



Paktia Residents Want 'Night Raids' to End

KABUL - Following a recent military operation that allegedly killed six civilians, some residents of the eastern province on Wednesday launched a protest where they called on government forces to conduct their operations with more precision.

"We the tribal elders, the local representatives, the religious scholars and the residents, who have come here from Zazai Aryub district, want an end to the night raids which are carried out unexpectedly," said Abdul Ghiyas Haqyar, a Paktia resident.

"We are against the operations... We will not be against these operations if they are conducted in close coordination with Paktia officials. We are not against operations against the enemy, but we are against operations which hurt the civilians," said Samad Zazai, a Paktia resident.

Another protester Raees Zazai said: "A thorough investigation should be conducted into the recent night raid that killed children, and those who are found guilty should be punished."

Meanwhile, a member of Paktia Provincial Council, Sardar Malangzoi, said civilians have suffered in recent night raids carried out by Afghan and foreign forces in the province.

"This issue should be coordinated with Paktia officials and they should be asked whether the enemy is targeted," he said.

"Civilians should not be hurt in any operation. This happens in many provinces. Government is committed and it will hear people's voice," said Abdulwali Sahi, deputy governor of Paktia.

Last week, a family in Paktia province ...*(More on P4)...(10)*

Call to Facilitate Transportation of Afghan Transit Goods

ISLAMABAD - The Pakistan government has been urged to operationalise the Azakhel Dry Port in northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province for facilitate the transportation of goods in transit to Afghanistan.

Frontier Customs Agents Group president Ziaul Haq Sarhadi made the demand asked the authorities concerned to resolve the problems being faced by exporters and importers.

In a statement on Tuesday, Sarhadi said the government was duty-bound to take immediate steps for running a freight train and making operational the dry port at the earliest because the business community was already facing many problems due to terrorism.

The Peshawar dry port, he recalled, had been established on an emergency basis in 1986, and the ...*(More on P4)...(7)*



Foreign Forces Escape Unhurt in Herat Insider Attack

HERAT CITY - Afghan forces killed one colleague and injured another after the duo fired a rocket at foreign forces who escaped unhurt in western Herat province on Wednesday, an official said.

Noorullah Qaderi, the 207th Zafar Military Corps spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the foreign forces wanted to visit the 5th border security forces battalion in Islam Qala border town when two Afghan security personnel fired at a rocket at them.

The foreign forces escaped unhurt in the attack, but what prompted the incident could not be ascertained as yet, the mili-



tary official said. One security personnel involved in the attack was killed and another injured by their comrades.

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Iranians Among 29 Insurgents Killed in Faryab Clashes



MAIMANA - At least 29 Taliban insurgents have been killed, including two Iranian nationals, in clashes with security forces in northwestern Faryab province, the military said on Wednesday.

A statement from the Afghan National Army's 209th Shaheen Military Corps said the rebels sustained casualties in Sherin Tagab and Khwaja Sabzposh districts during the past 24 hours.

Twenty-nine rebels, including two Iranian militants Mullah Ahmad and Mullah Jandullah (not real names) were killed during firefight on the highway, it said. ...*(More on P4)...(9)*

Kot Residents Call for Help as Their Homes Remain 'in Ruins'

JALALABAD - The fight against Daesh in Kot district of Nangarhar province has resulted in the destruction of "hundreds" of civilian's homes in the eastern parts of the country.

The district is now fully cleared of Daesh and is controlled by security forces, but residents said their homes remain in ruins and that no public welfare projects have been implemented there.

The residents said they lack the financial ability to rebuild their houses and that they are looking for assistance from government and other institutions.

"Our homes are still ruined and no aid has been provided for us and some people are living under tents while others are living in shops," said Sardar, a Kot resident.

"So far, no assistance has been given and we do not have shelters yet," said Mohammad Zahir, resident of the district.

