

Torkham Border Police Base Comes Under Cross-Border Attack

JALALABAD - A border security forces' base in the Torkham town of eastern Nangarhar province has come under rocket strike from across the Durand Line, an official said on Sunday.

A provincial council member, Javed Zaman, told Pajhwok Afghan News 10 rockets were fired intermittently from across the border into the dusty town early Sunday morning.

He said a number of the rockets hit the base of the border forces, but he had no information about casualties.

A local security official, wishing not to be named, said that some of the rockets landed inside the military centre.

But Col. Rahimullah Sahak, a border police commander, ... (More on P4)... (14)



Taliban's District Chief among 10 Killed in Kunduz Offensive

KUNDUZ CITY - A Taliban-designated district chief and nine other militants have been killed during an operation in northern Kunduz province, an official said on Sunday.

Military commander Gen. Mohiuddin Ghorri told Pajhwok Afghan News Afghan National Army (ANA) commandos and police launched the operation in Dasht-i-Archi district on Sunday morning.

He said the Taliban's shadow district chief, Mullah Shaker, was among the 10 fighters



killed in the operation. Afghan forces also wrested back Pul-i-Momin area from the rebels.

Gen. Ghorri claimed circling several insurgents inside a house in the area, saying they would be arrested or killed. Abdullah, a resident of the area, said dozens of families had been displaced to the Qarlar area of Dasht-i-Archi district. "The clashes erupted early in the morning. I don't know whether civilians have suffered casualties, but people are leaving homes," he added. (Pajhwok)

Huge Quantity of Weapons, Explosives Seized

KANDAHAR CITY - Six insurgents have been detained with weapons and explosives in southern Kandahar and Paktika provinces, an official said on Sunday.

The security forces conducted night raids in the Maiwand district of Kandahar and captured eight motorcycles, three vehicles and six insurgents.



Samim Khepalwak, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the security forces also destroyed a bomb... (More on P4)... (15)

U.S. Drone Crashes in Kandahar

KABUL - A U.S. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) crashed in Afghanistan's southern Kandahar province Saturday night with no loss of life on the ground, the NATO-led Resolute Support (RS) mission confirmed with Xinhua on Sunday.

"An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) crashed in Kandahar last night. No injuries or damage. No insurgent activity reported in that area," RS said in an email. The cause of the crash is under investigation, the mission added.

Kandahar, the birthplace of Taliban and former stronghold of the hardliner group, has been the scene of violent militancy over the past several years. (Xinhua)

3 ANA Soldiers Among 13 Dead in Takhar

TALOQAN - Three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and 10 Taliban fighters were killed in a clash in the Khwaja Ghar district of northern Takhar province on Sunday, an official said.

Police spokesman Col. Abdul Khalil Aser told Pajhwok Afghan News the insurgents staged pre-dawn attacks



on military check-posts at around 3:00am. He said 10 rebels, including their commander Mullah Shaker, were killed in counterattacks by ANA soldiers. The clash was ... (More on P4)... (16)



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3 Security Personnel Wounded in Uruzgan Prison Clash

TARINKOT - At least three people have been wounded during a clash in the central jail of Uruzgan province, an official said on Sunday.

The clash took place during hunger strike by the inmates on Saturday night, prison director Col. Khalilur Rahman told Pajhwok Afghan News.

He said one inmate snatched a jail guard's weapon and started firing at policemen. The clash continued for two hours, but no one suffered casualties, Rahman added.

However, another security source, who wished not to be named, claimed three people including a prison official and two policemen were wounded.

The source said the inmates went on hunger strike to press for their rights and denounce harassment by police. (Pajhwok)

Afghan Forces Kill 6 Militants, Taliban Destroys Pylon

KABUL - Afghan security forces during operations against Taliban militants have killed six armed insurgents in the northern Jawzjan province with Shiberghan as its capital 390 km north of Kabul on Sunday, an army spokesman in the province, Reza Rezae said.

"The clash erupted after Taliban militants attacked security checkpoints in Qoshtapa district Sunday morning and the troops returned fire, killing six rebels," Rezae told Xinhua.

He also noted that the operations would last until militants were swept out from the area.

Meanwhile, the Taliban fighters in a bid to mount pressure on government, blown up a power pylon in the northern Baghlan province with Pul-e-Khumri as its capital 160 km north of Kabul on Sunday, adding to power shortage in the capital city of Kabul, a local official said.

"Taliban rebels blown up a power pylon in a village in Baghlan-e-Markazi district of Baghlan province today," director of power department in Baghlan province, Ghulam Hussain Haider told reporters. The militants early this month destroyed several pylons in Dand-e-Shahabudin ... (More on P4)... (17)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

