

27 Militants Killed, 19 Captured in 24 Hours: MoI

KABUL - Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) have killed more than two dozen armed militants and captured 19 others during a series of operations over the past 24 hours, officials said on Tuesday. "Units of police backed by the army and National Directorate for Security have conducted several anti-terrorist operations in Nangarhar, Faryab, Sar-e-Pul, Ghazni, Khost and Herat provinces over the past 24 hours which have left 27 armed insurgents dead," said a statement from the ministry of interior (MoI)



released here. According to the statement, three more militants have been wounded and 10 others made captive. Meantime, an army spokesman in northern Faryab province, Reza Rezaei, told Xinhua that eight Taliban fighters had been killed and 14 others injured in the Qaisar district of the province since on Monday. "Backed by combat aircraft, the ground forces have killed eight Taliban rebels and injured 14 others in Qaisar district since launching the cleanup operations on Monday," Rezaei said. ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Unknown Gunmen Kill Mullah in Parwan

KABUL - A Mullah at Imam Abu Hanifa mosque was shot dead by unknown gunmen in northern Parwan province, local officials said on Tuesday. The incident took place on Monday night in Charikar city of Parwan when Mullah Mohammad Agha Habibi was on his way home, a spokesman for the provincial governor said. No one has been arrested in connection with the incident. The police officials said that investigations are underway and the motive for the attack is not clear. However, no group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack. *(Tolonews)*

NDS Burns Eight Tons of Hashish in Logar

KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Tuesday burned 8 tons of hashish in central Logar province. In a press release NDS stated that the hashish were recovered from a drug factory in Altamor village ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

ANSF Arrest 9 Armed Militants

JALALABAD - Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) on Tuesday arrested nine armed Taliban militants in Jalalabad city, 120 km east of Kabul, a senior Border Police officer Mohammad Ayub Hussainkhil said. "Our troops captured nine armed Taliban rebels in Nazian district today morning while they were attempting to create law and order problems," Hussainkhil told reporters here. He didn't provide more details. Taliban militants who are active in parts of the eastern Nangarhar province are yet to make comment. *(Xinhua)*

Pakistan Executes Four Militants for Terror Attacks on Military-Run School

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan on Tuesday hanged four militants for the terror attacks on a military-run school in Peshawar and charges of bomb blasts, sources said. The attack staged by the Pakistani Taliban killed nearly 150 students and staff members of the school in December last year. A military court had handed death penalty to the militants this year. Army Chief General Raheel Sharif signed black warrants for the four hardcore terrorists, sources said. It is the second executions of the militants involved in the terror attacks. Four were sent to gallows earlier this month who were behind the attack on the army public school. Sources said that the four convicts were executed in a jail in Kohat, a main city in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

20 Development Projects Completed in Ghor Province

KABUL - National Solidarity Programme of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD/NSP) on Tuesday said that 20 development project worth Afs30,591,000 completed in Tolak and Saghar districts of Ghor province. According to NSP Provincial Manager in Ghor province, these projects comprise the pavement of an irrigation spring, irrigation reservoirs, protection walls, dikes, extension of safe water supply networks, graveling rural roads and excavation



of wells equipped with hand pumps. Approximately, 2,826 families in different communities had an opportunity to gain access to basic human needs upon completion of these projects. Since its inception in Ghor province, the NSP has been able to execute 3,405 infrastructure projects in different sectors such as transport, water and sanitation, irrigation, power, ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

8 Taliban Militants Killed in Faryab

MAIMANA - At least eight Taliban militant were killed with 14 others injured in cleanup operations over the past two days in Qaisar district of Faryab province, the army said Tuesday.

"Backed by combat aircraft, the ground forces have killed eight Taliban rebels and injured 14 others in Qaisar district since launching the cleanup operations on Monday," said Reza Rezaei, an army spokesman in the province. Mullah Abdul Samad, the shadowy deputy governor of the Taliban outfit for Faryab province, is also among those



killed in the operations, he security personnel have been told Xinhua. Meanwhile two injured, he added. *(Xinhua)*

Driving School for Women Launched in Jawzjan

SHEBERGHAN - The Women's Council of the National Islamic Movement in Afghanistan has launched a driving school for women in Jawzjan - the first in the province. And the driving school, in Sheberghan, the provincial capital, is proving a hit with the ladies.



In just a few weeks, 64 women have signed up for courses at the school. Breaking away from tradition, many of them said being able to drive was important. One driving

student, Khojista, said: "It is very important for a woman to learn to drive because most of the time the women are at home and the men are out. If anything happens to someone in the house, a woman should be able to drive the person to hospital." Kamila, an 18-year-old girl in Class 12, is also taking lessons. She said she ...*(More on P4)...(21)*