Nangarhar Governor ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Your romantic side is powerfully charged today, Aries. The more you tune in to this side of your nature, the happier you will be. The one thing to watch out for is keeping at least one foot on the ground at all times. Work from a stable platform of honesty and practicality. Without this foundation, you will be hard pressed to establish any walls or windows.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Attend to your duties today, Taurus. There's a pronounced sense of time and a feeling that the days are slipping away. Make sure you fit love and romance into the equation somewhere. At first you may experience a bit of resistance in this department, but see that as an indication that this is an area of your life that you need to explore and ultimately feel more comfortable with.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Two different sides may tug on you today, and neither one may really make a strong case for pulling you one way or the other, Gemini. Realize that adjustments may have to be made for you to fit in with the scheme of things and fulfill your duties and responsibilities. A close loved one may distract you in subtle ways, so try not to get sidetracked if you can help it.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Tension may be a bit high with everyone and everything you encounter today, Cancer. There will be a strong need for stability and discipline, while others call for fun and frivolity. You may be caught in the middle. The worst thing is that no side, including yours, is going to want to compromise. Try not to take things too seriously.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Remember that you're here to have fun, and happiness is your true destiny, Leo. Keep this in mind today, as forces may tend to pull you away from the fun you've been having. There may be a rather sobering tone to the day that's stubbornly trying to rattle on your parade. Recognize the need for structure and stability, but don't let it bring you down.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You will recognize and appreciate the need for structure and stability on a day like today, Virgo. This practical energy may work to take away some of the fun out of the equation. You may not realize it, but the fun in your life may be getting chipped away little by little. Hold tight to the things that give you passion and purpose in life. These are the keys to healthy living.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Tension may build today if you aren't careful about how you use your words, Libra. Remember that forces are trying to push you one way and pull you another. You may encourage a focus on the collective while others seem too worried about themselves. Yet another force is calling for outdated remedies and traditional structures that no longer suit your purposes.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Take a look at what's going on around you today, Scorpio, and do some internal processing before you reach a conclusion regarding the best way to proceed. You may find that a combination of powerful forces is trying to win you over to their camp. Don't pigeonhole yourself into one way of doing things. Keep in mind that the best route is often a combination of several different paths.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Watch out for a jolt in the action, Sagittarius, as someone close to you puts on the brakes in a relationship. There could be conflicts based on a need for more structure and stability in the partnership. The imbalance between having fun and taking care of practical matters is currently working to slowly destroy the good thing that you have going. Nip this problem in the bud.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Just when you thought you had everything planned and working smoothly, Capricorn, love comes in and clogs up the works. Suddenly your attention is diverted from work as the love of your life catches your eye. This could be a good or bad thing, depending on how you view it. Remember that both aspects of your life are important. The key now is to find a healthy balance between the two.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

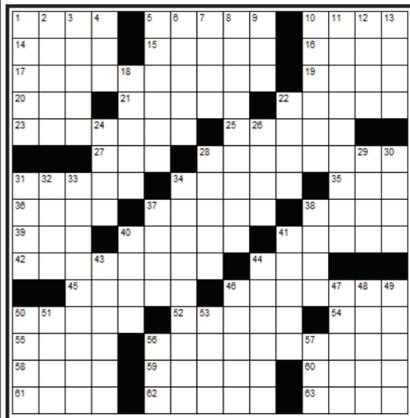


Your heart is going pitter-pat, Aquarius, and you're tempted to escape into a romantic fantasyland in which you play the starring role. The bad news is that something may be trying to hold you back today. It could be that your conscience is coming on the scene to remind you that work needs to be done before you can go off into your own little fairytale world.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You may feel a bit of a strain today as you try to figure out the best way to get to where you need to be, Pisces. The happy, jovial approach tells you to let loose, be courageous, and strike out with conviction toward the things that mean the most to you. A sense of duty and restriction may be holding you back. Take the best of both worlds and come up with a unique plan of attack.



Across

1. Stigma, 5. Things, 10. Behold, in old Rome, 14. Eatery, 15. Latin name for our planet 16. Roentgen ray, 17. Untenanted, 19. Sharpen, 20. Ghost's cry, 21. Long stories, 22. Alleviated 23. Alkalizer, 25. Throws, 27. Muck, 28. Sweet treats, 31. A firm open-weave fabric, 34. Agile Old World viverrine, 35. Mineral rock, 36. Pigeon, 37. Cut into cubes, 38. Reasonable, 39. Anagram of "Ail", 40. Uproar, 41. Adjudicate, 42. Haphazardly 44. A common cyst, 45. Egyptian peninsula, 46. Fine particles of wood, 50. Passe 52. Malicious, 54. Caviar, 55. "What a shame!", 56. Mistress of a chateau, 58. Celebration 59. Birch relative, 60. Agitated state, 61. Sense, 62. Twosomes, 63. Pervert,

Down

1. Aqualung 2. Religious law 3. In progress 4. Record (abbrev.) 5. Duncem 6. Luke-warm, 7. Relating to urine, 8. Perfume for a room, 9. Craze, 10. Breathe out, 11. Intersection 12. Walking stick, 13. Gave the once-over, 18. Part of the large intestine, 22. At one time (archaic), 24. Twist, 26. Previously owned, 28. Lure, 29. Trigonometry (abbrev.), 30. Arid, 31. Celebrity, 32. Soft drink, 33. Reestablish, 34. Like a girl, 37. Russian parliament, 38. A reserve of money 40. Tender, 41. Precious stone, 43. Internal-combustion engine, 44. Waterproof hip boots, 46. Located, 47. Pee, 48. Relating to audible sound, 49. Fangs, 50. To cast aside (archaic), 51. Away from the wind, 53. Nil, 56. Knave, 57. American Sign Language,

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