

# 9 Rebels Killed as 'Operation Pamir 1' Starts in Kunduz

KUNDUZ CITY - At least nine insurgents and one soldier have been so far killed during a newly launched operation codenamed 'Pamir 1' in northern Kunduz province, an official said on Tuesday.

The 808 Spinzar zone police commander in the northeast, Lt. Col. Shir Aziz Kamawal, told Pajhwok Afghan News the operation was launched at around 6am Tuesday morning across the province.

As of now, Chaharahi Hazrat Sultan locality of Kunduz city, the provincial capital, had been cleared of insurgents, he added.

Nine insurgents and one Afghan



National Army (ANA) soldier were killed and one ANA soldier and 17 insurgents were injured during the operation.

The offensive was advancing with full cooperation between security forces and would continue until the province was completely cleared of insurgents, Sultan said.

Ghulam Rabbani Rabbani, a member of the provincial council, welcomed the launch of the operation. "Such operations had been earlier launched in Kunduz, but their results weren't satisfactory." He hoped the Pamir 1 Operation wouldn't be like the past ones. ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

## 2 Men Arrested Over Different Crimes in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - A man accused of killing her wife and an imam who allegedly sexually assaulted a child have been arrested by police in southern Ghazni province, an official said Tuesday.

Crime branch chief Ahmad Qahir Naseri told a press conference here the man who killed his wife was arrested in Tawhidabad area of the provincial capital. He identified the alleged killer as Hamid who had been at large several days after killing his spouse. Police had been chasing him and arrested him on Monday.

The murder resulted from domestic violence and the accused had confessed to killing his wife, he said.

Ghazni deputy police chief, Asadullah Shujaee, who was also present at the press conference, said: "Hamid hit his wife with a cooking dish and stabbed her with a knife."

However, Hamid said his wife had illicit relationship with some other men. "I informed her parents to advise her, but she did not correct herself and I had no option but to kill her," he said. Naseri told Pajhwok Afghan News ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## 1 Dead, 15 Injured in Bus, Tanker Crash in Ghazni



GHAZNI - At least one passenger was killed and 15 others, including children and women, were injured in an overnight bus-tanker collision in Gilan district of southern Ghazni province, an official said on Tuesday.

The Gilan district chief, Mohammad Karim Taraki, told Pajhwok Afghan News the accident took place on the Kabul-Kandahar highway at around 1am Monday night.

At least one passenger was killed and five women were among 15 others wounded when a 404 passenger bus crashed into a tanker. The wounded have been evacuated to hospital; however, eight of the injured are said to be in critical condition.

Meanwhile, a doctor at the provincial hospital, Noorulah, said they had received 11 injured people from the scene. He said seven of the wounded were in critical condition and might be transferred to Kabul. *(Pajhwok)*

## 2 Sisters Marriage Case be Solved Through Jirga: Hazrat Ali

JALALABAD - A Wolesi Jirga member from eastern Nangarhar province on Tuesday said the forced marriage case of two sisters in Khewa district should be resolved through tribal mediation, not by the government.

On November 29, one of the two sisters, with nickname Saima, told the media at the Women's Affairs Department that her husband on the very first night of their marriage accused her of losing virginity before marriage.

She said her husband on the same night went to her father's house and forcibly married her younger sister.



Hazrat Ali told a public meeting in Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarhar, that the matter should be resolved through tribal mediation.

Some participants of the meeting ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Car Dealer Rescued, 2 Kidnappers Held in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - Police have detained two alleged abductors of a man in northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Tuesday.

Provincial deputy police chief, Col. Abdul Hafiz Khashi, told Pajhwok Afghan News the detainees belonged to Shiberghan, the provincial capital, and a man they had kidnapped from Faryab province was released by police from their captivity on Monday night.

The kidnappee, Basir Ahmad, a car dealer in Maimana, Faryab's capital, was abducted in Hazar-Family area at around 8pm on Monday night.

The two alleged kidnappers are currently being interrogated. *(Pajhwok)*

## 2 Men's Dead Bodies Found in Badakhshan Hotel

FAIZBAD - Two dead bodies have been found in a hotel in Baharak district of northeastern Badakhshan province, the district police chief said on Tuesday.

