

# Nangarhar Firefight Leaves 5 Rebels Dead, 6 Wounded

JALALABAD - At least five Taliban insurgents have been killed and another six wounded during retaliatory clash in eastern Nangarhar province, police said on Sunday.

The provincial police chief spokesman, Hazrat Husain Mashriqiwal, told Pajhwok Afghan News rebels staged a coordinated attack on a police check post in Karso area of Sorkh Rod district on Saturday evening.

Five militants were killed



during retaliatory firing by police personnel. Another six insurgents wounded. Police and civilians suffered no casualties in the Taliban attack.

There has been so far no word from insurgents in this regard.

Elsewhere, two individuals have been detained on the charges of kidnaping, said Mashriqiwal, adding the detainees were under interrogation. (Pajhwok)

## Body of Surobi Dam Drowning Victim Still not Recovered

KABUL - The body of Den Mohammad, a 26-year-old holidaymaker from Balkh province, who is believed to have drowned in the Surobi Dam 10 days ago has still not been recovered.

His distraught family claimed that despite having reported the incident to the authorities, no one has helped them find and recover the body.

Den Mohammad reportedly fell into the dam and disappeared while vacationing in Kabul with a friend.

"He had come from Mazar-e-Sharif to Kabul. Then he went to Surobi Dam with his friend where his foot slipped and he fell into the water," said Den Mohammad's cousin.

"Now that I have lost my brother, government should take his body out of water," said Amanullah, the victim's brother.

Basir Azimi, spokesman for the Ministry of Energy and Water meanwhile said they have conducted ... (More on P4)... (18)

## 14 Killed in Bus Crash in Farah

FARAH - At least 14 people were killed and 41 others wounded in a traffic accident along a highway in Farah province on Sunday, police said.

"A long-distance bus was travelling from western Herat province en route for the capital of Kabul but the ill-fated vehicle crashed with a parked cargo truck roughly at midday in Gulistan district, Farah province," a local traffic police officer told Xinhua.

A total of 57 people were aboard the vehicle and two passengers remained unhurt after the crash in the province, 695 km west of Kabul, according to the source.

Police have detained the driver of the truck and the traffic police have launched an investigation into the incident, the source noted.

Reckless driving is mainly blamed for traffic incidents on congested roads and highways.

On Saturday evening, four travelers were killed and 32 others wounded in an accident involving a passenger bus in the neighboring Nimroz province. (Xinhua)

## Unknown Gunmen Kill Three in Paghman

KABUL - The attackers fled the area. The reason for the shooting is so far unclear but police have launched an investigation.

At least three people were killed on Saturday afternoon when unknown gunmen opened fire on them in Paghman district of Kabul, local officials said Sunday.

Three others were wounded in the attack, officials said.

Paghman district police confirmed the shooting and said the incident occurred when two unknown gunmen opened fire on security forces. As a result three people including one security forces' officer and a woman were killed.

The attackers fled the area. The reason for the shooting is so far unclear but police have launched an investigation. (Tolnews)

## Masked Gunmen 'Seen' in Ghazni's Zankhan District

GHAZNI CITY - Residents of the Zankhan district of southern Ghazni province claim dozens of Urdu speaking masked gunmen have appeared in the town.

Samiullah, a resident, told Pajhwok Afghan News the masked militants had come to the area along with their families and they were believed to be 'Punjabis'.

He said sometimes Afghans Taliban had also been spotted around the masked gunmen. Some other residents of the district held similar views. Governor Abdul Karim Matin



said Uzbek, Tajik and Pakistani rebels fought alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan against the government. He said the masked gunmen had not come to the district for sightseeing but to carry out subversive activities. Provincial police spokesman, Fahim ... (More on P4)... (17)

## 3 Passengers Killed, 33 Injured in Nimroz Road Accident

ZARANJ - Three people have been killed and 33 others injured in a traffic accident on the Zaranj-Delaram highway in southwestern Nimroz province, an official said on Sunday.

