

# Five Missing Soldiers Found Dead in Ghazni

GHAZNI CITY - Police on Monday found the dead bodies of five soldiers of Afghan National Army (ANA) who went missing on Kabul-Kandahar highway about a week ago. Deputy Police Chief of Ghazni province said the dead bodies were recovered from Dasht-e-Asfandi area and shifted to the civil hospital in Ghazni city. Asadullah Shujai added that the five soldiers were traveling in a '303' passenger bus that was



stopped by Taliban in Andar District last week. He said Taliban singled them out among other passengers and took them to an undisclosed location. Taliban have not yet commented on the report but they have carried out similar atrocities in the past. This happens at the same time the group has shown willingness to restart the stalled peace talks with government. (KP)

## New UN High Commissioner for Refugees Takes Office

GENEVA - The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) Monday said Filippo Grandi began his five-year term as new UN High Commissioner for Refugees on Jan. 1, succeeding Antonio Guterres whose more than 10 years in office ended last week. UNHCR said the new High Commissioner, a UN official who has worked in refugee and political affairs in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia arrived at UNHCR headquarters office in Geneva earlier Monday, takes up the position at a time of unprecedented displacement challenges. UNHCR noted record numbers of people globally are forced to flee war and persecution, including more than one million refugees and migrants who crossed the Mediterranean to Europe during the past year. "The combination of multiple conflicts and resulting mass displacement, fresh challenges to ... (More on P4)...(12)

## Mother, Two Sons Arrested on Terrorism Charges

JALALABAD - Nangarhar Police Chief, Fazal Ahmad Shirzad, on Monday in a press conference said that Security forces have arrested a woman and her two sons on terrorism charges in eastern Nangarhar province. Police said that the woman and one of her teen-aged sons were arrested with

a magnetic bomb, pistol, three magazines and 120 bullets from the jurisdiction of Jalalabad city, capital of Nangarhar. Shirzad told reporters that another son of the same woman was detained before exploding a landmine in Behsood District. Shirzad said security forces have also arrested an im-

portant member of Taliban during a separate raid from the jurisdiction of Jalalabad city. He did not name the Taliban member but said that weapons, ammunition and explosive materials were previously recovered from his resident. Nangarhar has become ... (More on P4)...(11)

## Afghan Army Kills 19 Militants in Latest Operations

KABUL - About 19 insurgents have been killed in Afghanistan as the country's security forces continue to press the militants across the country, the Defense Ministry said on Monday. "The Afghan National Army (ANA) in close collaboration with Afghan police and intelligence agency personnel launched cleanup operations over the past 24 hours, killing 19 insurgents and wounding 27 others," the ministry said in a statement. The statement also confirmed the loss of four army personnel



in separate incidents across the country over the same period. The Taliban militant group has yet to make comments. (Xinhua)



Afghan security forces and pro-government militia gather at the site of attack in Mazar-e-Sharif, capital city of northern Balkh province on Monday January 04, 2016. Unknown armed men attacked Indian Consulate in Afghan northern Mazar-e-Sharif city, 305 km north of Kabul, on Sunday night. (Xinhua/Yaqoob Azorda)

## Pakistan Arrests 42 Alleged IS Supporters

MULTAN - A Pakistani minister says counter terrorism officials in the country's eastern Punjab province have arrested 42 militant suspects with alleged links to the Islamic State group. Rana Sanaullah, the country's law minister, says the arrests were the result of raids in four Punjab cities over the weekend. The minister says those arrested had been tasked with setting up sleeper cells for IS, and that those arrested include pur ... (More on P4)...(13)

## Fans Flock to Airport to Welcome Home Team

KABUL - Thousands of Kabul residents braved the rain and cold on Monday morning to welcome home the Afghan national football team - despite their disappointing loss to India on Sunday night. The Afghan national football team was met by thousands of people carrying flags and banners in support of them. The players made their way through the streets to the Afghanistan Football Federation's grounds where fans gathered in the stadium to praise the team for their efforts. "We played well, win-ning or losing is part of the game, though the team was strong, but we failed to get reach our goal," national team player Arash Hatifi said. "I was not thinking about the warm welcome the players received from the youths, I am sure, the celebrations would have been much larger if we had won the game, I cannot express my emotions and feelings," deputy head of national Olympic committee Bawar Hotak said. "May be this is a big step forward, sometimes you can lose, but you must ... (More on P4)...(14)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Withholding your thoughts today may be a sensible strategy, even if it's not easy to remain silent. Your key planet Mars is anxiously squaring contentious Mercury, making it exceptionally tough to speak your mind without blowing your cool. Even if you can keep your feelings under wraps for a while, you're likely to let loose later in the day. There's no question about it.

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

An unexpected social commitment could get in the way of your production at work today. You might be invited to participate in a group activity that distracts you from something that's less fun yet more important. Unfortunately, you may rush to say yes as a means of escape, even if it turns out to be a bad idea. Nevertheless, don't blame yourself later if you wish you had chosen differently.

