

Taliban's Omar Radio Goes on Air in Paktika



SHARANA - The Taliban have made operational an FM radio in Argun district of southeastern Paktika province, residents said on Thursday. One of them, Rehan, told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban radio broadcasted programs at night

with promises to increase the transmission time. He said the Taliban had named their radio after the movement founder and long time supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar. He said the radio mostly aired religious programs.

Paktika police chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Azam confirmed the Taliban had activated a radio in limits of Giyan district. He said it was a mobile radio station fixed on a car and police were trying to target it. (Pajhwok)

Death Toll Raises to Seven in Kabul Explosion

KABUL - An explosion in Kabul's PD6 on Friday afternoon claimed the lives of seven people and injured nine others. TOLONews journalist Nargis Musavi reporting from the blast scene said still the nature of the explosion is not known, but three vehicles in the have been critically damaged. Eyewitness narrated different stories about the nature of the explosion. Some said explosives were placed on a motorbike while others said it was a gas balloons explosion. The house of second deputy chief executive Mohammad Mohaqiq is close to the blast scene. (Tolonews)

Special Offices for Policewomen Being Built in Nimroz



ZARANJ - The foundation stone for special administrative offices for policewomen was laid in the capital of southwestern Nimroz province on Thursday. Eng. Mohammad Sami, the governor of Nimroz, who attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the facility, appreciated policewomen's achievements. The governor said Afghan security forces, including policewomen, worked day and night ensuring security of the people. He said local governance was getting better with each passing day following implementation of some important reforms in the local government. Col. Ahmad Khan, deputy police chief for Nimroz, said three administrative offices for policewomen would be constructed in the first and second police districts of Zaranj city, and the police headquarters in next two months. He said the facilities would cost \$136,000 donated by UNDP. Provincial women's affairs officials said women's interest in joining ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Commander Among 8 Taliban Dead in Uruzgan Blitz

TIRINKOT - Eight Taliban militants were killed in an airstrike in the capital of central Uruzgan province last night, an official said on Friday. Another three militants were injured in the NATO airstrike that struck a centre of the insurgents in Sabzak area of Tirinkot, the provincial capital, on Thursday night. First police battalion commander at the provincial police headquarters, Malak Zainullah, told Pajhwok Afghan News the dead Taliban included a notorious commander, Mullah Qaseem. Qaseem was a resident of Balochi area of Tirinkot and he had been spearheading local Taliban in the area. Pajhwok tried to contact local residents about the airstrike, but a contact could not be established. The Taliban have so far said nothing in this regard. (Pajhwok)

New Medical Complex Inaugurated in Kabul

KABUL - A newly built private medical complex was inaugurated in central capital Kabul on Friday, at a time when most Afghans travel abroad for treatment. The medical complex was put into service in Surkh Pul area falling in the third police district of Kabul. The complex director, Mohammad Hashim Karimi, said they offered quality health services in order to encourage people not to visit foreign countries for treatment. He said the complex has 128 beds and experienced foreign and local doctors have been hired for internal and general surgery, hygiene



stroke (liproscopy), maternity, orthopedic, skin, nose, and stomach. He said they had prepared a five-year plan for the medical complex under which facilities like angiography, angioplasty, examinations, the treatment of a hole in the heart, changes in contact, childbirth, treatment ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

300 Daesh-Recruited Youth Being Trained in Darzab



SHIBERGHAN - Three hundred youths, who recently joined Daesh militants, are receiving training in the Darzab district of northwestern Jawzjan province, officials said on Thursday. Baz Mohammad Dawar, acting administrative chief for Darzab, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militant outfit recently organised a large gathering in Moghul village as part of a recruitment campaign. "Daesh is investing more in young men below 20. These youths are trained by foreign militants and then sent to war fronts against Afghan security forces. The group has created training centres in Moghul and Sar Dara villages,"

he added. Dawar said Daesh paid 30,000 to 40,000 afghani to each new fighter to encourage them into fighting for the group. Halima Sadaf, a provincial council member, confirmed the number of teenagers and youth joining Daesh had increased in Darzab and people were worried about the situation. A limited number of people currently living in rural areas of the district were either under high pressure or had no option but to accept Daesh's demands, she said. She added the insurgent organisation was getting stronger with each passing day ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

Nearly 20 Taliban Militants Killed in Commandos' Operation

KUNDUZ CITY - Local officials said the military operation was conducted in Imam Sahib district in Kunduz province. At least 20 Taliban militants were killed and 12 others were wounded in a Special Force operation in Kunduz province, local official said Friday. The operation was conducted by the Special Force Unit of the Afghan National Army



in Imam Sahib district in the north of Kunduz city, said Jawed Salim, spokesman for commando troops. The operation was conducted in the past 24 hours, Salim said. He said the operation is ongoing in the area. Taliban has not commented on the report. (Tolonews)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You're an irresistible force now, whether selling yourself, a product or a plan. But your emotions may develop a life of their own today, as they bubble to the surface and then pop too loudly to ignore. The presence of macho Mars in your 8th House of Deep Sharing drives you forward with a powerful momentum, propelling you past any fears.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You are quietly hoping to deepen all your personal interactions now. Although you don't like being forced out of your comfort zone, giving up a little safety to gain a large dose of emotional satisfaction is a worthwhile exchange. Nevertheless, trying to meet people's expectations might feel like an exercise in futility.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini You can make a lasting statement when you have a purpose, a plan and the passion to embark on your journey. However, trivial matters interfere with your daily routine by luring you off course. Little things matter once impatient Mars enters your 6th House of Details, testing your ability to manage your affairs. Surprisingly, using your intention to narrow your focus and block out distractions allows you to become a master of efficiency.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer No matter how hard you try, you still can't escape your feelings. Mars moves into your 5th House of Romance today, nudging you to listen to your heart and share your needs with someone special. You may be quite comfortable diving into the murky emotional waters, enjoying the chance to wallow in the intensity for a while.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You are more apt to find happiness while you're at home today, rather than when you are out running errands. There is a noticeable shift toward deepening your connection with the past as Mars settles into your 4th House of Roots, stimulating memories of childhood, home and family. Reminiscing about hard times or the good old days helps you reprocess your personal history