Maj. Abdul Wadud Rasikh told Pajhwok Afghan News the corpses were found in a hotel in the district centre. Both the dead were drug addicts and the motive behind their murder was unknown as yet.

Provincial crime branch chief, Col. Sakhi Dad Hidari, said police had detained four waiters and 25 costumers of the hotel in connection with the killings. The detainees are being interrogated. *(Pajhwok)*

## Bid to Smuggle 24kg of Heroin to Iran Foiled

ZARANJ - Police seized 24 kilograms of heroin and foiled their smuggling to neighboring Iran from southwestern Nimroz province.

Nimroz police chief Brig. Gen. Ghulam Jilani Abubakr told Pajhwok Afghan News the heroin which had been skillfully concealed in a truck were recovered in the zero point area between Afghanistan and Iran border on Monday evening.

He said the truck driver, hailing from southern Helmand province, had been arrested. The driver, who refused to be



identified, told Pajhwok Afghan News he was unaware someone had placed drugs in his truck. Drugs are mostly trafficked from Helmand, Kandahar, Farah and Herat provinces to Nimroz and then to Iran. *(Pajhwok)*

## 8 Daesh Rebels Dead, 3 Taliban Held in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Eight Daesh militants have been killed in the Haska Mena district of eastern Nangarhar province while three Taliban arrested in Jalalabad, the provincial capital, officials said on Tuesday.

Eight Daesh also known as Islamic State (IS) rebels were killed in a US drone strike in Narai Aubo locality, Police Spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashraiqi said. According to reports as many as 1,400 Daesh fighters are active in Nangarhar province. Separately, personnel from the National Directorate



of Security (NDS) arrested two mine planters and an active member of the Taliban in Jalalabad City. Governor Spokesman Attallah Khogyani told reporters intelligence officials arrested two mine planters red-handed in the limits of 6th police district. He said the detainees have confessed to their crimes during initial investigations. *(Pajhwok)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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

It's crunch time as you try to fit as many last-minute activities into your schedule as humanly possible. Your personal obligations may clash with your long-term goals today, and it's a struggle to keep a clear perspective while still wrapping up tasks that need to be done. Thankfully, this tension fades on its own when the Moon moves into charming Libra.

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

The day feels rushed as you try to finish projects at the last minute; perhaps you're only just now decorating for the holidays or starting your shopping late. It's easy to feel spread rather thin as you try to juggle all the fun things you want to do for yourself and the commitments you've already made to others. Fortunately, the Moon's shift into pleasant Libra offers respite.

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

As you try to wrap up loose ends and get all the housecleaning done today, people are persuading you to see the bigger picture. These conflicting perspectives aren't very helpful right now, so it's best to focus on the particulars that matter the most while the Moon is still in organized Virgo. However, Luna's entry into agreeable Libra tonight makes it much easier to acquiesce to another person's point of view.

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

Extra responsibilities begin to add up, and before you know it you're making more phone calls and running more errands than you expected. As you attempt to get these last-minute affairs in order, you may feel slightly frustrated that you don't have time for your normal routine today. It's uncomfortable when you must step out of your comfort zone to make something special happen.

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

There's a disturbing gulf between what you want to be doing today and your pile of unfinished obligations. It's no fun to spend time paying the bills or running errands when you prefer to be chasing pleasurable pursuits. However, settling down and completing your business early in the day allows you to fully relax with a clear conscience later on.

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

There's so much to do and so little time, but you naturally thrive when there's detail-oriented tasks to be done. However, minor discord between your busy external self and what's buried internally could leave you feeling out of sorts this afternoon. Happily, this emotional discomfort doesn't last long as the Moon's ingress into light-hearted Libra temporarily allays the unresolved tension. When in doubt, throw yourself into your work.

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

Your mind is a labyrinth today as you search through old stories you've kept locked up inside. It could be challenging to determine what it is you truly believe as conflicting thoughts wage battle in the background while you continue to go about your day. Fortunately, the Moon moves from your 12th House of Invisibility into the brightness of your 1st House of Self, renewing your confidence and recharging your energy.

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

It's hard to see past whatever is immediately right in front of you now because you're inundated with social events and holiday plans involving your family and friends. However, an irritating mental itch paints colorful visions of alternative activities today, just at the periphery of your awareness.

