today as you see those you love through rose-colored glasses. It's difficult for the rational mind to steer when ceaseless visions of transcendent intimacy occupy your head space. There's nothing wrong with being enchanted by your fantasies now and again, but make sure you don't confuse them with reality.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You may be preoccupied with wondering what others think of you today; in fact, you might be concerned that they don't even know you exist. It's hard to relax your mind at the best of times, and when the spacey Pisces Moon bumps into illusory Neptune, you could waste precious energy running in circles with worry. Neptune is known to confuse and even deceive, so try not to take these daydreams or nightmares too seriously.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Shaking off the blahs is tricky today if you are feeling a little under the weather. You could even feel sorry for yourself while delusional Neptune mingles with the emotional Moon, especially if you're working too hard and not being appreciated for your contribution. Try not to fall into an unwarranted victim mindset where everything seems unfair; instead, take balance into your own hands.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You could drift on autopilot today, paying so little attention to your surroundings that hours fly by before you realize it. The haze seeps down from your head to your heart, and you might daydream about a perfect romance. On the outside, you may seem absent-minded

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

It's prudent to get in touch with your emotions now, because they're going to flood your psychological basement anyway. You start the day with a plan, but it's soon washed away by Neptune's mystical waves. The introspective Moon beckons you to dive deep today and uncover a spiritual truth rather than let irrational fears psych you out. A brilliant Mars-Uranus sextile lightens the mood.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

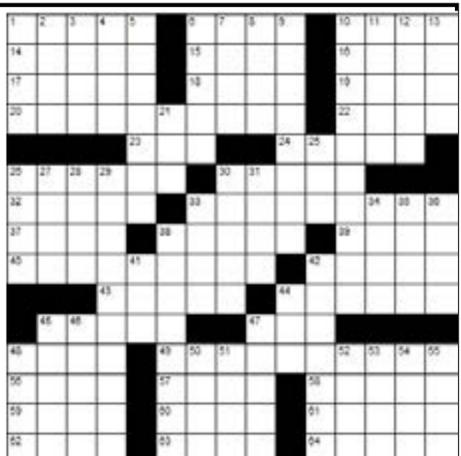
It's best to just go with the flow rather than trying to control every little thing today. A nebulous Moon-Neptune conjunction fuzzes your neural pathways and trips up your tongue. Don't beat yourself up for any unintentional little blunders; it happens to everyone, and the cerebral mist will lift soon enough. There's nothing quite as powerful as the moment of clarity when you suddenly see the truth.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Beautiful fantasies dominate your mind today, and all you seem to be able to think about is your dreams of Utopia. Wishing and hoping will only get you so far before you must take concrete steps to make something consequential happen. Radical Uranus shakes things up with the help of energetic Mars, and before you know it your vision could manifest in ways you never imagined.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your heart and imagination are united today, activating your visionary potential and strengthening your connection with something greater than yourself. However inspirational it feels to have the Moon join forces with Neptune the Mystic in your sign, be aware that this amorphous energy could be deceiving. Your grandiose notions sparkle with originality, but may lack a solid foundation to stand the test of reality.



Across

1. Fleeced, 6. "Oh my!", 10. Quash, 14. Foreword, 15. Lubricate, 16. Portent, 17. Shorthand, 18. Secluded valley, 19. Alley, 20. Flip, 22. Jar tops, 23. Suffering, 24. Bobbins, 26. Dung beetle, 30. Anagram of "Diary", 32. Amalgam, 33. Motorboat, 37. A Maori club, 38. Numbskulls, 39. Affirm, 40. Patronized, 42. Cacophony, 43. Motherless calf, 44. Lemon or canary, 45. Housemaids, 47. Woman, 48. Give the cold shoulder, 49. Seducer, 56. Data, 57. Arab chieftain, 58. Avoid, 59. Ballet attire, 60. Eat, 61. Light wispy precipitation, 62. Narrow opening, 63. Droops, 64. Duck down.

Down

1. Snake sound, 2. Savvy about, 3. Flower stalk, 4. Sea eagle, 5. Threshold, 6. Seaweed, 7. Humdinger, 8. Cain's brother, 9. Sentinels, 10. A sport involving a ball and a net, 11. Electronic letters, 12. Looks after, 13. 1 1 1 1, 21. Weep, 25. Mistake, 26. Exhausts, 27. Applaud, 28. Countertenor, 29. Circuitous, 30. Foolish, 31. Blown away, 33. Minute opening, 34. Egg-shaped, 35. Relating to aircraft, 36. An old spelling of "True", 38. Dog sleighs, 41. Comes after Mi and Fah, 42. Accept as true, 44. Long-haired wild ox, 45. Void, 46. Muslim jurist, 47. Coils, 48. Seats oneself, 50. Dogfish, 51. Little dent, 52. 57 in Roman numerals, 53. Piecrust ingredient, 54. Border, 55. Back.

Yesterday's Solution

anger, arrangement, bane, beyond, bishop, bleed, boat, chamber, chorus, coney, consequence, detail, devil, divot, dove, flit, forbid, freeze, glade, honey, instrument, meaning, melody, mingle, native, nearby, noodle, peanut, profess, quite, raise, shelf.

