

# 18 Taliban Dead in Logar Clash, Airstrikes

PUL-I-ALAM - Eighteen Taliban, including a notorious commander, has been killed in a clash and airstrikes in the Charkh district of central Logar province, an official said on Monday.

Saleem Saleh, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News dreading Taliban Commander Mullah Wazir was among the rebels killed in an overnight firefight in Ab Josh area.

"Some of the Taliban were traveling in a car and others on motor-



cycles when they came under airstrikes by Afghan forces," he said. Syed Jalal, a resident of the locality, confirmed the clash took place in his village on Sunday night. "Air surveillance continued until late night and there was a bombardment that killed some Taliban."

He said a house-to-house search had been underway in the village over the past few days. The Taliban have not yet commented about the incident. (Pajhwok)

## District Police Chief Among 5 Hurt in Logar Blast

PUL-I-ALAM - One policeman was killed and five others, including the district police chief, were wounded as a result of bomb explosion in the Mohammad Agha district of the central Logar province on Monday, an official said.

Administrative Chief, Nasir Ahmad Amin, told Pajhwok Af-

ghan News the explosion targeted police vehicle on its way from Kandahario to Surkhah locality at around 12:30 pm.

He said one policeman was killed and the Mohammad Agha district police chief, Capt. Abdul Rahimzai was among four others policemen wounded in the blast.

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## 12 Daesh Rebels Killed in Nangarhar Joint Operation

JALALABAD - At least 12 Islamic State (IS) or Daesh rebels have been killed in a clearing operation and US drone strikes in the Haska Mena district of eastern Nangarhar province, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said on Monday. A statement from

MoD received by Pajhwok Afghan News said the operation launched on the outskirts of Haska Mena district on Sunday. The source said 12 Daesh militants were killed and a weapons' depot belonged to the rebel group

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## Families of Shooting Victims Call for Justice

KABUL - The families of two young men killed in Qanjigha village in Imam Sahib district of Kunduz province, on Monday called on government to bring the culprits to justice.

According to the families, 21-year-old Amanullah and 25-year-old Shir Agha, were killed during a dispute over water division.

The families said they have both lost their breadwinner and that for the Shir Afgha family, five-year-old Abdul Mansour is now the oldest male in the family.

"They shot my son with many bullets," said Safora, mother of Shir Agha. "Anywhere that we go, no one has helped us. We want the president to help us," said Mama Gul, mother of Amanullah. They said the two men were killed two months ago but nothing has been ... (More on P4)...(15)

# 6 Border Police Released from Taliban in Sar-I-Pul

SAR-I-PUL - Security forces have freed six border police after being abducted by Taliban militants a week as a result of an operation in northern Sar-i-Pul province, the governor said on Monday.

Mohammad Zahir Wahdat told a press conference here that the operation was carried out on Sunday night to secure the release of the police officers in Hoz Haji Mohammad Omar locality north of Sar-i-Pul city, the provincial capital.

He said the operation took place when militants want-



ed to shift the police personnel to Kohistanat district where they controlled many areas.

He said six Taliban militants were killed and nine others were wounded during a clash with security forces who confiscated nine motorbikes. The security forces suffered no casualties.

Abdul Rahman, one of the released policemen, said "Taliban tortured and abused us and did not give as suitable food".

The Taliban have not yet commented about the incident. (Pajhwok)

## 'Illegal Armed Groups Run Private Jails in Kunduz'

KUNDUZ CITY - Residents of northern Kunduz province say illegal armed groups pose a serious security threat and some armed groups run own jails in the province.

Rassoul, a resident of Khanabad district, told Pajhwok Afghan News that hundreds of illegal armed men operated in the district, posing a major threat to people's security.

"These armed men demand share in everything from people and they harass residents



and even run personal prisons. Whenever they want to imprison or kill a person, they can, but the local government is unable to control them," he said.