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

Your thoughts turn to your budget today as you finish up holiday shopping and fine-tune travel plans. Mercantile Mercury begins its three-week retrograde period by assessing your 2nd House of Finances, so read the fine print before you make any significant purchases. Meanwhile, heroic Mars slides into gentle Pisces, discouraging you from provoking arguments - especially those that tend to happen with family gathered around the dinner table.

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

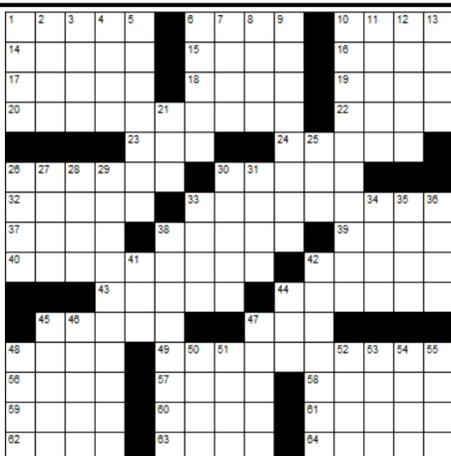
There are many small tasks that require your attention today and you want to get every one of them right on the very first try. However, distractions may arise from unseen places or even from unrest that's buried deep inside of your subconscious. Although this unsettling vibe can persist throughout the day, your unwavering perseverance pays off when it comes to tackling your chores.

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

There's a frenetic feeling as you flip back and forth between zooming in on one specific issue and zooming out for a more global perspective. While you usually prefer to just pick one trajectory and doggedly stick with it until its logical conclusion, you may benefit from the best of both worlds if you continue to vacillate between the narrow and wide views today.

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

You seem to waffle between focusing on the broad strokes or getting wrapped up in every tiny detail you encounter today. Your thinking may be strained as you try to cram too many things into your day while there already is so much piled up on your plate. However, you can put the cosmic energy to better use if you singularly focus on the task at hand now.



**Across**

1. Caused by streptococci, 6. Breezed through, 10. Cheek, 14. Crown, 15. Schnozzola, 16. Diva's solo, 17. Grain disease, 18. Not a single one, 19. A box or chest, 20. A toy that fires pellets, 22. 19th Hebrew letter, 23. Ironic, 24. Anagram of "Wanes", 26. West Indies music, 30. Gloss, 32. Each and all, 33. Shoestrings, 37. Italian for "Wine", 38. Noise, 39. Sit for a photo, 40. Snooping, 42. Make fun of, 43. Manicurist's concern, 44. Frittered away, 45. Unwarranted, 47. Bar bill, 48. A Freudian stage, 49. Freeing, 56. 53 in Roman numerals, 57. One who accomplishes, 58. A sudden forceful flow, 59. Eve's opposite, 60. Pitcher, 61. Weeps, 62. Catch, 63. Information, 64. Beginning.

**Down**

1. Stair, 2. Rubber wheel, 3. Indian music, 4. God of love, 5. Foot trail, 6. Bore, 7. Codger, 8. Feudal worker, 9. A bushlike herb, 10. Whippersnapper, 11. Heavenly hunter, 12. Tufts, 13. Strip of wood, 21. Mineral rock, 25. Snake-like fish, 26. Guns on an engine, 27. Wicked, 28. Heredity unit, 29. A bottom fish, 30. Avoids, 31. Kong, 33. Dirt, 34. Jacket, 35. Being, 36. Sow, 38. Screened, 41. Letter after sigma, 42. Hot sauce, 44. Armed conflict, 45. Labor group, 46. Nigerian monetary unit, 47. Latin name for our planet, 48. Charity, 50. Hawkeye State, 51. Red vegetable, 52. Change direction, 53. Colored part of an eye, 54. Curved molding, 55. Where a bird lives.

**Yesterday's Solution**

EBBS DYADS MOOT  
DRAM AESOP ARCH  
TOTA CASTELLATE  
TWELFTIN SWEATER  
LAYS ATTACHMENTS  
COMPLIATION  
UNION BELFT LED  
LYNX SERIFT DOME  
LXI COPRAEERIE  
LAYS ATTACHMENTS  
SEISM GYIP  
CONCEAL ABREAST  
ASTROLOGER NUKE  
DIRE MAORI ETAT  
SNOW SINOLO DOTIE

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