Afghan policeman walk into a police station in in Lashkar Gah, capital of Helmand province. Afghan police are refusing to go back on the streets of a volatile southern district under Taliban attack, claiming that promised government help has not yet arrived, an Afghan official said on Tuesday. *(AP Photos/Abdul Khaliq)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You won't have much of an opportunity to rest today if you left too many tasks undone yesterday. Nothing is to be gained by worrying about the outcome; instead, just get busy with your chores right off the bat. But even if you don't have any pressing obligations to fulfill now, you might still be too serious-minded to completely chill out.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Although you're distracted by the pursuit of pleasure now, you might need to wait until a later date to actually obtain your object of desire. In the meantime, it's prudent to direct your attention to more mundane tasks. You're better off setting a measurable goal early in the day and then diligently tracking your progress. Even if you would be happier doing something else today.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Of course, you know that you should be grateful for the many blessings in your life, but you can't avoid feeling annoyed if you're blocked from chasing your dreams today. Your natural tendency is to sow your ideas like Johnny Appleseed; however, it's more useful now to keep them to yourself until you are certain you have found fertile ground. Even after testing the soil and waiting for the right temperature.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You could be overly protective of those you love as you attempt to balance your concerns with their needs. You might not even notice that you have overstepped your role in your haste to do the right thing. Although you want to initiate action for someone else's benefit, consider that your interference may not be in their interest.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your life may already be in a state of flux now that a significant cycle is reaching a turning point. You know you need to narrow your focus, but you're receiving mixed signals from the cosmos. Instead of closing down your mind in fear of making the wrong choice, visualize all the things that make your heart happy. You don't have to do anything at all about your fantasies today.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Your creative juices are flowing and your drive for self-expression is strong, but you might not be confident enough to fully trust your impulses today. Instead of taking an unnecessary risk, play things more conservatively for now. After all, you're not interested in an easy come, easy go solution. Demonstrate your wisdom by building on your previous accomplishments while still progressing on your long-term goals.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Although you're quite adept at balancing work and play, relaxing can be challenging today until you complete your unfinished business. Free-floating anxiety may throw you off schedule now, especially if you believe that you are running out of time. Fortunately, an impending deadline is more flexible than you think; instead of wasting your energy on panic and despair, just breathe deeply and continue doing the very best job you can.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

People may be making too many demands on your time these days. They might not think twice before asking you for what they want, even if their neediness poses a major inconvenience. It's hard to tell if your associates are aware of the impact of their behavior, so you can't really accuse them of being selfish. However, your loyalty runs deep enough that if a friend requests your help now.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You're so concerned now about what others think of you today that you tiptoe around deciding what is appropriate in your current social sphere. However, you're not any less confident of your judgment just because it differs from the crowd. But you really want to be a team player and will sacrifice some of your personal needs now for the good of the family, group, or community. Honorable intentions bring positive results.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

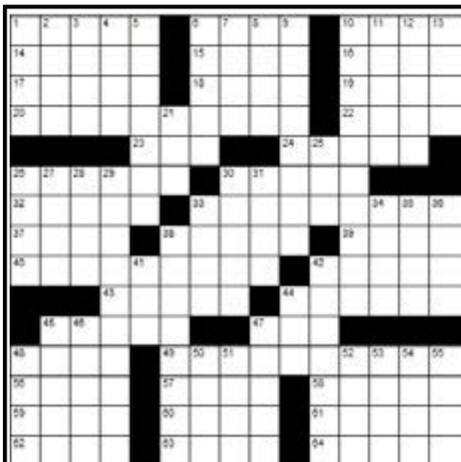
You might be feeling a bit ornery today, especially if an acquaintance is pushing your buttons. You're short on patience, especially when it comes to situations that aren't your immediate concern. You're not willing to waste your time on trivial matters just because someone else does. But don't be too quick to judge others; politely playing within the rules of social etiquette now will serve you well.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're likely to jump to conclusions now, unless you consciously slow down your mental process. But there's a special trick to making this proactive strategy work; you don't have to change the speed of your thinking. Instead, just increase the amount of time between a thought and the moment you respond. You'll be surprised with the difference you can make if you slowly count to ten before saying a word.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Someone you admire may stubbornly stand in the way of your satisfaction today, and you might not even have a clue as to their motives. Your first impulse is to ignore the whole situation or just laugh it off to reduce the pressure. But instead of making light of a potential problem, find the courage to initiate a conversation in a nonthreatening manner. Nearly all complicated dynamics are easier to resolve once you commit to handling it together.



Across

- 1. Lists of dishes available, 6. Blown away, 10. "Smallest" particle, 14. African virus, 15. French Sudan, 16. Numbskull, 17. A nine-piece musical group, 18. Kitty-cat, 19. 1 1 1, 20. Unsurpassed, 22. Former Italian currency, 23. Furrow maker, 24. Betel palm, 26. Decreases, 30. Restricts, 32. Intestine, 33. Belligerence, 37. Take it easy, 38. Fertile area in a desert, 39. Beige, 40. Casts, 42. Contemptuous look, 43. Trades, 44. Beginning, 45. Type of connective tissue, 47. Arrive (abbrev.), 48. Carpenter's groove, 49. Paint thinner, 56. At the peak of, 57. God of love, 58. Assistants, 59. Have the nerve, 60. Citrus fruit, 61. Encounters, 62. Beers, 63. Blabs, 64. Delete.

Down

- 1. List of options, 2. Black, in poetry, 3. Not a single one, 4. Gorse, 5. Small bag, 6. Enough, 7. Wail, 8. If not, 9. Condescensions, 10. Callow, 11. Quinine water, 12. A drama set to music, 13. Plateau, 21. Dawn goddess, 25. Ribonucleic acid, 26. Competent, 27. Godsend, 28. Cobblers' tools, 29. Tools for star gazing, 30. Tricks, 31. Auspices, 33. Gloomy atmosphere, 34. Frosts, 35. Tall woody plant, 36. Mongol hut, 38. Pumpkin-shaped, 41. Japanese apricot, 42. Family name, 44. Mineral rock, 45. Deadly, 46. Love intensely, 47. Church recesses, 48. 20th-century art movement, 50. Murre, 51. Cavort, 52. Layer, 53. Bright thought, 54. Catches, 55. Being.

Yesterday's Solution



bargain, bell, blank, bracket, catch, cheer, crash, dwell, flout, furtive, guide, heist, imbue, injure, liner, lusty, mile, minute, pane, pens, person, pilot, power, relay, remain, reside, resolve, secretary, sirloin, sneak, stallion, stripe, trace.

