



8 ALP Personnel Killed in Attack on Sar-I-Pul Posts

SAR-I-PUL - Eight Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel have been killed and four others, including the Sayyad district police chief, wounded in Taliban attacks in northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said on Sunday.

Mohammad Noor Rahmani, the provincial council chairman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants attacked two security check-posts in Sayyad district late on Saturday night. Eight ALP men were killed and district police chief Abdul Baseer Sayyadi wounded in the overnight assault, he said, adding the rebels seized ammunition and a pick-up vehicle. The provincial police headquarters did not comment on the incident, but a source, wishing anonymity, confirmed Rahmani's version. There has been no word from Taliban yet. (Pajhwok)

8 Policemen Killed in Lashkargah Insider Attack

LASHKARGHA - At least eight policemen have been killed as a result of an insider attack in southern Helmand province, an official said on Sunday.

A policeman killed eight of his colleagues in the Sargodar area of Lashkargah, the provincial capital, late on Saturday night, a security official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Omar Zwak, the governor's spokesman, also confirmed the incident to Pajhwok. However, he said six policemen were killed in the insider attack.

Meanwhile, Taliban spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi said the attacker loyal to the insurgent group killed nine policemen and took away their weapons. (Pajhwok)

Indian Firms Offered Joint Exploration of Afghan Oil, Gas



KABUL - Acting Minister of Mines and Petroleum Nargis Nehan has offered Indian companies joint exploration of hydrocarbon reserves in Afghanistan, a statement said on Sunday. Nargis made the offer during a meeting with her Indian counterpart Dharmendra Pradhan on the

sidelines of Petrotech 2019, an international oil and gas conference and exhibition in New Delhi.

Both the sides discussed ways how to further enrich bilateral co-operation and talked about the TAPI project and the essence of collaboration with other nations. Nargis said Afghanistan possessed a huge variety of un-

tapped natural resources including oil and gas.

For the past two years, the government of Afghanistan has been working to develop its oil and gas industry, she said.

She said the huge potential of natural resources made Afghanistan the most welcoming... (More on P4)...(12)



Drug Addicts' Population More Than Doubles in Daikundi

NEILI - Public health officials say the population of drug addicts more than doubled from 35,000 to 77,000 during the past four years in central Daikundi province, with females making 30 percent of the addicts.

Ishaq Ali Darman, Daikundi public health director, told Pajhwok Afghan News that last year's investigations showed 15,000 or 20 percent of the 77,000 drug addicts consumed opium and around 61,000 (80 percent) consumed heroin.

Based to documents with the public health department, the number of drug addicts was 35,000 in 2015 but rose 77,000 in 2018, he said, adding more than 23,000 of the addicts were women.

He linked the increasing drug addiction to poverty, joblessness, Daikundi's borders with Helmand and Uruzgan provinces where large areas of land are grown with poppy. Other factors include people's return from Iran.

"Despite the increase in the number of drug addicts in Daikundi... (More on P4)...(13)

Ghazni Traffic Accident Leaves 7 Persons Dead



GHAZNI CITY - Seven people were killed in a traffic accident on Ghazni-Qarabagh Road in southern Ghazni province on Sunday, an official said. Ghazni Civil Hospital Director Dr. Baz Mohammad confirmed receiving seven bodies from the site of the accident.

He added two children were among the dead.

Eyewitness Samiullah said the accident happened when a corolla car collided with a truck on Sunday morning. Most of the traffic mishaps happen as a result of careless and speedy driving. (Pajhwok)

7 Police Killed in Taliban Attack on Farah Checkpoint



FARAH CITY - Seven police personnel manning a check-post have been killed in a Taliban attack in the Bala Baluk district of western Farah province, an official said on Sunday.

Dadullah Qane, a member of the provincial council, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants stormed the security check-post on the Farah-Kandahar highway in Chakaw

area at 8pm.

