

# Taliban Kill 4 Civilians over Spying in Parwan

CHARIKAR - The Taliban have shot dead four people over allegedly spying for the government against the group in Seyagard district of central Parwan province, the district administrative head said on Saturday. Hedayatullah told Pajhwok Afghan News the four civilians were killed after two Taliban militants were killed and a third wounded in an airstrike in Syedano valley. After the airstrike, the Taliban captured five civilians in the area over passing on information to security forces about the presence of Taliban in the area.



The militants shot dead four of the five civilians Friday on evening and released the fifth, Hedayatullah said. Malak Mohammad Sharif, a resident of Sydano village, said the militants captured Azem Gul, Chaman Gul, Bagh Gul, Kudai Noor and Younus Gul. They freed Younus but shot dead the four including Chaman Gul and Bagh Gul, who were brothers. He said the slain people had no links with government. The Taliban have not yet commented on the incident. (Pajhwok)

## Family Living Under Pul-E-Sukhta Bridge for Eight Months



KABUL - A six-member family has been living among drug addicts under the Pul-e-Sukhta bridge in Kabul for more than six months. The father and mother along with their four children, three teenagers and a two-year old, are recent return refugees from Iran. According to the parents they had at one time been drug addicts in Iran but were clean when they returned to Afghanistan. However due to poverty they started using drugs again. They have two daughters and two sons. Shima is 14 years old and Shaima is 13. Jawad is two years old and his brother is 16. (Tolonews)

## Firewood, Sugar Prices up, Flour & Gas Down in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of firewood and sugar edged up while that of flour and gas dipped this week in capital Kabul, market sources said on Saturday. Sayed Islam, a firewood seller in Charahi Shahid square in Kabul city, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the price of 560 kilograms of peeled oak increased from 6,900 afghanis to 7,000 afghanis and the price of the same quantity of cedar from 6,500af to 6,800af this week. He said demand for wood had increased in cold weather that sent wood prices soaring. Liquefied gas is sold at different prices in different areas, but the commodity's rate has comparably declined compared to last week's. Mohammad Salim, a liquefied gas seller in Pul Padshah area of Qala-i-Zaman Khan region, said the price of one kilogram of gas decreased from 70af to 65af this week. However, Ahmad Siar, a gas seller in Taimani area of Kabul, said that the price of a kilogram of the commodity decreased from 65af to 60af this week. Gas sellers linked the declined price to huge imports. The rates of fuel remain unchanged. Abdul Hadi, a worker in Wazirabad oil station, said ... (More on P4)...(16)

## Unexploded Rocket Kills Teen Boy in Jawzjan

SHEBRGHAN - A youth was killed and two children wounded when an unexploded rocket shell went off in Aqcha district of northern Jawzjan province on Saturday, an official said. The governor's spokesman, Mohammad Reza Ghafari, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in Bish Arigh village of the district this morning. He said three children were playing with the unexploded shell when it went off killing an 18 year-old teenager boy and injuring two children. The injured were taken to the Aqcha Civil Hospital for treatment, he added. Dr. Najibullah Farhang, director of the hospital, said the injured children aged between 12 to 15 years were shifted to the hospital by Afghan forces. Both legs of the elder child had been cut while the second child had sustained minor wounds, he added. A week back, four children were injured in a similar incident in Qush Tepa district of Jawzjan. (Pajhwok)

## Ali Wahidi Wins Andrew Knox Scholarship

ADELAIDE - Ali Wahidi arrived in Australia from Afghanistan without a word of English, but at 17 he has graduated from his Adelaide secondary school as dux by winning the academic prizes in each of his subjects. "I'm pretty happy with how I've gone this year," the Playford College student said modestly, conceding sibling rivalry played a role in his success. "There are five of us and I am the youngest. I have to beat everyone, that's like an expectation," he said. His older



sister, Gulima, took out Playford's top prize for academic achievement three years ago and is now nearing completion of a law degree at the University of Adelaide. Playford is a public school in Adelaide's ... (More on P4)...(14)