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo You are quickly irritated if anyone messes with your schedule today. In fact, you might just surprise others with your immediate reaction while fiery Mars is stirring up conflict in your 3rd House of Immediate Environment. However, engaging in combat won't lead to anyone's satisfaction. Thankfully, your penchant for critical analysis offers you an alternative course of action based on a more rational approach.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You might experience a little emotional letdown today, as if you just missed your chance for something special. Nevertheless, your feelings begin to intensify when red-hot Mars leaves your even-keeled sign for the deeper waters of mysterious Scorpio. You may need to defend your beliefs while the warrior planet establishes his authority in your 2nd House.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio You may be eager to tackle a new project, fan the flames on a romance, or engage in a competitive sport now. Fortunately, enterprising Mars is moving through your sign, blessing you with the motivation and persistence to finish whatever exciting endeavor you start. Reconsider your intentions so you don't waste this incredible energy on unnecessary battles.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You are quite discriminating when deciding who you want to include in your activities today. But your current wish for solitude may linger longer than you think since you're more likely to work on your own while Mars camps out in your 12th House of Privacy. Although you dream of more time alone, you still crave the camaraderie of friends and family. There's no simple resolution to this paradox.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You're not sure if you woke up on the wrong side of the bed today, or if everyone else did. Unfortunately, there's likely to be a battle of wills while contentious Mars visits your 11th House of Social Connections. Hopefully, you are quick to defuse the tension by jumping in and discussing your difference of opinions.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius Although you are fiercely determined to finish a job once you commit to it, there's more ambiguity while you're still in the planning stages. You possess a picture of your destination in your imagination, but you're unable to paint in the details today, even though you continue to try. Fortunately, bold Mars is empowering your 10th House of Status, demanding that you make a mark in the outer world.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces You are like a snake, shedding its old skin. However, this transformation isn't all fun and games as you begin to outgrow the container that holds you in. But thankfully, you are more comfortable now that energetic Mars is immersed in a fellow water sign, intensifying your emotions. Stand up and fight for a principle or embark on an adventure while action-hero Mars rocks your 9th House of Truth and Travel.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-60 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across clues: 1. Chocolate-flavored coffee, 6. Lacking intellectual acuity, 10. A hamlet (South African term), 14. Egg-shaped, 15. Dwarf buffalo, 16. Always, 17. A legislative assembly, 19. Vagabond, 20. Jubilant, 21. Big wine holder, 22. The original matter (cosmology), 23. Mammary gland of bovines, 25. Graven images, 26. District, 30. Kedge, 32. Scatter, 35. Ancient Greek mistress, 39. A Christian celebration, 40. Array, 41. Treachery, 43. Gist, 44. Reflexive form of "It", 46. D D D D, 47. Straddles, 50. Moon of Saturn, 53. Greek letter, 54. A high alpine meadow, 55. Property, 60. A compact mass, 61. Relax rules or guidelines, 63. Small mountain, 64. Hawaiian strings, 65. Smooth brown oval nut, 66. Only, 67. No more than, 68. Clairvoyants

Down clues: 1. Brood, 2. Egg-shaped, 3. Daughter of Zeus and Demeter, 4. Sword handle, 5. French farewell, 6. Water barrier, 7. Irregular, 8. Sovereign, 9. Insulation, 10. Desiccated, 11. Convex molding, 12. Renegade, 13. High school dances, 18. Contribute, 24. Black bird, 25. Smidgens, 26. Incite, 27. Back, 28. Being, 29. Possible, 31. Skirt lines, 33. Relaxes, 34. God of love, 36. Sea eagle, 37. Type of cereal grass, 38. Chopping tools, 42. Weblike, 43. Eastern newt, 45. Supple, 47. Suspires, 48. Infantile paralysis, 49. Coral island, 51. Arrive (abbrev.), 52. Some tides, 54. Astringent, 56. Away from the wind, 57. Bloodsucking insects, 58. Russian, mperor 59. Cravings, 62. East southeast

Yesterday's Solution crossword puzzle with filled-in letters.

Vertical word search puzzle with letters G, A, T, H, E, R, I, N, C, O, M, E, W, V, I, C, T, O, R, C, R, A, V, E, A, S, W, E, U, T, H, R, O, U, G, H, T, D, E, E, T, A, N, I, D, R, O, O, C, W, T, R, S, S, E, R, D, O, E, M, H, O, H, B, V, O, H, R, R, Y, E, N, S, N, G, O, L, A, L, U, A, S, D, T, R, D, I, Q, L, O, N, C, O, H, K, T, P, E, F, O, R, E, S, T, B, C, S, L, E, R, L, V, W, T, E, S, N, E, M, A, L, F, A, E, R, O, D, A, O, A, C, I, S, U, M, Y, E, T, Y, C, A, M, E, S, E, L, D, E, E, N, E, C, A, E, P, M, R, U, B, B, E, R, K, E, E, H, C, L, J