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

You're not exactly certain what others expect from you today. However, you're ready to swing into action even if you don't know which direction you're going. Part of the problem is that interactive Mercury has you hyper-focused on the future while its square to impetuous Mars heightens your impatience. Nevertheless, flying by the seat of your pants now is asking for trouble you don't need.

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

You might get up on the wrong side of the bed today. Fortunately, early morning dissatisfaction can transform into afternoon hope, even if you don't have a clue as to how it might happen. It all starts with having faith in your dreams. If you believe in yourself, others will pick up on your optimism. It's like starting a fire from a spark; nurturing a tiny flame can turn it into the fuel of inspiration.

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

Normally, you perform well under pressure, but formidable obstacles are not easily dismissed today. You're less certain about a recent decision, but might not want to expose your vulnerability by sharing your fears. Don't waffle now, even if you're unsure of your next move. It's simpler in the long run to take a strong position, even if it leads to conflict.

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

You're eager to show everyone how adaptable you are today, but your patience may be running thin as clever Mercury squares impulsive Mars in your 3rd House of Communication. You wish that people would state their needs more clearly because you don't understand what they want. But rather than wasting energy criticizing others for being indecisive, just move forward by following through with your plans.

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

You're highly sensitive to people's unexpressed feelings today and may try to settle the tense dynamics by boldly walking into the middle of a conflict. You have your own point of view, but still believe in the process of open dialogue. Unfortunately, the more you hear, the more you realize the current stress might not have an immediate resolution. Instead of pretending you know what to do.

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

Your unwavering commitment to the truth as you see it may generate some unexpected backlash today. You may struggle to open your mind as you're asked to entertain a variety of possibilities. You truly want to be more flexible, but too many choices can be quite overwhelming now. Nevertheless, it's wise to listen to the needs of everyone involved.

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

Although romance might be in the air, it's difficult to bring it down to earth today. You're so eager to engage your heart in an interaction with someone special that you can't separate your wishes from the true dynamics. Talking about your feelings helps to ground your expectations, but don't expect miracles now since there may be insurmountable differences of opinion between you and another person.

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

No matter how disciplined or determined you are today, you won't likely accomplish everything on your agenda. You're all too easily distracted because your curiosity is aroused by every new idea that floats your way. Unfortunately, you may grow anxious when you realize these mental diversions aren't leading you to your desired destination. But the information you learn now can be worthwhile later.

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

You may grow worried if you can't pin down a sensible course of action at work now. Even if you have a viable strategy for getting ahead, you're not sure that your timing is right. It's unsettling if you don't receive the support you expect now that assertive Mars squares interactive Mercury in your 1st House of Personality. But don't jeopardize your long-term plans with feelings of impatience or doubt.

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

Visualizing the final outcome of your decisions is nearly impossible today; however, you can have a fine time by spinning a few fantasies within your imagination. Nevertheless, it's still a struggle to keep your behavior consistent with your thoughts while self-directed Mars crosses paths with rational Mercury in your 12th House of Spirituality. Forget about trying to explain your actions to anyone else.



**Across**  
1. Contributes, 5. Small amount, 10. Counterfoil, 14. Farm building, 15. Serf, 16. Prong, 17. Decorative case, 18. Designed to be filled with air, 20. Dawdler, 22. Artist's workshop, 23. Obtain, 24. Interprets written material, 25. The distribution of forces, 32. Extraterrestrial, 33. Love intensely, 34. Not bottom, 37. Applications, 38. Hot, 39. Overhang, 40. What we sleep on, 41. S-shaped moldings, 42. Master of ceremonies, 43. Belongings, 45. Something of value, 49. Children's game, 50. Endurance, 53. Griever, 57. Chopper, 59. Relating to aircraft, 60. At one time (archaic), 61. Earthquake, 62. Badgers, 63. Oceans, 64. An analytic literary composition, 65. "Iliad" city.

**Down**  
1. Cain's brother, 2. Information, 3. Medication, 4. Catches eels, 5. 30, 6. Cleave, 7. Alien Life Form, 8. Soft drink, 9. French for "State", 10. Not fresh, 11. Leg bone, 12. Lacking leadership, 13. Ales, 19. Brusque, 21. Many millennia, 25. Apply, 26. If not, 27. Multicolored, 28. Flowing tresses, 29. Borders, 30. Like the Vikings, 31. Attempt, 34. Meal in a shell, 35. Baking appliance, 36. P P P P, 38. Since, 39. Emigree, 41. Sight-related, 42. Brother of Jacob, 44. Tempestuous, 45. Fire residues, 46. Cubic meter, 47. Chip dip, 48. Gives forth, 51. Schnozzola, 52. Mimics, 53. Plateau, 54. Close, 55. Therefore, 56. Optimistic, 58. It is (poetic).

**Yesterday's Solution**  
bitter, bullpen, center, clerk, colt, diner, disciple, divine, dote, emanate, ensue, flack, great, handle, hatch, heaven, honey, insert, magazine, magic, nature, obsolete, player, pound, relief, rough, series, special, stark, superlative, supervisor, tower.

