

Over 70 Militants Killed, Scores Injured in Nation-Wide Operations: MoD



Nangarhar's Women Activists Launch Anti-War Campaign

JALALABAD - Some women and civil society activists in eastern Nangarhar province have launched a campaign against war and for promoting peace.

They says the purpose behind the drive is to send a message to rural women and armed opponenets of the government regarding peace and unity for national causes.

The women activists visited the Dag locality in Kama district and scribbled slogans on walls and hillsides with the support of local people in a bid to promote reconciliation.

Muqadas Ahmadzai, a civil society activists and head of the Kor Civil Society Movement, said they had launched the campaign after peace talks got fresh momentum.

She added they also imed to promote peace and stability. "When we arrived in Dag and sought public support, the locals responded with love. Everyone - elders, children and youth --- participated in the campaign."

Ahmadzai said she had decided to visit villages as part of the drive because without public support and unity, peace was not possible.

Expressing delight over fresh efforts for peace and reconciliation, she asked the Taliban to sit with the Afghan government for peace negotiations.

If the Taliban wanted peace, they should talks to the government on the release of prisoners and participation in the political process, she argued.

It would have been better if talks had been initiated before, the activist opined, promising the campaign would be expanded to other districts in future. (Pajhwok)

KABUL - Seventy-one militants have been killed, 49 injured and five suspected individuals had been arrested in security forces operations in different provinces, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Friday.

The casualties inflicted to the insurgents in ground operations and airstrikes which happened in Nangarhar, Kapesa, Paktia, Paktika, Ghazni, Kandahar, Daikundi, Farah, Badghis, Faryab and Helmand provinces in the past 24 hours, a statement from the MoD said.

Twenty-five militants have been killed, 13 injured, a militants hideout and a training centre were captured in the Khakrez and Shah Walikot districts of Kandahar province.

Eight rebels were killed and 22 others injured in the Bala ... (More on P4)...(13)



3 Men Convicted in BBC Journalist Murder Case

KABUL - A primary anti-terrorism court has convicted three men in the murder case of BBC reporter Ahmad Shah, with one accused getting death sentence, an official said on Thursday.

Jamshid Rasouli, spokesman of the Attorney General Office (AGO), told reporters in Kabul that the murder case for being sensitive was heard in Kabul instead of Khost province it had happened.

The court sentenced one of the accused to death, another to 30 years in jail and the third to six years in jail.

Rasouli did not say if the accused individuals were part a terrorist group.

Ahmad Shah was shot dead by



unknown gunmen in Khost City early last year when he was on his way home.

Afghanistan's Journalists Centre hailed the court's verdict and demanded its implementation. (Pajhwok)

Fire Erupts in One of Jalalabad Markets



JALALABAD - Efforts were underway to control the fire erupted in one of the markets in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, on Friday, an official said.

The fire erupted as a result of short circuits in the market owned by Noor Mohammad, said the fire brigade director.

He added, Information about financial losses could not be obtained so far, but it is said that goods worth millions of Afghanis were available in the market.

The fire engulfed six storey building and efforts to control it were underway by the fire ... (More on P4)...(14)

Gas Station Fire in Kabul Leaves 3 Dead, Over 40 Wounded

KABUL - The Ministry of Public Health confirmed that an overnight fire that began at a gas station in Abulhaq Circle in Kabul's PD9 and spread to a nearby buildings has killed three people and injured 44 others.

Wahidullah Mayar, spokesman for Ministry of Public Health, told TOLONews that six of those wounded are in critical condition.

According to him, women and children are also among those wounded in the incident.

Eyewitnesses said the fire began shortly after midnight at a gas station near Abdulhaq Circle and quickly spread to a nearby cement block apartment complex. This comes after an electronics market caught fire in Kabul's PD1 last year in November. (Tolo news)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Don't mess with superiors or people in authority today, Aries, or you might end up in some serious hot water. Take it easy and try not get bogged down by negative emotions. Things may not be as sunny as usual, but that doesn't mean the day will be terrible. Complete projects and stay focused on things that require a great deal of discipline on your part.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You're going through a time of great preparation right now, Taurus, You're building the foundation for a major life project. This period isn't to be taken lightly. The day's energy brings this importance into focus. Make sure you're building with bricks and not straw, and that the mortar you use is strong. Try not to get discouraged by negative emotions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



There's a sober feeling to the day that may leave you feeling a bit down, Gemini. There may not be any specific instance or situation that causes you to feel this way, so don't sweat it. Focus on getting your projects done. This isn't the best day to look for sympathy from others. Crank up your stereo as loud as you can and indulge in a scrumptious meal.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