## Girls' School Building Being Constructed in Paktika's Argun

SHARANA - Local officials on Sunday laid the foundation stone of a school building for girls, the first ever, in Ahmadabad area of Argun district of southeastern Paktika province. Governor Mohammad Ilyas Wehdat and other local officials and a large number of residents attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the girls school at a special ceremony. The governor said construction of school buildings, particularly of girls schools, was his priority and he was

trying to resolve problems in this regard. Wehdat said schools without buildings and a lack of female teachers were major challenges to the education process in Paktika. In order to resolve these issues, the governor said he had requested help from the ministry concerned and aid-giving organizations and hoped to get the required assistance. Paktika education director Nasim Wahid said the school building in Ahmadabad area would be completed in 10 months. He ... (More on P4)...(15)

## Kunaris Support Ghani Remarks in Amritsar

ASADABAD - A huge gathering in eastern Kunar province on Saturday supported President Ashraf Ghani's remarks about Pakistan in last week's Heart of Asia Conference in Amritsar. At the Amritsar event, the president called cross-border terrorism a grave concern. "We need aid to fight the scourge." He believed the \$500 million promised by Pakistan for Afghanistan's reconstruction should be better spent on combat-



ing terrorism. Kunar residents including tribal elders, religious scholars and civil society activists during a gathering hailed President Ghani's stance regarding Pakistan. Kunar religious scholars' council head, Abdul Rahman, ... (More on P4)...(17)

## 70km Portion of Key Takhar Road Being Reconstructed

TALOQAN - The provincial government, in cooperation with district municipalities, has launched reconstruction work on a road connecting six districts of northeastern Takhar province. Governor Mohammad Yasin Zia told Pajhwok Afghan News the road across Kokcha river was being reconstructed in Khwaja Ghar, Dasht-i-Qala, Yangi Qala, Khwaja Bahaeddin, Rustaq and Chah Ab districts by using local resources. The governor said a 70-km por-



tion of the road was currently being graveled in order to enable smooth traffic. He said residents of the mentioned districts had been complaining about a rundown condition of the road. He said reconstruction work at five locations had been started in cooperation with ... (More on P4)...(18)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You may attempt to relax and rest up before the week begins, but minor annoyances here and there are like ripples on an otherwise still lake. You might start the day committed to a strict couch potato regimen, but it won't take long before you're itching to move on to something new. Luckily, your wish is the command of an electrifying Sun-Uranus trine that brings the adrenaline rush you crave.

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

Your idea of a perfect day is one where you can indulge in the finer things in life without suffering any negative consequences. The cushy Moon in your sensual sign reflects your primal urge to kick back and enjoy whatever pleasures come your way. Unfortunately, you may encounter one niggling disturbance after another, thwarting what you had hoped might be an idyllic Sunday.

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

A quiet day of contemplation is what you think the doctor ordered but reality seems to have a totally different idea. Although the nurturing Moon in your 12th House of Meditation calls for calming your mind and recharging your batteries, it's unlikely you will stay still for long. Boredom sets in before you even begin to unplug. Thankfully, your friends already included you in their plans and you're more than ready to accept an unexpected invitation.

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

You deserve a tranquil day spent with your closest pals after adapting to some recent adjustments. However, not everyone seems to be on the same wave length today. Your friends are buzzing around noisily and you may be agitated before you realize why. Fortunately, your emotional discomfort won't last; enjoy the unplanned activities as your reticence morphs into eagerness for whatever comes next.

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

You have every right to be proud of your accomplishments. Take time to recognize your achievements and bask in the light of recognition today. But don't be surprised if you're quickly ready to move on to a new opportunity when the radiant Sun maneuvers into an agreeable trine with innovative Uranus.

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

You planned on spending the day binging on a new book but as soon as you settle into the first chapter, your phone vibrates, the doorbell rings, and then you remember there are dirty dishes in the sink. Sometimes it's nearly impossible to relax completely, but you tend to be happiest when you're busy, anyway. A fun new challenge is on the horizon, so you won't be at loose ends for long. As Swami Ramana Maharshi taught, "Engage yourself in the living present."