Seven policemen were killed, he said, adding the rebels also took away weapons and ammunition from the post. The provincial police headquarters refused to comment on the incident. Taliban spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi claimed the fighters overran the post, killing seven policemen and seizing 11 weapons. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Today you're likely to experience a heightened level of intuition and how to use it, Aries. This could mean advancing a career, furthering a personal goal, or helping a friend. Right now you may be especially good at sizing up people, and you're instinctively aware of how to deal with them. Make use of this ability while you can, because right now.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Friends or a group with which you're affiliated could want you to help them formulate a workable plan for advancement. You're in just the right frame of mind for this, Taurus, and therefore willing to roll up your sleeves and pitch in. You might be the center of attention at some point, perhaps sharing your skills with associates.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Career interests are advanced through clear, logical thinking and the sound application of good business sense. Financial interests look especially promising now, Gemini, so seize any opportunities for advancement that come your way. Working with others is likely to prove profitable, and could bring you closer to them, too. Roll up your sleeves and go to it. The results could surprise you.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Social events, perhaps business related, could put you in touch with people in fascinating fields or from foreign countries, Cancer. Logical thinking and a philosophical attitude enhance your communicative gifts, so people will be drawn to you to hear what you say. You could make important contacts. Take notes.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Ideas and insights coming from deep within your psyche are likely to increase your effectiveness in whatever work you do today, Leo. Your mind is particularly practical and logical. When coupled with an increased intuition, these abilities are invaluable. You might be most effective working solo, but if that isn't possible, you should still accomplish whatever you set out to do.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



An older person you're very fond of could visit or call and ask for your advice on practical matters. Clear and logical thinking enhances your intuition, Scorpio, and you might be able to put this ability to work not only for your friend but also for yourself. Your own interests will be advanced today in some way, so expect a good day.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You tend to prefer intellectual and philosophical rather than practical pursuits, Libra, but today you may feel especially practical and more inclined to want to get as many routine tasks out of the way as you can. This could involve chores around the house that you've neglected for a few days. Other members of your household could pitch in. Go to it.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



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Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Logical and focused thinking could lead to social, career, or financial advancement. Your organizational ability and industry are keener than usual, Sagittarius. You're likely to be able to make sense of murky matters that might not have been clear before. Paperwork could prove challenging, but you will be able to get through it today where yesterday you might have found it too daunting.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



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Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

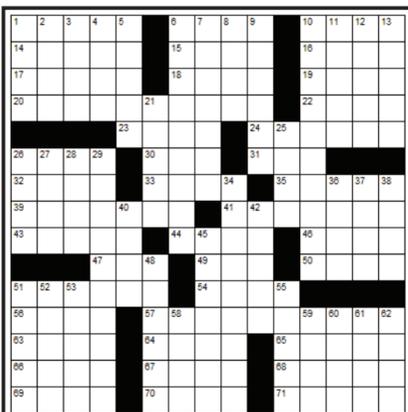


To those around you, you might appear to be your usual logical, rational self, Aquarius. Actually, you may be drawing a lot of your ideas and insights from deep within your psyche. You're probably drawing on experiences from your past, even if you aren't consciously aware of it. Even though the source is unorthodox, whatever you come up with is likely to have a lot of practical value.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



To friends and colleagues, you may seem to have suddenly acquired acute business sense. Your experience has joined with knowledge acquired from others to enable you to formulate practical ideas for advancement. You may have lost faith in your goals, but now they seem more attainable. What you've wanted for a while could be within your grasp. You could make some real progress.



Across

- 1. Sunrises, 6. A box or chest, 10. Always, 14. Electronic letters, 15. Largest continent, 16. Filly's mother, 17. Slowly, in music, 18. Infants, 19. Scheme, 20. Merges, 22. Enumerate, 23. Alone, 24. Wears away, 26. Smell, 30. Cheat, 31. Nonclerical, 32. Water barrier, 33. Applications, 35. Insect stage, 39. Conscript, 41. Control surface on a plane, 43. Pizazz, 44. Seats oneself, 46. 3 times 3, 47. "Dig in!", 49. Zero, 50. Labels, 51. Glutinous, 54. District, 56. Hue, 57. Penalization, 63. Hindu princess, 64. Angers, 65. Duck down, 66. Chocolate cookie, 67. Sensed, 68. Mountain crest, 69. Alert, 70. Cheers, 71. Compacted, ,

Down

- 1. Sandwich shop, 2. So be it, 3. Desire, 4. Anagram of "Tine", 5. Plods, 6. Brings about changes, 7. Variant of an element, 8. Location, 9. Anagram of "Steals", 10. Having a job, 11. Unexpired, 12. Delete, 13. Leases, 21. Scoundrel, 25. Train track, 26. Probabilities, 27. Soil, 28. Alright, 29. Contemplation, 34. Humorists, 36. Diva's solo, 37. Chime, 38. 1111, 40. Heavy, durable furniture wood, 42. Small islands, 45. Fatuously, 48. Epitomize, 51. To scatter about, 52. Crown, 53. Not outer, 55. Leading, 58. Component of urine, 59. Bog, 60. Biblical garden, 61. Catches, 62. Tall woody plant, ,

Yesterday's Solution



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