

# Afghan Fighting Kills Over 40 Fighters in 24 Hours: Officials



## Sugar, Flour Prices Dipped in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of sugar and Kazakhstani flour have dipped while that of Arabian gold increased in capital Kabul during the last week, market sources said Sunday.

Food Traders Union head in Kabul, Fazal Rahman told Pajhwok Afghan News that the price of a bag of 49 kilograms of Pakistani sugar decreased from 1,720 Afghanis to 1,680 Afghanis and 50 kilograms of Kazakhstani flour from 1,330afis to 1,320afis. However, he said 24 kilograms of Pakistani rice cost 2,000afis and a tin of 16 liters of Khurshid cooking oil 1,000afis, the same rates of last week's.

Noor Ahmad Khairkhwā, a tea seller in Kabul Mandavi, said a kilogram of Indonesian green tea cost 280afis and the same amount of African black tea 300afis -- same prices as last week's.

Ahmad Samim, who owns a grocery store in Taimani area of Kabul, sold a 50-kg sack of Kazakhstani flour for 1,400afis, a 49-kg bag of sugar for 1,750afis, 24-kg of Pakistani rice 2,400afis a 16-litre tin of ghee for 1,100afis, one-kg of Indonesian green tea for 300afis and the same amount of black African tea for 350afis -- higher than wholesale rates.

Haji Fawad Ahmad Salehzada, a jeweler in Timor Shahee area of Kabul, said that the price of one gram of Arabian gold increased from 2,500afis to 2,550afis while the same quantity of Russian variety stood at 2,000afis.

Fuel and firewood prices remain unchanged.

Abdul Hadi, a worker at Wazirabad Fuel Station in Kabul said that one liter of petrol cost 49 Afghanis and the same quantity of diesel 48afis.

Ahmad Javid, a liquefied gas seller in Taimani area of Kabul, said the price of one kilogram of the commodity stood at 55afis.

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KABUL - At least 43 fighters including three police personnel and a Taliban commander were killed in fighting between government forces and the Taliban group in the country over the past 24 hours, officials said.

The government forces stormed Taliban hideouts in parts of the restive Helmand province over the past 24 hours, killing 12 insurgents including Taliban eminent commander Mullah Shir Agha, said a statement of the army released on Saturday.

Mullah Shir Agha, along with five of his armed men, were killed in Sangin district on Friday after his hideout came under fighting aircraft's attack, the statement said, adding over a dozen more insurgents have been injured in the province. ....(More on P4)...(13)



## Security Organs Deny Raiding Varsity Teacher's Home

KABUL - A university teacher says his house was blown up with explosives by a joint raiding team of Afghan and NATO forces in Chak district of central Maidan Wardak province.

But the ministries of defence and interior said their forces were not involved in the raid while the National Directorate of Security (NDS) media office said they were unaware of the matter.

Mohammad Shafiq Omari, a resident of Khalili Walaw Khelo locality, who is serving as a teacher at the Kandahar University, said Afghan and foreign forces raided his house on the night of January 26.

He added security forces evicted his family members from the home in freezing cold and blown up his house with bombs. Omari said his family members were now living with relatives.

The university teacher threatened to quit the government job and join the Taliban if the person who gave wrong information ... (More on P4)...(14)

## Casualties as Taliban, Uprising Forces Clash in Jawzjan



SHIBERGHAN - At least two uprising members and as many Taliban militants have been killed during a clash in the Qarqin district of northern Jawzjan province, an official said on Sunday.

Faridon Aniq, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News militants stormed the uprising forces security posts in the district late Saturday night.

The ensuing clash left two uprising members and as many militants dead and a third

militant wounded.

Shukrullah Jahid, the Qarqin district administrative chief, told Pajhwok that the security situation in the district had worsened, with the militants inching closer to the district headquarters.

He warned if clearing operation was not conducted, the situation would further go out of control.

The Taliban have not yet commented in this regard. (Pajhwok)

## Taliban Gun Down District's Executive Head in Sar-I-Pul



SAR-I-PUL CTY - Taliban militants have shot dead the executive director for Gosfandi district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said on Sunday.

Zabihullah Amani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News Mohammad Tahir Azizi was shot dead on his way home from a

masque in Qalqola locality on Saturday night.

After the incident, he said, a clash erupted between the militants and uprising members in the area. One militant was killed in the fire exchange.

There has been no claim of responsibility for the murder. (Pajhwok)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



Correspondence with someone who lives far away could appear to lead to something more than friendship, Aries. This person seems to be in total accord with you about nearly everything, and warm feelings could flow between you. However, if you haven't met in person, you should, at least before you get your hopes up for a relationship.

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



A quick survey of the financial news might reveal that your investments, particularly those involving property, might be worth far more than you thought, Taurus. This might make you wonder if you should sit back and let it all mount up or actively put it to work for you. Consult a professional before taking any immediate action.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



A message could come today from a business or romantic partner that brings some welcome news, Gemini. Action on an enterprise of some kind, perhaps involving writing or speaking, could put one or both of you in the limelight. Make the most of the opportunity. It could lead to future advancement and exposure, perhaps even more promising than this. You've worked hard and now you're reaping

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Today you can expect to have a highly interesting conversation with someone, Cancer. The person you will be talking to is going to provide you with a ton of information that will open a whole new world of knowledge. Excitement and happiness will be with you all day. This conversation will have an impact on your future.

