

11 Policemen Dead in Kandahar, Herat Attacks

KANDAHAR CITY/HERAT CITY - Eleven policemen have been gunned down in two separate Taliban attacks in southern Kandahar and western Herat provinces, officials said on Monday. Samim Khplawak, spokesman for the Kandahar governor, told Pajhwok Afghan News an armed clash erupted among policemen in Marwand district late Sunday night. He did not say how many policemen were killed. A delegation



has been sent in to the area to ascertain facts. A resident, who preferred to go unnamed, said two

policemen in connivance with militants opened fire on their colleagues in Koka Dasht area. He confirmed seven personnel were killed. The resident said the pair fled the area with police weapons. Separately, four policemen were killed when Taliban stormed a security check-post in Herat province. Kamal Alizai, the provincial council head, said the tragic incident took place in Chasht Sharif district. (Pajhwok)

4 Police Killed, as Many Injured in Firefight

TIRINKOT - Four policemen were killed and as many injured during an overnight clash with armed insurgents in the Chinartu district of central Uruzgan province, an official said on Monday. Mohammad Ismail, the district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News three militants entered a house and took positions there, opening fire at police after they encircled the residence on Sunday night. The ensuing clash lasted 10 hours, leaving four policemen dead and another four injured, he

said, adding the dead body of only one militant was later found at the clash site. The remaining two militants had been able to flee. Former Chinartu district police chief, Wali, said the police wanted to capture alive the three insurgents and as a result, the firefight prolonged. He said the policemen tried to save civilians from being harmed and thus lost their own lives. A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousaf Ahmadi, said the rebels stormed two police-posts, killing ... (More on P4)...(16)

Man Kills Spouse, Escapes Along with Children

KANDAHAR CITY - An enraged husband killed his wife and fled his home along with five children in southern Kandahar province, the police spokesman said on Monday. Zia Durrani told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened in the Ismail Kulacha village of Dand district. Ahmadullah, a resident of Dehrawud district in Uruzgan province, was

living there along with his family. Durrani had no information why Ahmadullah killed his 28-year-old spouse. But he confirmed the police had recovered the dead body and started raids to nab the killer. Separately, unidentified gunmen shot dead an employee of a wireless company late Sunday evening in Kandahar City, the provincial capital. (Pajhwok)

Officials Killed for 50K Pakistani Rupees

KABUL - Each government official is killed for a ransom of 50,000 Pakistani Rupees in southern Helmand province. Two persons who have been arrested by security officials in Helmand province for allegedly killing a policeman say that they are paid a ransom of 50,000 Pakistani Rupees for killing each government official. They said a Taliban commander who goes by the name Mullah Abdul Wafa pays 50,000 Pakistani Rupees to anyone killing Afghan government officials including security personnel. Qudratullah one of the accused says that he was given a ransom of 50,

000 Pakistani Rupees by Mullah Abdul Wafa for killing the soldier. Nabi Jan Mullahkhil, Police Chief in southern Helmand asked for severe punishment for them. Helmand beside the target killing has been the scene of heavy fighting between insurgents and Afghan National Security Forces as well as NATO forces. In June 2014 hundreds of Afghan Taliban who were also assisted by foreign fighters attacked Moosa Qala, Sangin, Kajaki and Nawzad District in this southern province and began fighting with the security forces. As ... (More on P4)...(19)

5 Insurgents Dead in Clash between 2 Taliban Groups

GHAZNI CITY - Five militants have been killed in an armed clash between two rebel groups in the Andar district of southern Ghazni province, the governor's spokesman said on Monday. Shafiq Nang told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash erupted between the groups in the Zarin village of the district late Sunday night. The groups led by Sarhadi and Mudassar



traded fire, killing five men loyal to the former. Rahimullah, a resident of the locality, said the fight occurred when one group extorted money from a person and the other faction started harassing the same individual to give them money. (Pajhwok)