Mohammad Hashim Noozai, Khashrod district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident took place on Saturday evening when a bus veered off the road.

He said three passengers were killed and 33 others injured in the incident. The injured were evacuated to the provincial hospital by policemen and one of them was in critical condition, Noorzai added. He linked the accident to reckless driving and bad road condition. (Pajhwok)

## Pajhwok Journalist Clinches 1st Position in Balkh Show

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - A Pajhwok Afghan News video journalist has secured first position in an artistic work exhibition and contest in the capital of northern Balkh province, an official said on Sunday.

The exhibition was organized by Tabiyan Cultural and Social Centre a week back. The expo ended on Sunday.

The centre's in-charge, Sayed Mohammad Mosawi, told Pajhwok Afghan News more than 150 pictorial, calligraphy and graffiti art work



pieces were showcased at the show. Pajhwok video journalist, Habibullah Akbari, showcased a photo he had taken at the previous presidential election. His photo clinched the first position. In the photo a man is captured ... (More on P4)... (19)

## Top Police Official Survive Roadside Explosion

KABUL - A top police official escaped unhurt from a roadside bomb explosion in Herat province.

According to the local security officials, the police chief of Obe district, Sher Aqa Alokozay, survived the attack but a policeman sustained injuries.

The officials further added that a vehicle of the police forces also sustained damages in the attack.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the in-



cident. Taliban militants and insurgents belonging to other militant groups are frequently using Improvised Explosive Device (IED) as the weapon of their ... (More on P4)... (20)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

The focus shifts from outside to inside as you wind down from a fast-paced weekend. The Moon steps into industrious Virgo today, and you are busy meeting obligations rather than putting on a show. Although you understand that everyone is preoccupied with their own concerns, it's annoying when your accomplishments aren't recognized.

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

The saturation setting on life seems to have been turned down so everything appears in muted tones. Although it's not quite as cheery as you might prefer for the holiday season, it's a welcome change of pace when the Moon moves into fellow earth sign, virtuous Virgo. Tackling practical chores like meal prep, list making and gift wrapping before the week starts makes the tasks more enjoyable.

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

The switch from outbound energy to inbound energy sets the scene today. Bring your ideas home and opt for a quiet mix of rest and work. You may be slightly irritated if no one immediately compliments your sparkly decorations or delicious cookies, but at the end of the day all your effort won't go unnoticed. Thankfully, a whimsical Sun-Neptune connection stimulates your creativity and offers a spiritual respite right when you need it most.

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

Time is ticking and you know it is wise to turn your attention to your never-ending to-do list. As the holiday season unfolds, there are plenty of details to keep you hopping, so let the meticulous Virgo Moon facilitate some planning in your downtime. Don't take it personally if someone is clueless to the amount of work you're putting in - do it for your own joyful satisfaction, instead.

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

There's somewhat of an energetic letdown from the weekend high as you pivot your focus to your finances and immediate goals. Sorting out your holiday budget is much easier with the help of the discerning Virgo Moon's presence in your 2nd House of Money. Attending to fiscal matters may not be your typical fun activity for a Sunday afternoon.

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

It's almost like the cosmic music has changed to something that better suits your natural rhythm. As the evocative Moon moves into your conscientious sign, you're able to hit the proverbial reset button and put all your personal affairs in order before the weekend is over. Nevertheless, it's prudent to accomplish as much as possible before nightfall. The surreal Neptune-Sun connection lends itself more to whimsy and less to practicality.

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

The pace slows today as rest and self-reflection become top priority. The perceptive Virgo Moon slips into your 12th House of Secrets, helping you to clean out the cobwebs that have gathered in your subconscious mind over the past month. Take stock of where your dreams lose touch with reality and visualize a path joining the two worlds.

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

You're walking on the path of purpose since your energy is aligned with your goals and ambitions; but today you are being asked to utilize a more focused and practical approach. You have your checklist in hand and a clear idea of where you want to be in the future, but what direction will you take to get there?

