

# Gunmen Kill Eight Members of one Nangarhar Family

JALALABAD - Unknown gunmen killed eight members of one family in eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday night, local officials confirmed Monday. According to officials, the incident occurred in Mirza Qala village in Behsood district. So far no one has been arrested in connection with the incident but police have started their investigations. One survivor said eight members of his family were killed by three men who had been staying with them at the time. The head of the family, Yusuf, his



mother, his wife and five children were all killed, said the survivor Parwiz. According to him: "Among the dead are my nieces, sister and brother-in-law. They were killed by three men who were guests in the house. These men fled after the shooting." Meanwhile a tribal elder from the village, Malik Nemat, said: "The incident happened during the night and we heard the news this morning. We quickly informed the security forces." Local officials said the police have started investigations. Attaullah Khogyani, a... (More on P4)...(15)

## Blast Kills 4 Civilians in Kunar

ASSADABAD - Four people, all civilians, were killed in a blast that rocked Shigal district in the eastern Kunar province, a local official said Monday. "The blast took place in a shop in Shigal district Sunday evening, leaving four civil-ians dead including two teachers," head of provincial council Jamaluddin Sayar told reporters here. Kunar police chief Abdul Habib Sayedkhili also confirmed the deadly incident, saying investigation has been initiated into the case. (Xinhua)

## Bodies of Spanish Police Killed in Kabul Embassy Attack to be Flown Home



MADRID - The bodies of the two Spanish policemen killed in the Taliban attack close to the Spanish embassy in Kabul will be flown back to Spain on Tuesday, Spanish Interior Minister Jorge Fernandez Diaz has confirmed. Isidro Gabino Sanmartin and Jorge Garcia Tudela died when the Taliban exploded a car bomb close to the embassy ahead of a gunfight which lasted for several hours. 12 people died in the attacks, including four members of the Afghan security forces. The Ministry for the Presidency said in a communiqué it was "an attack against Spain and against our collaboration in the consolidation of democracy in Afghanistan." The aircraft to bring home the bodies will depart from Madrid at 2 p.m. (1300 GMT) on Monday and is expected to... (More on P4)...(18)

## Afghans Arrest Suspect in Woman's Stoning Death

KBUL - Afghan authorities on Monday said a suspect has been arrested for alleged involvement in the stoning death of a 19-year-old woman accused of adultery in central Ghor Province. Ghor Governor Sima-Joyanda told RFE/RL that the man was arrested by police last week. The governor's office identified the suspect as Abdullah Ramazan, who lives in the victim's native village of Awdat. Abdulhai Khatibi, a spokesman for Joyanda, told RFE/RL that an investigation is under way into the October 25 stoning on the outskirts of the provincial capital, Firoz Koh, in an incident that sparked widespread condemnation. A horrific video obtained from an eyewitness by RFE/RL's Radio Free Afghanistan shows the victim's head sticking out from a hole in the ground as a group of men pelt her with stones in front of a small crowd. Officials said the victim, identified as Rukhshana, was caught eloping with her boyfriend, who was subsequently let go after getting lashed. Khatibi said authorities have identified through the video and from eyewitnesses more than 30 people involved in the stoning. Police are looking for more suspects so they can be detained, Khatibi added. "The stoning took place in a Taliban-controlled area after the militants ordered the woman be punished for adultery," the spokesman said. Rukhshana's parents and sisters have since been relocated to Firoz-Koh for "security reasons" and currently reside in a safe house, Khatibi said. (RFE/RL)

## 31 Militants Killed in Clashes

KABUL - Afghan security forces' ongoing crackdown against Taliban militants in the northern Kunduz and eastern Ghazni provinces have claimed the lives of 31 armed insurgents since Monday morning, police said. Units of police backed by the army launched cleanup operations in some villages outside Kunduz city the capital of northern Kunduz province early Monday and so far 12 armed militants have been killed, provincial police chief Mohammad Qasim-Jangalbagh said. "Units of national security forces



launched cleanup operations in some villages including Kanam and Hazrat-e-Sultan on the outskirts of Kunduz city early Monday morning and so far 12 rebels have been killed," Jangalbagh told reporters. Three vehicles of militants have been destroyed and 10 pieces of the assault rifle Kalashnikovs were seized during the operation, which is still continuing, the... (More on P4)...(16)

