

31 Rebels Killed in Kunduz Offensive, Taliban Refute



KUNDUZ CITY - Thirty-one Taliban insurgents, including two commanders, have been killed and 17 others wounded during a clearing operation in the Imam Sahib district of northern Kunduz province, an official said on Saturday.

Launched four days ago, the joint security forces' operation codenamed "Pamir-14" resulted in clearing Rostahai Qarghez and Joyy Begom villages of militants, police chief Brig. Gen. Abdul Hamid Hamidi told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Ghulam Hazrat Karimi, spokesman for 20 Pamir Zone police, said at least 31 insurgents, including two notorious commanders named Mualvi Musa and Mualvi Gul Badin were killed and 17 other including two ... (More on P4)...(17)

Eight Militants Killed in Uruzgan Airstrike

TRINKOT - At least eight Taliban militants were killed in a foreign forces airstrike in Uruzgan province, local officials said Saturday.

Uruzgan Police Headquarters said in a statement that the strike was conducted in the Zabzak area in Tarinkot, the capital city of the province.

Three other insurgents were wounded in the strike, the statement said.

According to the statement, Mullah Qasim, a Taliban commander, is among those killed in the airstrike. Taliban has not commented on the report. (Tolonews)

Taliban Ammunition Cache Found in Parwan



KABUL - The ammunition includes more than one ton of chemicals militants use to make landmines, NDS says in a statement.

A huge ammunition cache belonged to Taliban militants was discovered in a special operation conducted by Afghan security forces in Parwan province, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said in a statement on Saturday.

The NDS said the operation was conducted in the Bagram district.

Taliban wanted to use the weapons and explosives to target Bagram Airfield and carry out terrorist attacks in Parwan, Kabul and Kapisa provinces, NDS statement said.

The NDS statement said 1,150 kilograms of ammonium nitrate were seized during the operation. According to the statement, terrorist groups use ammonium nitrate for making landmines mines. (Tolonews)

ANA Soldiers Among 11 Killed in Ghazni Attack

GHAZNI CITY - Three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and eight Taliban were killed after the militants stormed a checkpoint in the Qarabagh district of southern Ghazni province, an official said on Saturday.

Mohammad Arif Noori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the insurgents attacked the ANA check-post in the Lewani Bazaar area of the district on Friday night. He said as a result of the ensuing clash, three ANA soldiers and eight militants were killed. Two soldiers and 12 insurgents wounded. The Taliban



retreated after the additional forces reached the site. According to another security source, six army personnel were killed and four others wounded in the clash. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed the fighters overran the check-post and inflicted casualties on 15 security personnel. However, he acknowledged the loss of only one rebel. (Pajhwok)

Tajikistan Nationals Among 31 Killed in Military Raid



KABUL - The 209th Shaheen Corps officials in the North said the operations were conducted on Friday night in the vicinity of Imam Sahib district.

The officials further added that two foreigners hailing from Tajikistan and four commanders of the militants were among those killed and at least seventeen others were wounded.

According to Shaheen Corps officials, the militants leaders killed during the operation have been identified as Mawlavi Musa, Qari Amir Mazhari, Mawlavi Mansoor, and Mullah Abdul Hakim.

The operations were conducted in Qerghiz, Joi Begum, Pul-e-Imamuddin, and

Yakhan Chan villages, the Shaheen Corps officials said, adding several weapons and ammunition were also confiscated during the operations.

The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far.

This comes as the Afghan Special Forces have stepped up counter-terrorism operations during the recent months amid optimism that they have proved more effective in suppressing the insurgents. Reacting towards the killing of a top Al-Qaeda leader in a similar raid, NATO and US forces commander Gen. John Nicholson ... (More on P4)...(19)

Drugs-Laden Vehicle Seized, Suspect Detained in Nimroz



ZARANJ - Police in southwestern Nimroz province have seized a drug-laden vehicle and detained one individual, an official said on Saturday.

Lt. Col. Ahmad Parvez Sistani, counternarcotics director, said police recovered 319 kilograms of drugs from a house in the Masoomabad area of Zaranj, the provincial capital.

