

10 of a Family Dead in Laghman Grenade Attack

MEHTARLAM - Unidentified gunmen attacked a civilian home, killing 10 members of a single family, including women and children, in eastern Laghman province, an official said on Monday.

At least four people were wounded in the bomb attack, Sarhadi Zwak, the gubernatorial spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News. The incident occurred at around 7:30 on Sunday night in the Marwat Kas area of Badpakh district.

He said unidentified armed men lobbed hand grenades into the



house, causing the casualties. The governor has directed local authorities to investigate the incident and brief him on the situation.

A resident of the area and relative of the victims said they did not have personal hostility with anyone. He added the injured had been evacuated to the Jalalabad Civil Hospital.

Another source, however, put the toll at 17 dead and several others wounded. He said a member of the family used to be a military ambulance ... (More on P4)...(11)

Taliban Commander Arrested in Logar



KABUL - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) has captured a Taliban group commander in central Logar province, a statement from the spy network said on Monday.

The detained commander, Mullah Najibullah, had just traveled to Pakistan, where he received finan-

cial support and other materials to stage attacks in Afghanistan, an NDS statement said.

However, the spy service did not say when the Taliban commander, who led 30 fighters, was captured. The rebel movement has not yet commented on the NDS claim. (Pajhwok)

Policeman Guns Down one Civilian, Wounds Another

KABUL - A policeman fired at a vehicle, killing one civilian and wounding another in the capital Kabul on Monday, officials said.

The incident provoked the victim's relatives into torching three police vehicles and inflicting injuries on two policemen.

The shooting occurred at around 4:30am in the limits of the third police district in the Kart-i-Seh neighborhood of Kabul.

Lt. Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, the 101st Asmayee police zone commander, told reporters a Corolla car was signaled to stop. But the car driver disregarded the signal and police had to open fire.

As a result, one of the two people on board was killed and the other wounded. Rahimi said after the incident relatives of the victims arrived at the scene and wounded two policemen by pelting them with stones. Police vehicles were also set ablaze, he said, without providing a specific ... (More on P4)...(12)

Harsh Weather Kills Dozens in Blizzard, Rainstorms

KABUL - As many as 50 people have died in storms over the past three days in Afghanistan, including 25 shepherds lost in a blizzard, a government disaster management official said on Monday.

Also among the dead were 11 people killed in separate incidents in roof collapses in heavy rain in Kabul province, said Omar Mohammadi, a spokesman for the Afghanistan National Dis-



aster Management Agency. Another 44 people were hurt in weather-related accidents.

On Sunday, U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said the bad weather had forced him to scrap a visit to Afghanistan.

Amid a war that has

displaced hundreds of thousands of people, the United Nations estimates that more than 9 million Afghans are in need of humanitarian aid, including basic food and housing.

The deprivation has been exacerbated by bad weather that has taken a heavy toll, especially in remote areas.

"At least 239 people have been killed and 214 wounded during the past ... (More on P4)...(13)

Addicted to Drugs, ANA Soldier Desperate for Treatment

GHAZNI CITY - An Afghan National Army (ANA) service member is among dozens of drug addicts living under the bridge in the capital of southern Ghazni province. The bridge over the river in Ghazni City provides shelter for drug addicts. The ANA soldier talked to Pajhwok Afghan News but declined to be named. He said he belonged to Argun district of southeastern Paktika province. He uses to arrive at the bridge

after every week from his duty station. The soldier started taking drugs eight years ago when he was in ninth grade.

"My cousin gave me a cigarette and after that I became addicted to it," he said, adding he was serving in the ANA for the past three years and had fought militants face to face.

But he said he wanted to die because life was a burden for him being an addict. The soldier said ... (More on P4)...(14)

Policemen among Several Dead in Uruzgan Clash

KABUL - Three policemen have been killed and four others wounded during overnight militants' attacks on police check posts in central Uruzgan province, an official said on Monday.

Police chief, Col. Ghulam Farooq Sangari told Pajhwok Afghan News, around 15 Taliban were also killed and wounded in the Sunday night attack on Shah Mansour locality of Tarinkot, the provincial capita Provincial Public Health Director Khan Agha



Miakhel said they have received three dead and five injured police officers. According Miakhel, three of the wounded policemen were in criti-

Salang Pass Reopens after Two Days of Closure



KABUL - The Salang Pass, linking Kabul with northern provinces of Afghanistan, reopened to traffic on Monday morning after two days of closure due to snowstorms, official said.

Head of Salang Maintenance, Gen. Abdul Rajab, said he urges the

Prolonged Rain Causes Flood Havoc in Farah

FARAH - Dozens of homes, cattle and standing crops were washed away in flood triggered by heavy rains in the Gulistan district of western Farah province, the district chief said on Sunday.

Ajmal Zahid told Pajhwok Afghan News the flooding caused no casualties but destroyed or partially damaged 45 homes in different parts of the district.

He said about 100 sheep were killed and 30 tents of livestock owners were swept away in the flood.

He said 20 karez systems, 25 meadows and wheat



and rice grown over 50 acres of land were damaged in the disaster that followed six days of consecutive raining.

The damages were caused in Ghorma, Laman, Gordang, Toot, Mughalabad, Jaghli, Shagorak, Khargai and Mullah Amir villages of the Gulistan district.

