

# Taliban Suicide Bomber Kills at Least 13: Official

KABUL - A suicide bomber targeting a police commander killed at least 13 people on Monday, including nine civilians, in Parwan province, an official said. The attack happened near a clinic and a bazaar, said Gen. Zaman Mamozaï, the provincial police chief. Four local police were among those killed, and another 19 people, including 17 civilians, were wounded, he said. The police commander who was targeted in the attack was among those wounded. "Once again, a Taliban suicide bomber attacked innocent civilians," Mamozaï said, adding that the bazaar was packed with shoppers and that people were waiting out-



side the clinic for treatment. The Taliban claimed responsibility in an email sent to media. The U.N.'s mission in Afghanistan reported earlier this month that most of the 11,000 civilians killed and wounded in 2015 were the victims of insurgent attacks. A total of 3,545 civilians were killed last year as a result of the war, the U.N. report said, with another 7,457 wounded. The figures mark a 4 percent drop in civilian deaths from the previous year, but a 9 percent rise in civilians wounded. Taliban insurgents regularly target Afghan security forces, often killing civilians in the process. (AP)

## Baghlan Displaced Families Desperate for Assistance

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Displaced by the reemerged conflict, residents of Dand-i-Ghori and Dand-i-Shahabuddin localities of northern Baghlan province are in desperate need of immediate assistance. Operations against militants were launched in Dand-i-Ghori one month ago and in Dand-i-Shahabuddin weeks ago, forcing hundreds of families into leaving their houses and seeking shelter in safe places. Mohammad Nasim, a resident of Niazullah village in Dand-i-Ghori, said: "I left home along with my six children and sought refuge in a safe place, but the government is yet provide us assistance." But Mohammad Naem-Kakar, a Ministry of Refugee official, said a survey was being conducted in the two areas to identify the exact number of displaced persons and provide them assistance. He said UNHCR and the demining organization had pledged assistance with the displaced persons numbering around 350 families. (Pajhwok)

## Dupree Honoured for Cataloguing Afghan Heritage Sites

PESHAWAR - A strong sense of public ownership of archeological sites is essential to ensure the success of preservation, an official of the National Museum of Afghanistan said. "People should be made to understand that statues don't endanger Islam," said Noor Agha Noori told participants of an event on preserving national heritage in Pakistan's Lahore city. Over 120,000 stolen artifacts have been returned to the museum since the start of



excavation efforts. He alleged 2,500 statues from the museum's collection had been destroyed during the Taliban regime. Nancy Dupree, director of the Afghan Centre at Kabul University, said Mullah Mohammad Omar had not approved the Taliban cabinet decision to blow up ... (More on P4)... (10)

## 3 Killed in U.S. Drone Strike Along Pak-Afghan Border

ISLAMABAD - At least three suspected militants were killed in a U.S. drone strike launched along the Pak-Afghan border on Monday morning, reported local media. Local Urdu TV channel Dunya said that the strike happened near Kurram Agency, a tribal area in northwest Pakistan, which borders Afghanistan. It is not known yet whether the strike took place on the Pakistani side or the Afghan side. Two vehicles were also destroyed in the strike, said the report. The identities of the killed are not known at this point. Monday's U.S. drone strike is the second of its kind since the beginning of this year if it took place on the Pakistani side. There is a sharp decline in the number of U.S. drone... (More on P4)... (11)

## Afghanistan Sees Rise of Gun-Toting Citizens amid Ongoing Security Threats

KABUL - Armed with an AK-47 assault rifle while attending a memorial service in the Kilagaa area of the northern Baghlan province, Ziaulhaq, 21, said the deteriorating security situation in the country has forced many villagers to buy weapons for their own defense. As with Haq, a number of both youngsters and adults were seen clutching their AK-47 guns at the ceremony. "Who can guarantee that the Taliban or other irresponsible armed people are not hidden here at the memorial service to cause mayhem," Haq told Xinhua. The relatively peaceful Baghlan province has been gradually sliding into chaos as Taliban militants have been fighting government forces in the Dand-e-Ghori, Dand-e-Shahabudin and Baghlan-e-Markazi districts, on the outskirts of the provincial capital of Pul-e-Khurmī city, 160 km north of Kabul, over the past month. To mount pressure on the government, Taliban militants have also destroyed several power pylons in the Dand-e-Shahabudin area, plunging the capital city Kabul into darkness for past three weeks. In addition to the armed opposition outfits such as the Taliban and the so-called Islamic State, a number of other armed militant ... (More on P4)... (12)

