

# NATO Airstrike Kills 5 in Logar

PUL-E-ALAM - A NATO airstrike in central Logar province has reportedly killed five civilians and injured six others, the local officials said on Saturday.

The incident took place Friday in Baraki Barak district when the NATO-led U.S. soldiers bombarded a civilian home, said Niaz Mohammad Amiri, the acting governor of Logar. "The air-



strike hit a civilian home in which five civilians were killed and six others were injured," Niazi declared. However, the NATO officials in Kabul have neither rejected nor confirmed the bombardment so far.

The airstrike came only five days before the NATO-led international soldiers handover the security responsibility of entire Afghanistan to the

Afghan forces. Last week, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) in its annual report called 2014 the deadliest year for Afghan civilians.

The UNAMA report mentioned that the civilian deaths, resulted by ground battles, have increased by 19 percent as compared to the previous year. (Tolonews)

# 2 ANA Soldiers among 26 Dead in Helmand Clashes



LASHKARGAH - Twenty-four insurgents and two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have been killed in string of anti-militant offensives in southern Helmand province, officials said.

Lt. Col. Muhammad Rasool Zazai, spokesman of the 215th Maiwand military corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News that operation had been launched in parts of Paich area close to Sangin district on Friday to purge the restive locality of anti-state elements.

Seventeen rebels were killed in the offensive and their corpses were still lying in the battle ground, he added. Four Taliban were wounded in the gun battle while two others detained by the security forces in the ensuing battle, he added. Another notorious Taliban commander, he said

was killed in a showdown with the army. Five other militants were perished in a face-off with Afghan forces in Naway district.

Zazai confirmed two ANA soldiers were died and as many wounded in the clash with militants. A huge amount of weapons and motorbikes were seized by the forces after the firefight.

Another militant commander died when his own explosive he was planting went-off prematurely, he informed. However, Taliban have not yet commented on the clashes.

Separately, police during an operation in Garamsar district recovered hundreds of kilograms of hashish and detained six alleged smugglers, Brig. Gen. Juma Gul Himat, police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News. (Pajhwok)

# U.S. to Face Fate like Soviets: Afghan Taliban

KABUL- Afghan Taliban say the United States will meet the fate like the Soviets in their message on the 35th anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979.

"Now that 35 years have passed since the defeat of the vile Soviet forces, the Afghan land and its Muslim nation are again spending days under the barbarism and illegal occupation of another international tyrant America," the Taliban said in a statement on Saturday.

"America and its partners used all its power, spent over 1.5 trillion dollars and used every savagery by nearly one hundred and fifty thousand fully equipped soldiers and technologically advanced weaponry to subdue the religious pride of the Afghan nation and turn them away from their demand for freedom."

The statement said the Taliban exposed and defeated the confederation of over 49 nations headed by America, its military power and talismans.

"The force and preparation of some four hundred thousand servile military personnel is also depleted to such an extent that the Kabul administration openly pronounces that were America to completely withdraw its forces then Afghanistan will col-



lapse and slip from our hands." The Taliban said, while considering the Soviets invasion as the main catalyst for all tragedies warns America and its supporters of the same dreadful fate.

The Soviet Union invaded the pure sanctum of Afghanistan in order to spread its vile Communist ideology in its quest for world domination.

"The Red Army fought the Afghan nation for ten years with one hundred and ten thousand troops, martyring 1.5 million of our Muslim countrymen, handicapping about 3 million and forcing over 5 million to flee and emigrate from their homeland." (NNI)

# Gunmen Kill Ghazni Municipality Worker

GHAZNI CITY - Unidentified gunmen on Saturday shot dead a municipality worker and injured a civilian in southern Ghazni province, an official said.

Shafiq Nang, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that a municipality officer Ghulam Farooq was killed by gunmen in the 1st police district of Ghazni City at around 11 am. A hawk was also injured in the gunfire, he said, adding that police had started investigation into the incident.

Mohammad Ullah, an eyewitness, said that he did not hear any gunfire



but saw two dead bodies on the road shifted by police to hospital.

Dr. Baz Mohammad Himat, Ghazni Civil Hospital director, confirmed receiving one dead and

another injured. A day earlier, a provincial council member Zakia Rahimi was also wounded in a similar attack in Ghazni. (Pajhwok)

# Key Taliban Commanders Killed in Kapisa

KABUL - Security sources say to have killed nine Taliban insurgents in southern Kapisa province in clearance operations last night.