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



A meeting, perhaps related to finances, might take place at your home, Leo. For the most part, the meeting will go well and you will accomplish what you want. Communication flows freely and agreements are easily reached. Bear in mind that someone has an agenda of their own that might not correspond with the interests of everyone else.

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



If you're into writing, Virgo, this is the perfect day to sit down and churn out the words, even if it's only a letter to a friend. Your imagination is especially vivid, your expression clear and understandable, and your vocabulary skills especially acute. If this is a thesis or article, you may spend hours on it. Don't worry. It will be that much better for it.

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



A friend might drop by and want you to keep them company while they runs errands, Libra. This might be a good idea, not only for the diversion from routine but also because something might happen in the course of these short journeys that points you in a new and very positive direction. Your mind could suddenly be flooded with ideas.

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



Paperwork regarding money might take up a lot of your time today, Scorpio. This can be tedious, but it's something that can make a very positive difference to you, and therefore needs to be handled as soon as possible. Try to stay focused, and don't forget to ask for clarification when you need it. In the evening, celebrate by going out on the town with a group of friends.

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



A subject that fascinates you could occupy much of your time today, Sagittarius. Questions may arise about this subject that you want answered now. Therefore, you could get into some in-depth research. This might have you trapped in the library or glued to the Internet until you either find what you want or pick up a few leads to places where you might find it.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Emotions, impressions, and memories could come up from your subconscious today, Capricorn. This may preoccupy you and keep you from other matters. This is a positive development. Pleasant memories bring joy. Disturbing ones offer a release from past trauma. Write down your thoughts and then distract yourself by doing something you love.

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

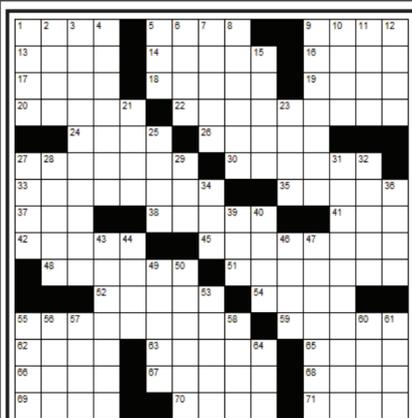


Social events or group activities could prove more stimulating than usual, Aquarius. Discussions of every subject imaginable could take place around you, and you might have trouble deciding which ones you want to join. Your mind may be going the speed of light by the time the gathering ends. Walk home if time and weather permit. That should clear your head enough to let you sleep well.

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



Your writing, speaking, and communicating skills are enhanced today, Pisces. Therefore, you can expect to impress a lot of people around you who will change their opinion about you. People will express their sympathy openly, and you will feel integrated and accepted throughout the day. Tonight, find a bookstore that's sponsoring a lecture and go.



### Across

- Vats, 5. Harvest, 9. Shrub, 13. By mouth, 14. Possessed, 16. Dwarf buffalo, 17. Satisfactory, 18. Macedonian monetary unit, 19. Sign of boredom, 20. Evanesces, 22. Cavort
- Type of sword, 26. Unit of luminous flux, 27. Marked by stripes, 30. Bar
- One more than a dozen, 35. Place, 37. Website address, 38. Moved in a curve, 41. Spy agency, 42. Greek letter, 45. Voracious reader, 48. A severe scolding, 51. A medieval itinerant singer, 52. Course around a star or planet, 54. Flutter, 55. Decorated, 59. Iron
- Incite, 63. Tease, 65. 12 in a foot, 66. Algonquian Indian, 67. Electrical pioneer, 68. Brother of Jacob, 69. Unit of pressure, 70. Abound, 71. Obligation, ,

### Down

- Wealthy man (British slang), 2. Murres, 3. A decorated dart, 4. Roomette, 5. 16 1/2 feet, 6. Pitcher, 7. Undo, 8. Goober, 9. Rifle knife, 10. Two-toed sloth, 11. Scattered, 12. Paw
- Literary genre 21. Chair, 23. Guns an engine, 25. Anagram of "Seek", 27. An upright in a wall, 28. Half of six, 29. A type of evergreen tree, 31. Remunerate, 32. Nigerian monetary unit, 34. Gist, 36. Vilify, 39. Holiday drink, 40. Tiger Wood's sport, 43. A type of racehorse
- Hairdo, 46. Large brown seaweed, 47. Fatigued, 49. Submarine, 50. Small Old World finch
- Anxious, 55. Proven information, 56. River of Spain, 57. Clairvoyant, 58. Handout
- Anagram of "Cabs", 61. Close, 64. Sweet potato, ,

### Yesterday's Solution



groan, group, hedge imply, insert, medal pair, person, petty, press release, remove, river sassy, seem, seen shake, system, timid, tree, understand, video, , wars, watch windy, women,