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

Contrary to popular belief, you're not always flitting about like a social butterfly. In fact, you desire the kind of connection that has depth, not just breadth. But don't set your expectations so high today that you fall short of your ideal love. A sudden change in the dynamics of a friendship can tip the balance, encouraging you to express what's in your heart. Fortunately, a new wave of energy revitalizes a flagging relationship.

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

Reconnect with someone you love today while relationship stability is in the forefront of your mind. However, your current longing for a lasting connection begins to dissipate as the day goes on, especially if your regular routine is disrupted by circumstances beyond your control. Although trivial annoyances may blow over quickly.

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

What begins as a quiet day at home could leave you wishing you had made plans to do something out of the ordinary. At minimum, taking a walk and consciously breathing fresh air helps to clear your head of the lingering mental chatter. Luckily, the Sun in your bold sign magically aligns with radical Uranus, offering the promise of a memorable experience that leaves you smiling. Success guru Jack Canfield writes.

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

You've sacrificed a lot for your work and now it's time to enjoy some simple pleasures. Something laid-back like doing a crossword puzzle or getting lost in an adult coloring book is just your ticket while the bucolic Taurus Moon ambles through your 5th House of Self-Expression. Nevertheless, unresolved family issues could disturb the peace sooner than you like.

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

You may find yourself becoming more bored and less satisfied as the day unfolds. Even though the easygoing Taurus Moon's presence in your 4th House of Home is associated with domestic tranquility, conflicting feelings prompt you to stir up trouble today. Fortunately, the pace of events picks up quickly and before you know it you'll have more work than you can handle.

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

You're adjusting nicely to some recently reshuffled priorities, and you're looking forward to settling into a new routine that aligns with your goals. Whatever you thought you wanted when the day began starts to transform into something different as the jitters set in. Meanwhile, rebellious Uranus shocks the audacious Sagittarius Sun in your 11th House of Long-Term Goals.

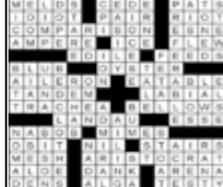
#### Across

1. Fizzy drink, 5. Spurt, 9. Stag or doe, 13. Small songbird, 14. Endure, 16. Small island, 17. Sore, 18. Grind together, 19. Trees of the genus Quercus, 20. Perhaps, 22. Antimonopoly, 24. Residence hall, 26. Latin name for our planet, 27. Pendant earring, 30. Andean animals, 33. A sports outfit, 35. Markedly masculine, 37. Consume, 38. Chopin composition, 41. Policeman, 42. Manicurist's board, 45. A precious stone, 48. Loathsome, 51. Pitch or tar, 52. Noblemen, 54. Incline, 55. Encumbrance, 59. A narrow gorge, 62. False god, 63. Kitchen appliance, 65. Former Italian currency, 66. If not, 67. Sea eagles, 68. End \_\_\_, 69. Clairvoyant, 70. Cravings, 71. Outbuilding.

#### Down

1. Travelled through water, 2. Killer whale, 3. Desiccated, 4. Any person, 5. Muzzle, 6. Forearm bone, 7. Tilt, 8. Lodge, 9. Panorama, 10. Brother of Jacob, 11. Large North American deer (plural), 12. A musical pause, 15. Vortex, 21. Makes a mistake, 23. Streetcar, 25. Pout, 27. Type of sword, 28. San Antonio fort, 29. A sizeable hole, 31. Do, 32. Gleamed, 34. Pull, 36. Not closed, 39. Cotillion girl, 40. Arab chieftain, 43. Puzzler, 44. Not mine, 46. Male deer, 47. Burial mound, 49. An edict of the Russian tsar, 50. Guard, 53. British biscuit, 55. Hastens (archaic), 56. Doing nothing, 57. Schnozzola, 58. Not odd, 60. Algonquian Indian, 61. Not soft, 64. S.

#### Yesterday's Solution



actors, always, bleak, camel, chick, delivery, enrage, festival, ground, handle, horns, language, light, little, network, piano, pizza, quire, quite, reek, resist, restrain, rite, sleet, spare, stall, straw, suit, sway, talent, through, tier, togs, trumpet, vacate, violent.