Khalid, another resident

## Initial Work on Nangarhar Civil Airport to Begin Soon

JALALABAD - Initial construction work on a civil airport in eastern Nangarhar province would begin in next two weeks, an official said on Monday.

Governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News preliminary survey on construction of the airport was begun about one and a half months ago.

He said a delegation from the Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority (ACAA) visited Nan-



garhar province two days ago and provided plan for the airport's construction.

Khogyani said practical work on initial construction of the civil airport would begin in two

## Explosion near a Mosque in Herat City Leaves 6 Wounded

HERAT - At least 6 people were wounded in an explosion near a mosque in Herat city in West of Afghanistan, local officials said Monday.

The incident took place on Sunday evening after an explosive device was detonated close to Imam Mohammad Baqer

mosque. Provincial governor's spokesman Jilani Farhad confirmed the incident and said the explosion took place close to the Shi'ite mosque, leaving at least 6 wounded, including a woman.

Farhad further added

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## Fertiliser Smuggling Bid Thwarted at Torkham Border

PESHAWAR - An attempt to smuggle a fertiliser used in making bombs to Afghanistan through the Torkham border has been frustrated. An Afghanistan-bound truck (AE-0710) was stopped at the border, a Pakistani newspaper reported on Monday. About 400

bags of urea fertiliser were recovered from the vehicle. An unnamed official told Dawn that the truck was transporting fresh vegetables to the landlocked country. The banned fertiliser had been placed beneath the vegetables.

(Pajhwok)

## 1 Killed as Protestors Clash with Police in Baghlan

PUL-I-KHUMRI - One person was killed and another wounded on Sunday evening when protesting residents clashed with police in northern Baghlan province.

The residents of Baraka district were protesting against the district po-

lice chief. One civilian was killed and another injured after the demonstration turned violent.

The protestors had gathered in Sharshar locality of the district, accusing the police chief of incompetency and asking local

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## Outlook Horoscope

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

No matter how many responsibilities are piling up on your plate today, you're not finished with your vacation yet. You can think of a hundred ways to avoid work or school while a cluster of planets in your 12th House of Escapism captivates your imagination and tempts you to run away from the real world. Nevertheless, the pressure is relentless and you can't hide from your obligations forever.

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

You're normally a champion when it comes to finishing what you start because your methodical progress is a proven winner. However, staying on track is more challenging now because your imagination can easily send you on a wild goose chase. It's no easy task to remain focused on your job while you're busy worrying about the distant future.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your high hopes for professional recognition could lead to major discouragement if your goals are not grounded in a strong foundation. A gathering of dreamy Pisces planets in your 10th House of Public Status prompts you to reevaluate your role at work. Unfortunately, there might be so many scenarios playing out in your mind that you grow unsure of your intentions. You don't have time to waste floundering about now, so make a decision and stick to it.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're like Don Quixote who is lost in fantasy, imagining that he's on a knightly adventure. Mundane events take on mythic proportions, making it nearly impossible to separate your dreams from reality. Fortunately, you can grow into your visions over time, but only if you are unwavering in your search for the facts. Don't deviate from what you know to be true.

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

You're sometimes overly concerned with appearances, yet you also understand there is a magical relationship between a book and its cover. Several planets are now conspiring in your 8th House of Deep Sharing, enticing you to examine the hidden core of your assumptions. You're not interested in putting on a show for the sake of applause today.

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

You are wandering in the Cosmic Hall of Mirrors today and everything you see on the outside is but another reflection of you. Unfortunately, every mirror has a slightly different warp and therefore distorts you in a unique manner. Don't fall into the trap of believing what you perceive. Once you understand that everything in your environment is strangely already inside your head, you can boldly create a new relationship with the world around you.

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

You're ready to take care of business today but you might not be able to get back into your old groove so easily. It's nearly impossible to set a schedule and stick to it while several planets float around surreal Neptune in your 6th House of Logistics. You need plenty of wiggle room now, and the wider your current perspective, the better it will be in the long run.