He said the drugs included 42kg of heroin, 229kg of opium, 40 kg of hashish and eight kg of chemical. A suspect arrested in connection with the incident was under investigation. The drugs were being smuggled to Iran. (Pajhwok)

Fuel, Sugar Prices Down in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of diesel, petrol and sugar have dipped while that of other essential items remains steady during the outgoing week in the capital Kabul, market sources said Saturday.

Abdul Hadi, a worker at Wazir Abad Fuel Station in Kabul, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the price of one liter of diesel decreased from 47 Afghanis to 46 Afghanis and the same amount of petrol from 46afis to 45afis.



However, the prices of firewood and liquefied gas remain unchanged.

Haji Hassan, a firewood seller in Charahi Shaheed area of Kabul, said that 560 kilograms of unpeeled oak cost 8,000afis Afghanis and the same quantity of cedar 7,500afis. ... (More on P4)...(18)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Aries You are convinced that you can manifest anything you can imagine today. Unfortunately, this assumption is incorrect and will certainly lead you into trouble now. Although there is often a causal relationship between your dreams and your future, it is not a guaranteed process.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus Your imagination is working overtime today, enabling you to look at a caterpillar and see the butterfly waiting to manifest. Your power of visualization is strong now and your ability to follow through with determination is legendary. Don't let someone else's negativity stand in the way of your success.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini People send confusing messages today and you're wondering how to interpret what they are saying. Your friends and family keep encouraging you to take a leap of faith. However, you also feel their unspoken concern, as if they don't believe you have the capability to execute your plan. Rather than taking anyone's criticism personally, examine what you might do to make your efforts even more effective.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer You might believe your life is spinning out of control today with your thoughts and emotions leading you on a wild goose chase. Nearly every fantasy seems worth pursuing at first, but then reality sets in, revealing why you can't reach your goal. But there's no room for entertaining feelings of self-doubt; you can't afford to quit now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo You are motivated by your desire to be a creative genius today. Luckily, your brain is up for the challenge as neurons fire to create strings of innovative thoughts that are then woven into complex tapestries. But sharing your brilliance can be frustrating if others won't take the time to listen.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



Virgo You're eager to explore the depths of your imagination today. Ironically, you're quite intrigued with how your subconscious mind has a direct impact on the body. Living in a state of fear and distrust closes down the heart and weakens your immune system. But practicing compassion and forgiveness enables you to love yourself and revitalize your health. The greatest medicine of all is to teach people how not to need it.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra Someone's unexpected behavior can catch you off guard today. It's as if you picked a wild card, but don't have any clue how to handle the element of surprise. Keep in mind that it's easier to dance with the uncertainty than to control it. But you might not want anyone to know how entrenched you are in your own fantasies now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio You may be struggling with your need for independence today, especially if you want to avoid hurting a friend. Although you're willing to bend, you're afraid that you might give up too much for the sake of compromise. But a meaningful relationship could encounter problems later on if you attempt to sidestep your truth now.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius You are stuck between your good intentions and inescapable circumstances. You can see a solution to a situation that continues to hold you back, but your awareness doesn't necessarily change anything. You must take action now, even if you are unsure of how others will react. But your willingness to slip into unrealistic fantasies can bring down the entire castle built on unstable sand.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn You may be hiding behind a protective wall today because you believe your dreams are not ready for an audience. Although you have a few sweet tricks up your sleeve, you don't feel experienced enough to share them yet. However, you could be worrying needlessly now, especially if your frustration stems from your fear of failure.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Aquarius Your dreams seem closer than ever, yet something is keeping them just out of reach. You're ready to celebrate each time you break through an obstacle on your path. However, as soon as your way appears clear, another problem arises. You quickly grow weary of the cycle and seek resolution once and for all. Unfortunately, you'll only set yourself up for failure if you think everything will resolve overnight.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces Sometimes you wish others didn't look up to you as an authority figure. You may feel like a fraud today, especially if you secretly think that everyone knows more than you. Nevertheless, you must accept the role you're currently playing if you want to move beyond it. Your imagination holds the key to your happiness. Looking back gives you regrets; looking ahead gives you opportunities.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71 indicating starting points for clues.

Horoscope clues for Across and Down. Includes a 'Yesterday's Solution' section with a grid and answers.

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