Calling for emergency aid to the affected families, Zahid said the damage in all the areas was yet to be ... (More on P4)...(15)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



It seems like the cosmos has handed you every tool you need to mobilize an amazing enterprise. Support from other people boosts your confidence, confirming that you're not the only one who thinks your idea is impressive. You're feeling so certain you can get this thing off the ground that you're willing to raise your bet at the last minute.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You keep diving beneath the small talk today, exploring the meaning behind every interaction. It appears like all signs point to a deeper answer to your questions, urging you to peel back layers of a relationship until you find the core. Nevertheless, there are some boundaries that you don't know exist until you cross them.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Inspiration has struck and you're restlessly poised to explore the myriad of possibilities. You're positive that the only thing that might make your plans more enjoyable is a companion to join you for all the excitement. However, if your friends are so enthusiastic as you are today, you may end up raising the energy to the point of distraction. But if you play your cards right, a travel buddy is not only a boisterous partner in crime.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Less doesn't seem like more today as you're confident you will knock out tasks in rapid succession. Every time you get one thing done, you want to add another chore to the bottom of the list, as if you're in a race to see how much you will accomplish. While you're capable of doing whatever you put your mind to now, stern Saturn warns against biting off more than you can chew.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You're feeling lucky and you can't wait to speak your mind to anyone who will listen. In fact, it's almost impossible to stop yourself from storytelling today, especially if you're trying to impress people you admire. It's always more fun to have an adoring audience, so you may inadvertently bend the truth to persuade a partner to join your cause.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You're the busiest bee in the hive today, fervently looking to spend your energy on something productive. The anticipatory Sagittarius Moon arouses your restlessness when it contacts wild Uranus and fleet-footed Mercury. You're able to quicken your pace when tackling chores around the house or regular duties at work, especially if you begin as early as you can.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Light bulbs flash as you conceptualize a topic in a totally unique way. The inflationary Sagittarius Moon is cheered on by four other rambunctious planetary players, convincing you to shout your message through a loudspeaker. However, don't be surprised if you end up having to stop and backtrack to clarify the facts when Luna runs into taskmaster Saturn later on.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your impatience drives you to change a part of your routine because you can't stand one more day of doing the same thing. It's such a relief to break away from the ordinary when mischievous Mercury rattles rebellious Uranus, encouraging you to ignore the rules if it means liberation from tedium.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Opportunities seem to crop up wherever you look now, and it seems like a risk not to go after every single one. This is a good time to write down your thoughts before they run off without you. Recording your schemes not only keeps them from slipping away, but gives you a chance to return to them later. The truth is you could be standing closer to the picture than you should, distorting the images to look more amazing than they are.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Although you wish the weekend would never end, it's not long before you find a substantial topic to tackle. Intriguing insights into a financial issue give you something real on which to focus your attention. However, if you're using your responsibilities to distract you from lingering emotions, you may have no choice but to confront your feelings later when the indulgent Sagittarius Moon slams into strict Saturn.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

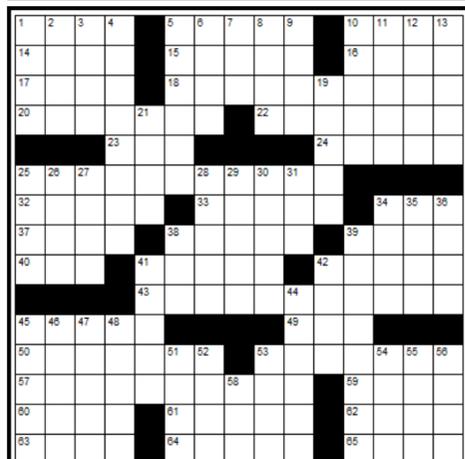


Your mind is buzzing as if your morning coffee was extra strong. Your thoughts are jumping as innovative Uranus blows the doors of possibility wide open. Taking advantage of this dynamic time is in your best interest as your power of manifestation grows, but make sure you think in particulars rather than allowing your excitement to create a delusion of grandeur.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You don't want to let your aspirations out of your sight because it seems like they're close enough to touch. The questing Sagittarius Moon traverses your 10th House of Status, and her friendly alliances with four other planets feed your zeal. You can't resist the urge to say what you really think. Being clear with your intentions is essential since you're likely to get what you wish for today.



Across

- Seductress, 5. Awkward, 10. Box, 14. Brother of Jacob, 15. Afresh, 16. Rice-like pasta, 17. Tears, 18. Buxom, 20. Double-reed instrument, 22. Quantify, 23. Long-haired wild ox, 24. Yields, 25. Someone excellent of their kind, 32. Vibes, 33. Hirsute, 34. A spider spins this, 37. Glove, 38. Itinerant, 39. Heap, 40. N N N N, 41. Prison-related, 42. Testicle, 43. Stone craftsmen, 45. Shore, 49. Altitude (abbrev.), 50. Not outdoors, 53. Australian food fish, 57. Obese, 59. Emanation, 60. Informed, 61. Electronic letters, 62. Computer symbol, 63. Yeses, 64. French of "Woman", 65. Writing table.

Down

- "Action word", 2. Largest continent, 3. Geographic illustrations, 4. House feline, 5. Summon into action, 6. A noble gas, 7. Hole-making tool, 8. Damson, 9. Sort, 10. Alcoholic, 11. Arrogant, 12. Sky-blue, 13. Thorny flowers, 19. Tasteless, 21. "Mighty" trees, 25. Arrived, 26. Wreckage, 27. Anagram of "Star", 28. Rhinoceros, 29. Land of the Rising Sun, 30. Passageway, 31. Weep, 34. Drunkard, 35. Distinctive flair, 36. What we sleep on, 38. Obtain, 39. Mail that is paid in advance, 41. "Hogwash", 42. Big party, 44. Anything that covers, 45. Flora and fauna, 46. Emissary, 47. Poplar tree, 48. Lanyards, 51. Coral barrier, 52. 10 cent coin, 53. Leveling wedge, 54. Brownish purple, 55. God of love, 56. Relative status, 58. A leg (slang).

Yesterday's Solution

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