## Rocket Hits Baghlan Deputy Governor's Office, 1 Killed

PUL-I-KHUMRI - A rocket fired by militants hit the office of the provincial deputy governor in the capital of northern Baghlan province on Monday, killing one person and injuring four others, an official said. The BM1 rocket hit the deputy governor's office in Pul-i-Khumri at around 11:15am, said Governor Abdul Sattar Bariz. He told Pajhwok Afghan News the rocket hit the roof of his deputy's office, killing a worker of the provincial power utility and wounded driver of the deputy governor and three civilians. He said the depu-



ty governor was unhurt in the incident. The rocket was fired from Dand-i-Ghori area on the outskirts of Pul-i-Khumri, Bariz said. Acting public health direc-

## 6 Rebels, 2 Policemen Killed in Fresh Bout of Violence

JALALABAD - At least six militants and two policemen have been killed in separate security incidents in eastern Nangarhar and southern Zabul provinces, officials said Monday. According to a statement from Silab Military Corps office in eastern zone, six militants were killed during an ongoing operation in eastern Laghman province on Sunday. The source said that security forces and civilians suffered no casualties in the operation. Elsewhere, two policemen were killed during a militants' attack in Zabul province. ... (More on P4)... (14)

## 5 of a Family Dead in Explosion inside Cleric's Residence

TALOQAN - At least five members of a family have been killed in a bomb blast in the Barak district of northern Takhar province, an official said on Monday. Sunatullah Timori, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the explosion took place inside Mullahinfo-icon Farooq's house in the ... (More on P4)... (15)

## 10 Taliban Including Their Commander Killed in Takhar Province

TALEQAN - At least 10 rebels were killed as a result of the battle between the Afghan National Army and the troops of the Taliban movement in the KhawajaGhar district of Takhar province in northern Afghanistan, according to the local media. It was reported that there was also a commander of the group of militants among the dead Taliban. Three soldiers of the government forces were injured. Four months ago, the Taliban managed to capture the given district, three days after the district was returned to the government. The Taliban have not yet commented on the incident. KawajaGhar district is located near the border with Tajikistan. (AKIpress)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Your intuition isn't in tune with your world today, so you shouldn't rely solely on your instincts. Chances are good that you're blowing your fantasies out of proportion and confusing the results with reality. However, getting closer to the truth empowers you to make important changes in your daily regimen now that the Virgo Full Moon illuminates your 6th House of Health and Diet.

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

Your energy could be overcommitted now as your firm resolve makes it tough to say no to an important project. Although you usually aren't one to take on more than you can deliver, your judgment is a bit warped now. Even if you long to make something spectacular happen, the meticulous Virgo Full Moon sheds light on your 5th House of Self-Expression.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Unavoidable tensions may be stirred up at home today, distracting you from commitments at work. If you're overwhelmed with too much information, you might try to escape into your vivid imagination. Thankfully, you can demonstrate your cleverness and put your stress to good use. The Virgo Full Moon occupies your 4th House of Security, motivating you to build a solid emotional foundation by analyzing all the facts.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your emotions may be lifting off into the boundless blue sky because it seems like there are no walls to constrain you today. Thankfully, you have a heartfelt connection with the Moon and can't help but be influenced by the earthy Virgo Full Moon's presence in your 3rd House of Communication. Nevertheless, don't try to rationalize your feelings now

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

You are eager to contribute toward making a project a rip-roaring success today by doing your part. However, behind the beautiful scene something isn't quite as perfect as it seems while the critical Virgo Full Moon shines in your 2nd House of Values. It feels as if the simple truth keeps slipping out of your grasp just as you get close to finding it.

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

Your emotions continue to build, and now it's time to acknowledge the joy that's in your heart, even if it runs counter to your rational thoughts. Although you might know what makes practical sense in a relationship, your desires won't go away until they are acknowledged while the Virgo Full Moon highlights your 1st House of Self. You might prefer the safety of intellectual control, but moving out of your head can be quite liberating.

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

Your thoughts may be running wild today, but it's crucial to remain positive, especially if you haven't reached your destination yet. However, your emotions are stretched as far as they can go now with the Virgo Full Moon intoxicating your 12th House of Fantasy. Nevertheless, there are no payoffs in being overly self-critical when the clock is ticking.

