

# 21 Militants Killed in Fighting in Past 24 Hours: MoI

KABUL - 21 armed militants have been killed since Saturday, officials confirmed on Sunday. Ministry of Interior (MoI) in a statement released here reported killing 21 Taliban fighters and injuring 11 others over the past 24 hours. "Up to 21 Taliban militants have been killed during series of operations elsewhere in the conflict-ridden Afghanistan over the past 24 hours, Ministry of Interior said in a statement released here on Sunday," the statement asserted. Eleven more insurgents have been injured during the operations which covered parts of Faryab, Sar-e-Pul, ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



# Drone Strike Leaves 5 Militants Dead

KUNAR - At last five militants were killed in a drone strike apparently carried out by the coalition security forces in eastern Kunar province of Afghanistan. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Sunday that the airstrike was carried out on Saturday in Shegal district, targeting a group of militants in Chogam area. MoD in a statement said at least two militants were also injured in the airstrike but did not disclose further information regarding the identities of the militants killed in the raid. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban group has not commented regarding the report so far. Kunar is among the volatile provinces in eastern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating and frequently carry out insurgency activities. Militants loyal to the Afghan Taliban as well as Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and other ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

# Army Helicopter Crashes in Logar

PUL-E-ALAM - An Afghan army helicopter crashed in the eastern Logar province on Sunday, local television channel Tolo reported. "A chopper of national was crashed near the training center of National Army in Logar province on Sunday," Tolo aired in its news bulletin. Meantime, spokesman for Logar's provincial government, Salim Sahil confirmed the incident when approached by Xinhua, saying the helicopter crashed in Shakar Qala area. "A chopper of national army was crashed near the training center of National Army in Shakar Qala area of Logar province on Sunday afternoon, leaving three soldiers dead," spokesman for Logar's provincial government, Salim Sahil told Xinhua. Without furnishing more details, the official added investigation had been initiated into the incident. Meantime, spokesman for defense ministry Dawlat Waziri in talks with media confirmed the air crash, saying three soldiers were ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN MINISTRY OF RURAL REHABILITATION & DEVELOPMENT Invitation for Bids (IFB)

NATIONAL SOLIDARITY PROGRAMME  
Grant No.: TF098459-AF  
For  
PROCUREMENT OF INTERNET SERVICES  
DETAILS GIVEN BELOW

IFB No.: MRRD/NSPII/SR/1162-NCB

Date: January 04<sup>th</sup>, 2016

1. The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD) has received a grant from the International Development Association towards the Emergency National Solidarity Programme, and intends to apply part of the grant to payment under the contract for procurement of Internet Services for NSP Kabul Regional Office and 14 Provincial Offices.

1. The National Solidarity Programme (NSP) of Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for carrying out the Provision of Internet Services. The contract period is Eight Months.

2. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and ARTF Credits, January 2011 and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Abdul Rahman Azizi, Procurement Department, National Solidarity Programme, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development, Email: [a.azizi@nspafghanistan.org](mailto:a.azizi@nspafghanistan.org) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 9:00 to 16:00 hrs from Saturday to Wednesday.

4. Qualifications requirements include:  
(a) The minimum required annual volume of provision of internet services/related services for the successful bidder in any of the last five years shall be: in AFN 4,600,000.00  
(b) Experience as prime contractor (Service Provider) in the provision of internet services of at least one service contract of value (AFN 3,220,000.00) or more, during the last five (5) years (to comply with this requirement, services cited should be at least 70 percent complete).

(c) The minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities net of other contractual commitments of the successful Bidder shall be: AFN 1,150,000.00

The bidder shall submit documents like copies of Bank statements and available credit line facilities in this regard.

(d) A Contract Manager with five years' experience in services of an equivalent nature and volume, including no less than three years as Manager.

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained free of charge by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below or sending an e-mail to the address below, or by downloading from the web site(s) mentioned below. <http://www.nspafghanistan.org/procurement> or from NPA website.

7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 14:00 hrs (local time), February 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Afghanistan Time. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at the afore-mentioned date and time.

8. Bid Security amount is AFN 120,000.00

9. A pre-bidding conference shall be held at 14.00 Hrs. on January 18, 2016 at:  
Procurement Building third floor, NSP Procurement department, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Tashkilat Street, Darulaman Road, Kabul, Afghanistan

9. The address(s) referred to above is (are):

Procurement Building third floor,  
NSP Procurement Department,  
Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development,  
Neela Bagh Street, Darul-Aman, Kabul

Attention: Abdul Rahman Azizi, Sr. Procurement Officer  
e-mail: [a.azizi@nspafghanistan.org](mailto:a.azizi@nspafghanistan.org), [n.azimi@nspafghanistan.org](mailto:n.azimi@nspafghanistan.org)  
Websites: <http://www.nspafghanistan.org> & <http://www.ppu.gov.af>

## Outlook Horoscope

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

You're swept up in a whirlwind of cosmic energy as you naively attempt to untangle your emotional attachments. You might try to take an impartial approach to relationships today, but you still could encounter a block until you make a tough decision. Not surprisingly, the right choice now may alter the trajectory of your life.

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

You're doing everything you can to avoid an unpleasant confrontation today because you cannot see how it will lead to anything constructive. It's a lot less stressful to ambivalently sit on the fence and wait for resolution than to get caught up in the emotional fray. Nevertheless, inaction only works for so long. Everyone will feel better after the various opinions are out in the open.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are driven to defend your recent choices while messenger Mercury is put to the test by warrior Mars. If you proudly stand up to political pressure, your priorities evolve and your most spiritual thoughts will endure. Holding onto your vision helps you conquer a difficult opponent. You may feel that someone is out to defeat you; however, if you are clever enough to steer clear of conflict today.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Showing your feelings comes more naturally now that action-planet Mars is camped out in your 5th House of Self-Expression. All emotional interactions may seem a tad overwhelming now; there's so much going on in your life, it's nearly impossible to know where to start. Although it's healthy to power through your hesitation, don't share everything at once.