## Afghan Police Kill 10 Armed Militants in 24 Hours

KABUL - Units of police backed by the army have killed 10 armed Taliban fighters during a series of operations across the war-torn country over the past 24 hours, the Interior Ministry said in a statement released here on Monday. During the operations which covered parts of Kunduz, Far-yab, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Paktika and Helmand provinces, the police have also recovered good quantity of arms and ammunition including explosive devices from the possession of the militants, the statement asserted. However, it didn't say if there were casualties on the security personnel. Taliban militants who have intensified activities, are yet to make comments. (Xinhua)

## US Special Ops Forces Fight Taliban in Helmand

KABUL - Following heavy clashes in southern Helmand province, and the growing fear of districts falling to the Taliban, U.S. Special Operations forces have secretly taken a more central role in the fighting in a bid to help drive out the insurgents, New York Times reported. According to the report, not just air power has been committed to the battle but so too have ground troops. It was reported that a Western diplomat said last week that the U.S. spe-



cial ops forces have in fact been involved in the fight for a few weeks - despite the withdrawal of foreign combat troops by President Barack Obama at the end of last year. The New York Times reports that the extent of the American role has been kept largely secret, with senior Afghan officials in the area saying they are under orders not to divulge the level of co operation, ... (More on P4)...(17)

## NDS Foils Plot to Attack Vehicles of Indian Embassy

JALALABAD - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Monday has foiled a terrorist plot to attack vehicles of the Indian embassy in Jalalabad city, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province. NDS personnel have arrested two terrorists belonging to Daesh group who had planned to carry out the attack. A statement released by NDS on Monday states that Ata-ur-Rahman alias Hanzala and Abdullah alias Qari Ismail were arrested with a 30-KG bomb before reaching to their target. In a footage sent to media together with the statement by NDS, one of the



suspects identifying himself as Ata-ur-Rahman says they were told to plant the landmine on the side of the road that leads to White House, a nicely decorated compound in Jalalabad city resembling part of the American White House, to target vehicles of the Indian embassy. (KP)

### Outlook Horoscope

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



You're not in total control of circumstances at work today. You could over-compensate by presenting an optimistic front, but you're not nearly as confident on the inside as you appear on the outside. Becoming more cognizant of your extreme emotions enables you to react with less fear. Although you can think on your feet better than most.

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



You want to share everything you feel in a big way now, but your desired level of disclosure might be too much for everyone else. Gigantic Jupiter in your 5th House of Play is pulled off center by the willful Sun, making it nearly impossible to express yourself objectively. You may claim you are protecting someone else from getting hurt, but you're also reducing the pressure on yourself.

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



You may not be the person who normally gets so caught up in a cause that you make a stand in public. However, you could become so attracted to a political ideology now that it plays on your need for emotional security. Luckily, if your intentions are honorable, almost nothing will be able to stop you, especially if you're willing to reveal your own shortcomings in the process. Nevertheless, possessing accurate information is absolutely crucial today.

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



Surprisingly, your confidence is running on overdrive today, prompting you to believe that you can overcome nearly any obstacle. Every single invitation sounds like an exciting opportunity you simply can't refuse. However, you might say yes to so many potential adventures that you struggle to keep up with them. Good intentions only count for part of the battle.

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



Your social life gets an extra boost from the cosmos today, yet the favorable attention you receive can outlast the moment if you continue to stay true to your own values. This admirable tactic isn't about resting on your laurels or remaining stuck in place. There could be very powerful forces at work now that you don't completely understand.

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



You often excel at logically discerning what's best at each intersection of life, but this innate skill doesn't stop you from making bad decisions sometimes. Unfortunately, you may make a choice today for all the wrong reasons. Don't put your career goals ahead of personal dreams you know to be good for you. Try to keep everything in perspective now; otherwise, you will likely take on more than you can handle.