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

There may be no better time to reassess your social status and reconsider what you want out of your relationships while the rational Virgo Full Moon spotlights your 11th House of Friends. You have reached a new level of awareness about your current situation now and might realize you're not on the trajectory you want. Somehow, you've been sidetracked.

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

You're experiencing a wide gamut of feelings today as you review your overall goals for the next couple of weeks. Today's Virgo Full Moon highlights your 10th House of Career, lifting your spirits into outer dimensions so you can see the potential for nearly anything. Although the view is exhilarating and frightening all at the same time, don't try to make any major changes yet.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

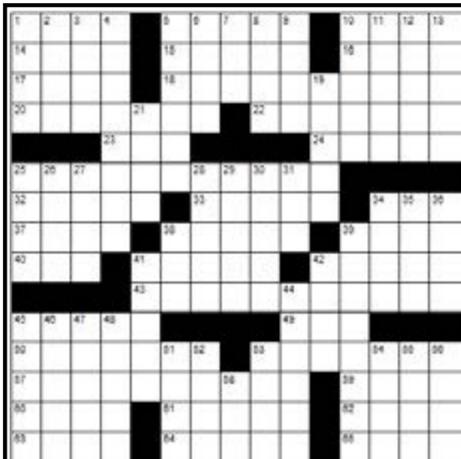
Although you may fail to reach your goal now, the real news is about the doors of opportunity that continue to swing open. You still might reap the rewards of your recent work sooner than you expect because the industrious Virgo Full Moon lands in your 9th House of Future Vision, encouraging you to release your fears and reach for your dreams.

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

You might feel as if you're emotionally in over your head today. Your current struggles stem from the intense energy of the service-oriented Virgo Full Moon rattling your 8th House of Intimacy. Thankfully, your clever resourcefulness helps you maintain enough balance to keep your ship afloat, even in an untenable situation.

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

You are in full-on communication mode, even if the right words seem to escape you in front of an audience. This Virgo Full Moon lights up your 7th House of Partners, encouraging you to make meaningful connections. But people might surprise you with harsh criticism today. Don't overcompensate by talking up a storm once you catch someone's attention.



#### Across

1. Does something, 5. Sail supports, 10. Sitcom set in Korea, 14. Boor, 15. Inuit boat, 16. Forearm bone, 17. Mongolian desert, 18. Discourse, 20. City on San Francisco Bay, 22. Large drinking vessel, 23. Website address, 24. S S S S, 25. Incapable of being repudiated, 32. Lists of dishes available, 33. Mistake, 34. African antelope, 37. Flying mammals, 38. Fortuneteller's card, 39. God of love, 40. Mineral rock, 41. Silk-cotton tree, 42. Skid, 43. Sugarless, 45. Fanatical, 49. Carpet, 50. Embodiment, 53. Windfall, 57. Unmerited, 59. French for "Black", 60. Appear, 61. Marble, 62. Mugs, 63. Dines, 64. In shape, 65. Being.

#### Down

1. Aquatic plant, 2. Not hot, 3. Brass instrument, 4. An act to arose action, 5. Confuse, 6. Dogfish, 7. Female sib, 8. Diplomacy, 9. Gull-like bird, 10. Odorous glandular secretions, 11. Assumed name, 12. A loud sleeping sound, 13. "All on deck!", 19. Contemptuous look, 21. Anagram of "Sire", 25. Part of an ear, 26. Close, 27. Initial wager, 28. Some tides, 29. Barb, 30. Penniless, 31. A parcel of land, 34. Smile, 35. Connecting point, 36. Utilized, 38. Buff, 39. Poshness, 41. Praise, 42. Render unconscious, 44. Worn away, 45. Utilize again, 46. Breathing problem, 47. Anagram of "Debit", 48. List components, 51. Food from animals, 52. Therefore, 53. Mend (archaic), 54. French for "We", 55. Whizzes, 56. Backside, 58. Delivery vehicle.

#### Yesterday's Solution



aisle, amass, arena, assay, axiom, baron, begat, brief, canon, chose, cent, circle, clothe, dogma, engage, globe, grade, grim, guest, heave, hereafter, hypothesis, image, labor, leave, marble, material, metes, mine, mouse, never, night, punt, raise, ravine, rough.