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

Fortunately, you're processing the waves of change today while standing on a strong foundation. However, you may be recovering from recently going out on a limb and sharing more than was necessary. And you might face an uphill battle, no matter how optimistic you are that everyone can step beyond their parochial thinking to see the bigger picture.

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

Although you quickly acknowledge the power of your convictions, it's tricky when someone close to you works with an entirely different set of assumptions. But it's a waste of energy to engage in a fight just to prove someone else is wrong and you are right. Trying to change another person's mind is a dead-end street today. Thankfully, you will be free to re-focus on your continued self-improvement once you acknowledge that.

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

Fortunately, your creativity is flowing directly from the source now, making it a breeze to be proactive in all your endeavors. Mercury's current visit to your 5th House of Self-Expression inspires eloquent communication and increases your mental agility. Still, you may need to fight for your right to speak your mind. Being considerate of people's feelings is an admirable Librian trait.

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

You might sense that someone is attempting to derail your plans behind your back, but it may just be your fears conjuring up these fantasies now. However, combative Mars and the evocative Moon return to your suspicious sign today, raising issues of jealousy or possessiveness in relationships. But don't succumb to your own negativity.

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

Your cheerful attitude can positively impact your immediate future, but self-doubt could wreak havoc on a perfectly good day. Thankfully, delicious Venus forms a creative alignment with joyous Jupiter, lifting your spirits and raising your hopes. Make time to connect with your close friends because they will be the ones who can help to take your mind off of your troubles with a little laughter and a lot of love.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

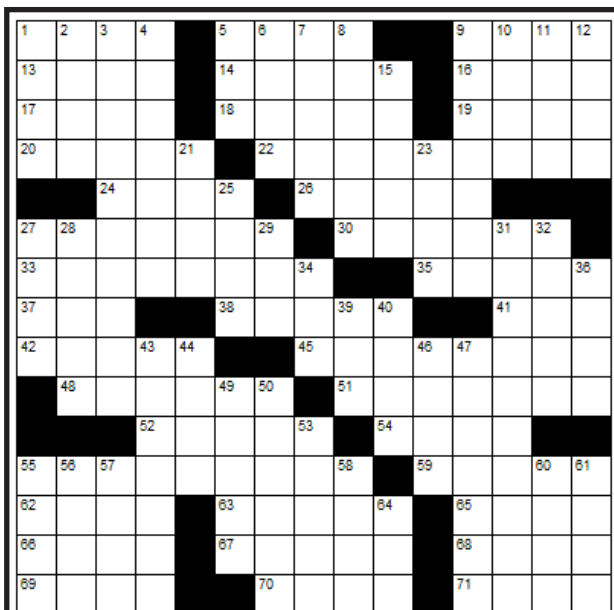
You may lock horns with your group of friends and find yourself in a standoff today, especially if you feel threatened by your own sense of insecurity. But other people's clever ideas are no match for your unforgiving persistence and the strength of your convictions. Although someone might provoke your anger now, don't let your emotions distract your focus from your ambitious goals.

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

You possess the gift of clear vision today and shouldn't let anyone dismiss your intuitive hunches. But interpersonal dynamics can get dicey if someone questions your authority. Your energy could quickly shift into a more aggressive posture now if you believe you need to defend your intentions. Don't bother justifying your dreams; just keep your eyes on the distant horizon and continue to march in that direction.

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

Although everyone seems very intense for some strange reason today, you're still able to stay slightly detached from your emotions. Luckily, your optimistic outlook on relationships enables you to sidestep an unnecessary conflict with someone who fundamentally disagrees with your position. Remember that you don't need to be right; you have absolutely nothing to prove now.



### Across

1. Rend, 5. Money, 9. A hollow cylindrical shape, 13. Norse god, 14. Cars, 16. Tilled, 17. Religious offshoot, 18. Anger, 19. Blown away, 20. Fruity-smelling compound, 22. Despot, 24. Burden, 26. Latin name for our planet, 27. Prolific, 30. Sags, 33. Turn off, 35. 8th Greek letter, 37. Prefix meaning "Modern", 38. Noodles, 41. Ear of corn, 42. Films of impurities, 45. Pertaining to tactics, 48. Sleeping sickness carrier, 51. Pee-pee, 52. Anagram of "Smite", 54. Barely managed, 55. An antacid, 59. Be, 62. Biblical garden, 63. Half of six, 65. Balm ingredient, 66. Left, 67. One more than 6, 68. Coagulate, 69. Carpenter's groove, 70. Umpires, 71. Carry.

### Down

1. Thorny flower, 2. Midmonth date, 3. Triumphant, 4. Accord, 5. Bird call, 6. Emanation, 7. Begin, 8. A bed of rich soil, 9. Egyptian king, 10. Hawkeye State, 11. Equal, 12. Countercurrent, 15. Bake in a shallow dish, 21. Wreck, age, 23. Gait faster than a walk, 25. Smack, 27. Devotees, 28. Choose by voting, 29. Estimated time of arrival, 31. Indiscretion, 32. Brown ermine, 34. Eastern Standard Time, 36. Competent, 39. Letter after sigma, 40. Unit of land, 43. Souvenir, 44. Goulash, 46. Kid, 47. Not precise, 49. Statistics, 50. One or the other, 53. Wait on, 55. Bawdy, 56. Bright thought, 57. Fix, 58. Coral barrier, 60. Lampblack, 61. French for "Head", 64. N N N N.

### Yesterday's Solution

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