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

Whether you like it or not, details exist for a reason and it's important to examine them on a regular basis. The precise Virgo Moon calls your attention to the smaller pieces of the puzzle today, helping you sort through them to find the information you need without cluttering your mind unnecessarily. Your specialty may be envisioning the bigger picture, but you can't ignore the logistics of creating it. The more you learn, the more you grow.

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

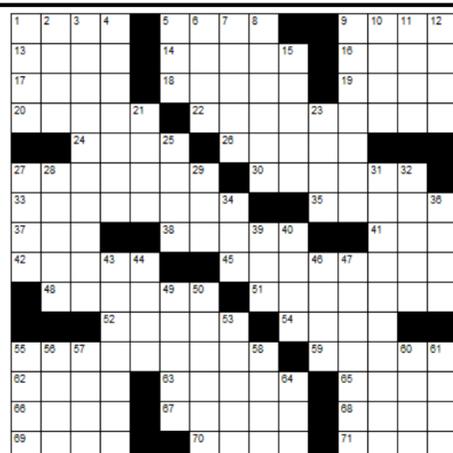
Your focus shifts to a plethora of practical considerations now that the fun of the weekend is wrapping up. The Moon's entry into fellow earth sign Virgo highlights your 9th House of Travel, making this the perfect time to finalize holiday plans. However, not all travel is physical and you may find yourself embarking on an excursion through your vivid imagination when an enchanting Neptune-Sun contact blurs the line between fiction and fact.

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

The high-energy weekend is winding down and your thoughts move from personal affairs of the heart to material concerns. The pragmatic Virgo Moon brings up the topic of "yours, mine and ours," so try to keep your facts straight as you sort out the details. This relationship work can be tedious and doesn't necessarily evoke fanfare, but it's worth it to iron out the little things now so they don't tangle you up later.

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

There is a distinct change in the air as you begin to reconsider how you can best support those closest to you. The dutiful Virgo Moon's natural inclination is to help and serve; Luna's shining presence in your 7th House of Relationships encourages you to be more conscientious of the needs of others. However, it is best to give freely without expectation if you truly want to receive anything of value in return.



**Across**

1. LummoX, 5. Backside, 9. Astrological transition point, 13. Hubs, 14. A dish of tomatoes and greens, 16. Paris airport, 17. Circle fragments, 18. A loud sleeping sound, 19. Close, 20. Tranquility, 22. Toward the front of the stage, 24. Kind of bean, 26. A keyboard instrument, 27. Ancient Roman galley, 30. Assembles, 33. In a cheapjack manner, 35. Free-for-all, 37. Family, 38. Be in trouble with, 41. Prefix meaning "Modern", 42. Foul-up, 45. Moves with slow, sinuous movements, 48. Any unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon, 51. Provide commentary, 52. Outspoken, 54. University administrator, 55. Unwanted, 59. Assistants, 62. Not sweet, 63. Anagram of "Sneer", 65. \_\_\_ du jour = Meal of the day.

**Down**

1. Applaud, 2. Old stories, 3. Irregular, 4. Strife, 5. Donkey, 6. South African monetary unit, 7. A single-masted ship, 8. A type of insect, 9. Shape, 10. Urine component, 11. Smelting waste, 12. Combustible pile, 15. Macedonian monetary unit, 21. Gave the once-over, 23. Prig, 25. Dogfish, 27. Sounds of disapproval, 28. Rhinoceros, 29. Santa's helper, 31. Beggar, 32. Sugary, 34. Ouch!, 36. Fail to win, 39. A large vase, 40. Its symbol is Pb, 43. Excited, 44. Flying saucers, 46. Region, 47. Galivant, 49. Less friendly, 50. Thin, 53. Slowly, in music, 55. Utilized, 56. Prying, 57. A ridge of sand, 58. Caribou, 60. Dines, 61. Immediately, 64. South southeast.

**Yesterday's Solution**

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