Police chief of Kapisa says the ones killed included a so-called district governor of Ala Sai and another insurgent commander who was managing terrorist attacks in the district.

Khwaja Faqir Ahmad Sediqi, Kapisa's police chief says killing of these key insurgent commanders is a setback to the Taliban in the district of Ala Sai.

The operations were conducted in the Daraine-Ishkin area of Ala Sai district.

Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) has stepped up operations across the country ahead of an announced end of the NATO combat mission in Afghanistan.

NATO has announce to end its combat mission in Afghanistan at the end of 2014 after which all combat missions will be conducted by ANSF and NATO will only train and support the ANSF. (KP)

# Police Seize Huge Heroin Cache in Nimroz

ZARANJ - Police seized over 100 kilograms of heroin and arrested a driver in connection to the drug trafficking in southwestern Nimroz province, an official said Saturday.

Brig. Gen. Mohammad Qasim Jangalbagh, police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the heroin was being kept in secret compartments in an oil tanker. The contraband, he said was being smuggled to neighboring Iran.

However, police recovered the heroin near Abrishum area close to Iran border late Wednesday.

He said that driver of the vehicle had also been detained.

Nimroz province shares border with Iran and commercial goods exported and imported from Nimroz port between Iran and Afghanistan. Smugglers use the port for trafficking drugs to Iran as a number of Iranian drivers have also arrested in connection of smuggling.

Three days ago, police seized 75 kilograms of drugs at the port and a month earlier 218 kilograms of drugs were recovered. (Pajhwok)

# 5km Road Being Asphalted in Uruzgan



TARINKOT - Work to asphalt a five-kilometer road between Tarinkot, the provincial capital, and Dihruad district started on Saturday in central Uruzgan province, an official said.

The project was being funded by the ministry of public works at a cost of \$1.4 billion, acting Governor Amanullah Taimuri said during the ground breaking ceremony.

Earlier, 20 kilometres road between Tarinkot and district Dihruad was

graveled. The residents of five other districts would benefit from the road.

Taimuri told the construction company of the road was strictly monitored to maintain quality of work and use materials of high quality.

He said the asphaltting of the road would help generate more opportunities for the locals. People of the locality expressed satisfaction over launching of the project. (Pajhwok)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

As you gaze into the future, you realize you need to plan for a change in direction to conserve your resources. You might even consider going on a retreat, especially if you feel as if you're running on empty. Creating space for a bit of solitude can be challenging today, yet time alone is more valuable than you think.

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

Naturally, you appreciate the need for making plans and following through with your commitments. But you may be weary of doing everything according to the book. However, your fantasies could inspire you to pursue your bliss today, rather than playing a supporting role in other people's stories as sweet Venus sparkles in your 9th House of Big Ideas.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may be harboring resistance to your social obligations today. Nevertheless, you can muster up enough energy to fulfill your obligations once you make up your mind to do so. However, you still might be worried about losing your sense of identity if you become too involved with someone else's plans. Your biggest concern now is about having to justify your actions.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You Crabs are pleased that the emotional tides are flowing, revitalizing your soul and empowering you to reconnect with your heart. Thankfully, the watery Pisces Moon can be a cosmic antidote for your recent sense of alienation in a significant relationship. You're all too eager to immerse yourself into the refreshing deep sea of feelings today, but others may not want to follow you on your underwater adventure.

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

You take pride in being famous for creating a party wherever you go, but the Moon's current visit to your 8th House of Intimacy reveals a much darker part of your character. Oddly enough, today you're driven to raise complex issues that are without fast and easy solutions. You don't even mind the absence of a quick fix, since you understand that you're on a metaphysical journey.

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

You quickly grow annoyed if others aren't as diligent as you are now as the Moon's presence in your 7th House of Companions emphasizes your partnerships. Unfortunately, your helpful assistance might be perceived as unsolicited criticism. Don't try to solve anyone else's problems or change someone who falls short of your expectations. Instead, make adequate room for all the imperfections that you see around you, and allow those you love to be fully human.

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

You have many chores to finish around your home today, but you don't exactly know where to start. You might think that making a list will help you focus, but even that could prove to be a daunting task. Although over-planning your day is tempting, it's much wiser to stay flexible without thinking too far ahead. Just jump in without further analysis and pay attention to the subtle signs you see everywhere in your environment.

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

Sharing laughter brings healing with the Moon traveling through your 5th House of Enjoyment, but a long-forgotten family memory may distract you from the good times.

Thankfully, your private matters don't have to interfere with your fun today if you manage your emotions efficiently.