There aren't any major surprises today; what you see is what you get. The good news is you aren't likely to be bored these days, either. The obstacles that are impeding your progress demand your immediate attention now. But don't try to avoid a showdown, even if it could grow unpleasant. On the other hand, don't pick a fight without a solid reason.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your innate obstinacy can become a problem today, yet being aware of your tendency to fear change will help you traverse the rough terrain. Ultimately, your willingness to fight for what's important is crucial now. However, it's a lot less stressful to find a way to defend your dreams without starting a major war. Visualize your goals; hold on to your destination firmly in your mind.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Recent frustrations could finally culminate in an important breakthrough this week if you continue to strive toward your goals. But following your master plan now depends upon how you previously handled the pressures of your life. If you worked hard and asked the right questions, satisfaction might be right around the next corner. But if you tried to escape from your daily chores.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You can't help but wonder why everyone is appearing much more serious than you believe is warranted today. But even if you think you're playing the role of an optimist, it's helpful to understand why people perceive you as hesitant to act on your feelings. Perhaps you're reconsidering your core values and how you can show someone your true character.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're wearing your heart on your sleeve today and others might be able to read your feelings long before you say a word. You think you're keeping your emotions safely behind a personal firewall of sorts, but it's nearly impossible to maintain clear boundaries now. Fortunately, once you accept your current lack of privacy.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You're not thrilled about participating in a social activity now, especially if you can't easily relate to the other people involved. It's as if you were a member of a club, but no one ever bothered to ask about your preferences. Honestly, it's okay if you don't want to be part of the action today. Nevertheless, this event could be a very productive occasion because you can network with unexpected allies who will get a chance to see how much you have to offer.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You might feel as if you're being overworked today. Additionally, you worry about performing your assigned tasks in an exemplary manner without receiving acknowledgment for your contribution to the overall project. Unfortunately, it seems as if you cannot come out a winner. Whatever you do, don't stir up trouble; if you alienate your coworkers, you will minimize the impact that you can have now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Of course, you want to have fun today, but you don't believe you should take any personal time until you've fulfilled all of your commitments. In fact, you may add more responsibilities to your list of things to do now, even if you already surpassed everyone's expectations. No doubt, you are your own toughest boss. Remember, it's okay to be lenient with yourself from time to time.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You may be stuck in the middle of a disagreement with a partner about your long-term goals. If you share a household with someone, you might need to exert stronger control over the current budget. There is too much emphasis on fun and games now and not enough energy aimed at meeting your obligations. Although you typically are known to be the life of the party.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

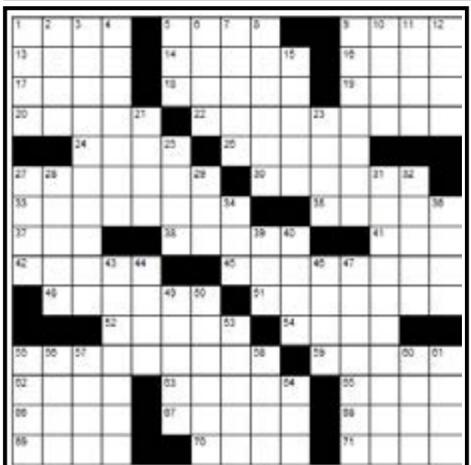
You're in the process of shaking things up today, yet frustration still settles in if hurdles appear faster than you can jump over them. However, even if you're able to maintain your speed, you might need to put in an extra few days of hard work to stay on track. But if the obstacles are more like mountains, you won't be able to climb over what's in your way. Instead of trying to perform impossible feats now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Someone close to you may be making too many demands on your precious time for your liking today. Although you can't ignore their requests without seeming rude, fulfilling all of their wishes would be totally disruptive to your day. Thankfully, you might already be so busy that your previous commitments become an irrefutable excuse to avoid the additional chores.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your physical desires are surprisingly intense today, leaving you a bit disconcerted. Nevertheless, you're willing to take a risk on your search for satisfaction. Experiencing deep emotions isn't always comfortable, especially if an interaction is complicated due to external circumstances. However, anything that increases your security will be beneficial in the long run.



Across

1. Central points, 5. Skin irritation, 9. A musical pause, 13. Weightlifters pump this, 14. Style of neckties, 16. Reflected sound, 17. Gave temporarily, 18. Scallion, 19. Gruesome, 20. Motor hotel, 22. Large retail stores, 24. Twin sister of Ares, 26. Flower, 27. Ash, 30. Materialize, 33. Old-fashioned, 35. Provide, 37. Genus of macaws, 38. Escargot, 41. Central, 42. Giver, 45. Conceding, 48. Exert vigorously, 51. Reciprocal, 52. Kuwaiti monetary unit, 54. Opera star, 55. Corroborates, 59. Scintillas, 62. Distinctive flair, 63. Manicurist's concern, 65. Former Italian currency, 66. Exploded star, 67. Boredom, 68. Voice Over Internet Protocol, 69. Trade, 70. T T T T, 71. Terminates.

Down

1. Movie, 2. Chocolate cookie, 3. Competitor, 4. Temporary, 5. Nigerian tribesman, 6. Anagram of "Note", 7. Ascend, 8. Hype, 9. A systematic plan for therapy, 10. Beige, 11. Leveling wedge, 12. Male turkeys, 15. Meddle, 21. Adriatic resort, 23. Lasso, 25. Lather, 27. Street, 28. European currency, 29. Poetic dusk, 31. Esteem, 32. Wreckage, 34. 24 hours, 36. Border, 39. 3 in Roman numerals, 40. Extend credit, 43. Denoting a numerical order, 44. Police action, 46. 57 in Roman numerals, 47. Deteriorate, 49. Absurd, 50. Floating in water, 53. French for "Queen", 55. Sell, 56. Maguey, 57. Magma, 58. Swing around, 60. Dry, 61. Exhausts, 64. Female sib.

Yesterday's Solution

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