Heavy Snowfall Blocks Badakhshan Roads

FAIZABAD - Due to heavy snowfall over the last three days, residents of 17 districts of northeastern Badakhshan province have been suffering from health problems and food shortages, an official said on Monday. The snowfall blocked roads leading to Raghistan, Kohistan, Yawan, Shahr-i-Bozurg, Argo, Darim, Tishkan, Ar-g'hanchkhwah, Shaghnan, Zibak, Ishkashim, Wakhan and

Darwazaha districts. Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) Director for Badakhshan Abdullah Humayon Dehqan, said: "So far there has been no report of human losses. But if the snowfall continues, residents could face more problems." He added the sick and elderly people could not afford living under such circumstance and they might lose their lives to

the cold weather. Abdul Rahim, a resident of Zirach village, said the snowfall was still ongoing. 150 centimeter of snow has fallen in the village so far. Farah Naz Pamiri, a provincial council member, said the heavy snowfall had paralysed transport services. Assis-tance could not be delivered to the affected people as all roads have been closed and there is a danger of landslides. (Pajhwok)

Library, Children's Park Being Established

KANDAHAR CITY - A public library and a children's park are being established in the capital of southern Kandahar province, officials said on Monday. Kandahar City Mayor Mohammad Omar Omar told Pajhwok Afghan News the library and the park and a parking facility would be established on the vacated land of old vegetable market. The old vegetable market was situated in front of the Sari Jamia Masjid and the Mandigag Palace. The market was recently abandoned after a new, large market was established by the private

sector outside the city in Shorandam area. The mayor said the Ministry of Information and Culture planned to construct a building for the proposed library on a 600 square metres plot of the old market's land. He said the municipality would establish a children's park on a three acres of land and the remaining one acre would be used as a parking facility. Omar said little recreation facilities were available for children in Kandahar and the need for a well-equipped children's park was direly felt. He did not reveal

possible costs of the proposed projects, but said their designing and other related works had been done and further information about the projects would be shared with the media once work on them was launched. Information and Culture Director Dawa Khan Minapal said though a library existed inside his department, but the facility lacked enough space for books and visitors. He said they looked for a library having a proper and well-equipped building and a suitable environment for study. He ... (More on P4)...(15)

Assassination Bid on Laghman Intelligence Chief Foiled

KABUL - The spy service on Monday claiming foiling a plot to assassinate the National Directorate of Security chief for eastern Laghman province. A statement from the NDS headquarters in Kabul said three people, including a would-be suicide bomber, had been arrested during a special operation. The statement did not provide the exact date and location, but identified the alleged bomber as Abdul Basir, a son of Mohammad Nasir, resident of Sheikhan village. Basir was preparing to launch a suicide attack

on the Laghman NDS chief, but he was arrested along with his facilitator and a third person who harboured him. Suicide vests were recovered from the detainees, the statement said, claiming the would-be It quoted Basir as telling his interrogators he had been directed by a Pakistani rebel leader, Maulvi Wasiqullah who currently serves as a Taliban judge, to kill the Laghman NDS head. He had also hand in carrying out a roadside bombing that killed Afghan Local Police com ... (More on P4)...(17)

NDS Officer Killed; Drug Smuggling Attempt Foiled

ZARAJANJ / SHIBERGHAN - An official of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) has been killed and three others have been wounded in southwestern Nimroz province on Monday, an official said. The spy-service member was killed and three others were wounded during a clash in the Aliabad area of Chakhan-soor district this morning, district chief Aqa Mohammad Fazli told Pajhwok Afghan News. Provincial police Chief Qasim Jangalbagh said police had reached the area ... (More on P4)...(18)

NDS Claims Arresting 2 Wanted Terrorists

KANDAHAR - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) on Monday claimed detaining to most wanted terrorists involved in subversive activities in southern Kandahar province, a statement from the spy network said. The statement said that the spy personnel detained Roundi, the resident of Panjwayee district and Shah Mohammad alias Qudratullah from Arghandab district who was presently living in Kandahar city 9th district.