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

Your unwavering optimism hides fears and tears today but you might feel helpless if you can't control your emotions. Your first inclination is to simply avoid conversations that tread into uncomfortable territory, rather than trying to process your angst. The truth is that you may experience unexpected relief once you express what's in your heart. An immediate resolution could be elusive, but at least everyone will know where you stand.

### Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

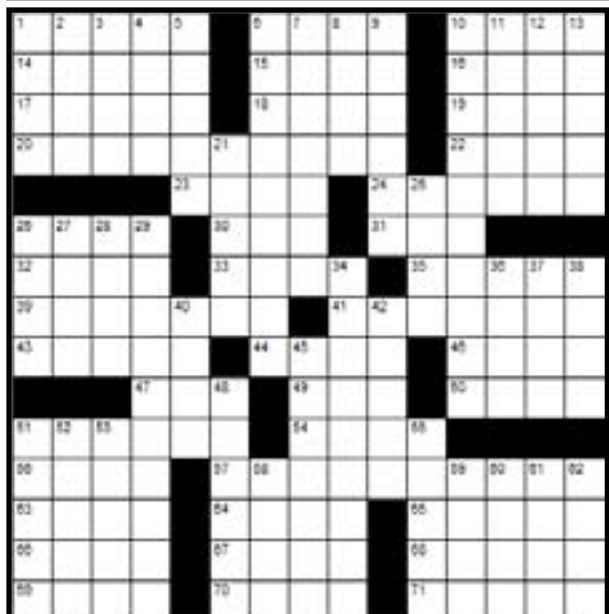
The more you attempt to gain mastery over your daily routine now, the harder it is to keep all the pieces in place. Satisfaction may be tough to find today, but all is not lost. Setting your sights on the task at hand is currently more productive than thinking about the larger perspective. Wait for the dust to settle before turning your life upside down; it's amazing how different things will look in just a few days.

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

You may grow discouraged today if your dreams seem out of reach. However, you might be viewing your present circumstances from a perspective that's too narrow. You will likely come out on the losing end if you compare the hard, cold facts of your life with your idealistic dreams. Instead, accept the differences between your reality and your fantasies as a starting point.

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

The cosmic energy shifts and your network of friends and family may be the primary source of your concerns now. Conflicting emotions make it tricky business to negotiate the ups and downs of social dynamics, whether you have too much or not enough on your plate. Cut yourself some slack while your moods are in flux until the reflective Moon leaves your sign tomorrow.



**Across**

1. Tine, 6. Steals, 10. Break, 14. Pertaining to the moon, 15. Beige, 16. See the sights, 17. Colonic, 18. Terror, 19. Savvy about, 20. Audience, 22. A noble gas, 23. Observed, 24. Sleeping sickness carrier, 26. Stinging insect, 30. 61 in Roman numerals, 31. Sweet potato, 32. Diva's solo, 33. Pass the tongue over, 35. Artificial waterway, 39. A systematic plan for therapy, 41. Annoying, 43. A fabric resembling velvet, 44. Heredity unit, 46. Norse god, 47. New Zealand parrot, 49. Calypso offshoot, 50. Tidy, 51. Matches, 54. An indefinite period, 56. A Freudian stage, 57. A type of semiconductor, 63. Nonexistent, 64. Liturgy, 65. Fits on a hand, 66. Backside, 67. Mimics

**Down**

1. Urgent request, 2. Flows, 3. 1 1 1 1, 4. What a person is called, 5. 28 in an ounce, 6. Causing an autonomic response, 7. Marine, 8. Boast, 9. Pledge, 10. He works with rocks, 11. A nine-piece musical group, 12. Cars, 13. Lying facedown, 21. Young woman, 25. Big bag, 26. Distort, 27. Region, 28. Anagram of "Sing", 29. Analgesic, 34. State of being quirky or bizarre, 36. Connecting point, 37. Dogfish, 38. Gave temporarily, 40. Encounter, 42. Units of paper, 45. Demesnes, 48. Stellar, 51. Hackneyed, 52. Habituate, 53. Not true, 55. One more than seven, 58. Fully developed, 59. Blackthorn, 60. Carry, 61. Baking appliance, 62. Depend

**Yesterday's Solution**

bunt, butt, caramel, college, combination, consumer, coupon, daily, darn double, empire, final, fore, grave, hills, hoard, honest, honey, lent, light, lobster, mice, online, paper, praise, proof, quest, rise, skewer, smooth, sore, swerve, teal, tower, trick, vault