People may be extra stubborn today, so try to avoid any confrontations that could lead to full-scale war. Your emotions may feel restricted and restrained, Cancer. Don't sweat the small stuff. Realize that you're going through a trying period right now and that you need all the sanity you can muster. Refrain from making mountains out of molehills.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Your freedom-loving nature may seem a bit dampened today, Leo, but don't let it get you down. Things might not be lining up perfectly, but that's no reason to get frustrated. Perhaps the situation was just not meant to be. Look for a higher, more practical solution. You have all the information you need to make an intelligent decision.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Today is a great day to get rid of the stuff that's cluttering up your life, Virgo. Get to the heart of the issue and stop beating around the bush. Your emotions may feel a bit more negative than usual, but realize that you can use this to your advantage. Your sober attitude can aid in making extremely practical, well-grounded decisions.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Don't sweat the small stuff, Libra. You may feel like something is restricting your otherwise light, witty nature, but don't worry about it. Things probably seem worse than they really are. Trust in yourself. Relations with others may not be at their best, and it may seem like your feelings are being squeezed through the ringer.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



There are opportunities open to you now whether you realize it or not. It may be hard to be aware of them today, given the astrological weather. Your emotions may feel restricted and weighed down, like something is trying to tie you down. Realize that this is just a message from the Universe reminding you that having at least one foot on the ground is key to manifesting your dreams.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your emotions may feel restricted today, Sagittarius. You may feel bad about something you did in the past. Somehow your heart isn't able to let it go. Work to overcome this by realizing that this is only a briefly passing trend and that you probably are feeling much worse about the situation than necessary. Don't be so hard on yourself.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You're going through a period of major evaluation and assessment of certain life projects. Today's energies bring much of that tension into focus, Capricorn, and put it right in the place where it affects you most - your heart. You may feel the clock ticking more loudly and have a sense that something holds you back. The situation probably looks worse than it is.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

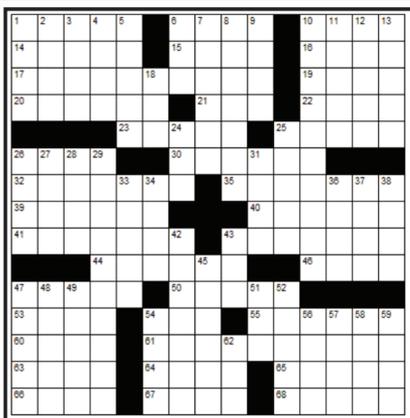


Try to stay disciplined and focused today, Aquarius. This may be easier said than done, but it's crucial for preserving your sanity. There's a restrictive, weighty air to the day that may put a damper on your jovial nature. Instead of getting down on yourself, use this energy to your advantage and make order out of the chaos in your life. Eat a healthy meal and share your thoughts with others.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You're going through a time in which you have the opportunity to make tremendous advances, Pisces. These rewards won't come without hard work and discipline, however, and this seems to be a focus of the day. Get your emotions in line and make the best of what seems to be a pretty dreary situation. A fantastic opportunity is at hand.



Across

- Cottage, 6. Visage, 10. Parsley or sage, 14. Distant, 15. Dwarf buffalo, 16. Double-reed woodwind, 17. Tediiously repetitious, 19. Decomposes, 20. Required, 21. Fury
- Margarine, 23. Restricts, 25. Explosion, 26. Bottomless, 30. Record player, 32. Typographical error, 35. Hint, 39. Be attentive to, 40. Nobleman, 41. A dais, 43. Ductile
- Chemical cousin, 46. Stepped, 47. Spasm, 50. Mentally prepare, 53. Violent disturbance
- Obtain, 55. Ventilator, 60. Decorative case 61. Illogical, 63. Does something, 64. Boor
- Baffled, 66. Not us, 67. Backside, 68. Exams, ,

Down

- Vilify, 2. Balm ingredient, 3. Ice cream holder, 4. Cow, 5. Not before, 6. Air movement device, 7. Bless, 8. Parts of a meal, 9. Lack of difficulty, 10. Watchmaker, 11. African virus
- Anagram of "Store", 13. Stupefy, 18. Lyric poem
- Belief, 25. Started, 26. Expunge, 27. Anagram of "Sire", 28. At one time (archaic), 29. Nationalism, 31. Boorish
- Make fun of, 34. Annul, 36. Arab chieftain, 37. Storage cylinder, 38. Pigeon-___, 42. Male ruler of an empire
- Attempt, 45. Anagram of "Russet", 47. Delicacy, 48. Enlistment
- Way to go, 51. Feline, 52. Holdup, 54. Arizona river, 56. Learning method, 57. Rectum, 58. Diplomacy, 59. Large N American deer (plural), 62. Consumed food, ,

Yesterday's Solution



abuse, answer, bolt, break complete, convey, cork cuddle demand, direct faded, helmet, lane, lend, likely, linger, lucky maniac, partial, patchwork peace, pluck, portent prior reduce, remove seen, sewed, smooth