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

Although you long to be seen and appreciated today, you want to control which aspects of your life are expressed and which are kept secret. You understand Shakespeare's famous line, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players.

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

Your life is not always as much fun as everyone expects it to be from the outside view. Oddly enough, instead of trying to extend the holiday festivities, you're actually eager to pull back into your shell for a while to reconnect with your roots. Although it would be less complicated to just capitulate to someone else's demands, it may be necessary to politely blow off a social event if you need some quiet time.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

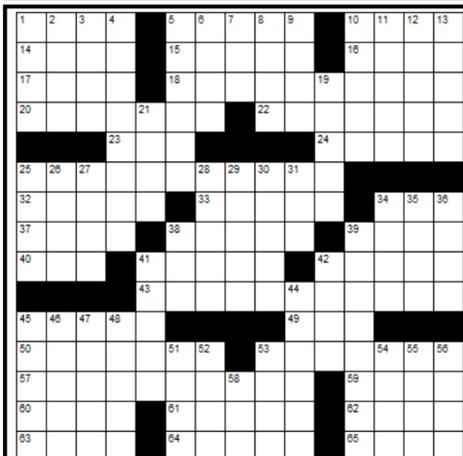
Returning to the daily grind usually means adhering to a tight schedule for you goal-orientated Goats. Nevertheless, you might not be able to wrap your head around everything that must be done today. It seems as if you can't even make a simple phone call without jeopardizing the plans for the rest of your day. Paradoxically, the most radical approach is the most stable one.

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

You may be worried that the window of opportunity is closing too soon, but your sense of immediacy is probably based on a false assumption. Don't waste valuable time lost in regret. Instead, concentrate on the present to make sure your current actions are consistent with your beliefs. Self-esteem is a key ingredient to your success, so steer clear of any behavior that feeds your doubts now.

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

You are what you think. It's as if your body and mind are so hypersensitive that they magically conform to your strongest thoughts. Although this metaphysical practice is the basis for many traditions, your intuition is so powerful today that there's no discernible difference between your dreams and your future. This surrealism makes for sketchy reasoning but fosters uninhibited insight, as poet William Blake wrote.



**Across**

1. Resorts, 5. Demise, 10. Midmonth date, 14. Cab, 15. Creepy, 16. Ark builder, 17. Sweeping story, 18. Almond-flavored milk pudding, 20. Sidewalk, 22. Peeled, 23. Wager, 24. Darlings, 25. Tardiness, 32. Approves, 33. Serf, 34. A law enforcement agency, 37. Untidiness, 38. Desire, 39. A muscle of the thigh, 40. Commercials, 41. Clan emblem, 42. Quench, 43. In a spiritual manner, 45. Chalk, 49. Ancient unit of measure, 50. Strained, 53. Sweepstake, 57. A diplomat of the highest rank, 59. Bright thought, 60. Multicolored, 61. Betel palm, 62. Jump, 63. Collections, 64. Unpack, 65. Terminates.

**Down**

1. Goulash, 2. Dad, 3. Angle of a leafstalk, 4. Naval clinics, 5. Discuss, 6. Evasive, 7. Genus of macaws, 8. Cans, 9. "Dam it!", 10. Absurd, 11. An Italian woman of rank, 12. Keen, 13. Outbuildings, 19. Center, 21. Dampens, 25. Python, 26. Barely managed, 27. Young girl, 28. Hindu loincloth, 29. Not a single time, 30. Lacquer ingredient, 31. Drunkard, 34. Gas or petrol, 35. Formal dance, 36. Lazily, 38. Policeman, 39. Equal-sized subgroups (statistics), 41. Russian emperors, 42. Resign, 44. Chest, 45. Applauds, 46. Bog hemp, 47. A common green newt, 48. Batrachians, 51. Brother of Jacob, 52. "Phooey!", 53. Mentally irregular (slang), 54. Biblical garden, 55. Absorb written material, 56. Blabs, 58. Cotillion girl.

**Yesterday's Solution**

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