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



Your heartfelt desire to do the right thing makes your life more complicated than you expected. However, you really don't have much of a choice when it comes to those you love. Today's Sun-Jupiter alignment tempts you to over-indulge, even if you are doing your best to avoid extremes. You need to do what resonates with your imagination now that your key planet Venus aligns with fantasy-prone Neptune.

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



Finding a healthy balance is nearly impossible when you're captivated by so many intriguing possibilities. Your desire to create a sense of harmony in your life is extremely strong now, but you want to entertain all of your options, nonetheless. Honestly, you don't want to miss any of the social opportunities that pop up on your radar screen today.

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



You are highly motivated to make something positive happen today. However, your ability to think big is at once your strength and your weakness now, because you may be tempted to put your efforts toward a project that is better left undone. Unfortunately, your key planet Jupiter is so out of control that you could do something foolish. Thankfully, applying a healthy dose of common sense should be enough to do the trick.

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



You're worried about finishing everything that you accepted responsibility for doing today. But a few enticing distractions can change the landscape of your day as opportunities appear that look too good to be ignored. Normally, you can remain on track without much effort. However, your current lack of objectivity makes it difficult to determine what is most important.

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



Harnessing the power you possess might be more challenging today than it seems. Unfortunately, you may have to venture into less-than-comfortable emotional realms to make the most of the current cosmic gifts. Although processing your feelings isn't as straightforward as untangling your thoughts, this is where your true creativity is born.

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



Movers and shakers enter your life now, bringing a variety of ventures to your door. Unfortunately, you might harbor an unrealistic understanding of the current potential because your confidence is as high as your expectations. But there's no need to work yourself into a frenzy if your path ahead isn't clear. You won't likely solve this particular dilemma today; luckily, the most reliable opportunities won't require an immediate answer.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-65 indicating starting points for clues.

Across clues: 1. A Maori club, 5. Rescues, 10. Contributes, 14. Soon, 15. Weave diagonal lines into, 16. Kind of moss, 17. Knife, 18. Matchless, 20. News, 22. Spruce up, 23. Ambition, 24. Lariat, 25. Meaningful, 32. Tally, 33. German iris, 34. One time around, 37. Happy, 38. Birdlike, 39. Spindle, 40. Center of a storm, 41. Adjust, 42. Extraterrestrial, 43. Genitives, 45. High school dances, 49. Compete, 50. Proof of purchase, 53. Tilting, 57. Irregular, 59. District, 60. Wail, 61. Outer layer of the Earth, 62. Pigeon, 63. Agile, 64. Feel, 65. Terminates.

Down clues: 1. Long ago, 2. Against, 3. Tailless amphibian, 4. Fair, 5. A symbol of disgrace, 6. Barley beards, 7. 7 in Roman numerals, 8. Shade trees, 9. Slender, 10. 3-banded armadillo, 11. Liabilities, 12. Valleys, 13. Shorthand, 19. Stories, 21. Anagram of "Tine", 25. Wise one, 26. Not pretty, 27. Scottish hillside, 28. Exploded stars, 29. Journeys, 30. Angry, 31. French for "Wine", 34. 64 in Roman numerals, 35. Away from the wind, 36. Writing implements, 38. Stir, 39. Estrange, 41. Orbital point, 42. Largest continent, 44. Slender, 45. Front part of vessels, 46. Summary, 47. Come to pass, 48. Coarse-grained, 51. Photos, 52. Ripped, 53. Young girl, 54. Press, 55. Require, 56. Spurs, 58. Religious sister.

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

PARASOL REVIVE  
CONDEMNASSIST  
LALTANGLEQMG  
OPRIHGFUNGUSV  
APSETRREFORML  
KRILLIEAMVTAT  
UOKAAECAIRDSS  
JAEMGTSITNEAK  
ACWASTESARXLE  
DHMZIKSRNPP  
DISEMINARYAOT  
LIGHTSKULLNNI  
EXPOSUREBPDHC