The pair, the statement said was wanted in connection of carrying out guerilla type destructive activities in Kandahar City, the provincial capital, and other districts. Both the men were held in separate operations and both they confessed of committing crimes. At least 60 kilograms of explosives, two hand-made mines, 60 pieces of mine detonators, one communication device and one mine remote control device were seized from their possession. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)
Your drive to explore new territory is countered by uncharacteristic feelings of self-doubt today. An inner voice reminds you to honor other people's needs over your own. However, this advice won't likely prevent you from acting on a brilliant idea if you have the chance. Just remember to temper your desire for action with kindness so you don't inadvertently hurt someone you love.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)
You just might save the day with an amazing plan inspired by a stroke of genius at the very last minute. Your logic is sound today, even if the electric Sun-Uranus alignment means it's unconventional and unexpected. Sharing your original idea encourages others to lend their support to your solution.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
You are flying at top speed today, yet you still sense something weighing you down. The feeling of carrying too much baggage may be associated with an unpleasant memory that raises issues of self-doubt. However, you can't get very far as long as you're burying your head in the clouds. Thankfully, you can change everything by simply being more aware of your emotions and taking responsibility for your actions.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)
You want to express your emotional needs as forthright as possible today, and you expect people to sit up and take notice of your integrity. There might even be one particular person you hope to impress, prompting you to act in a manner that is completely out of character. Your spontaneous behavior could attract the attention you seek, but not in the way you wish.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)
Helping others is a top priority today, but you prefer to do it sight unseen while the Moon is still hiding out in your 12th House of Invisibility. Thankfully, you can accomplish something that means a great deal to someone close to you after the Moon's midday shift into your sign. You might not even realize what you did, but your generous actions could bring deep healing to a loved one.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)
There is no reason to take the fall for someone else's erratic behavior. If a coworker does something that catches you off guard today, just do your best to maintain your composure. Luckily, unexpected twists and turns could open your eyes to a different way to respond to changing circumstances. It might seem like a reach at first, but you may discover that you're the only one who has been standing in the way of your success.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)
You want to follow your own agenda today and have little patience for social niceties just to earn the support of your coworkers. Although you prefer to feel connected with your friends and associates, you won't let them stand between you and your current goals. The Sun in your 5th House of Creativity is receiving a blast of ingenuity from irrepressible Uranus, so make the most of this cosmic gift while it lasts.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)
You might panic for no reason today, feeling as if there's no way out of your previous commitments. You're willing to resign yourself to honor your word, even if you're unhappy with how things have developed. Thankfully, your mood can suddenly flip as an ingenious idea lights up your brain like a flash of lightning.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)
Fitting into the standard constraints of a traditional relationship is challenging now that your emotions express in their own unique way. A rebellious Sun-Uranus sextile graces you with something very special to offer, so don't be too self-judgmental if your heart refuses to take orders from your head. Fortunately, those closest to you already know that your intentions are well-meaning.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)
You are more in touch with your feelings now as you attract emotionally expressive people into your orbit. You often avoid revealing too much vulnerability, but you might be needy enough today to open up to someone you trust. Exploring a tough issue gives you a chance to learn more about yourself. Luckily, a tense situation can rapidly morph into a more pleasant one if you're willing to roll with the incoming waves.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)
You might believe you're headed for a major battle today, when out of the blue the energy dramatically improves. Don't try to rein in anyone's behavior; your fear of a negative outcome could actually coax it into manifestation. Thankfully, you have the power to sidestep an unnecessary dispute if you remember that open conflict won't bring you any closer to your goals.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)
It could be safer than you think to jump into the abyss of the unknown today, as long as you trust that everything will work out for the best. Fortunately, you are able to gather the support you need now as long as you establish clear priorities. Nevertheless, your creative visualizations only take you so far. The power of positive thought still needs to be reinforced with a concrete plan and solid effort.

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