

7 Rebels Killed in Ongoing Shafaq-2 Offensive

FAIZABAD - Seven militants, including notorious commander, have been killed, and as many villages purged of rebels in Faizabad, the capital of northeastern Badakhshan province, during ongoing Shafaq-2 operation, an official said on Saturday.

Deputy Police Chief Col. Mohammad Nabi Bayan told Pajhwok Afghan News the operation was launched three days ago in the Yaftal Bala local-



ity against militants. He said dreaded militants Commander Syed Ahmad was among seven insurgent killed during the offensive so far. A security official who wished to go unnamed said security forces suffered no casualties during the operation, but militants established strong defence line on the highest points in the area. He said security forces have been trying to break defence line of the enemy. (Pajhwok)

4 People Suffer Casualties Over Land Dispute



PUL-I-ALAM - One person has been killed and three others injured during an armed dispute between local people and nomads over governmental land in central Logar province, an official said Saturday.

Logar crime branch chief, Col. Mohammad Jan Abid, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the incident took place in Ghaldera area of Mohammad Agha district late on Friday. He said that a no-

mad was killed and three local residents injured in the clash.

"The nomads and local residents first engaged in verbal dispute but both sides later took weapons and fired at each other," he said.

Seven people have been arrested in connection to the incident, Abid added. Gul Rahman, a resident of Ghaldera area, said that verbal dispute between nomads and local people, ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

3 of a Family Killed by Unknown Armed Men in Balkh

MAZARISHARIF - Three members of family have been shot dead by unidentified gunmen in northern Balkh province, an official said on Saturday.



Provincial deputy police chief, Col. Abdul Raziq Qadari, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the incident took place in Kart-i-Now locality of the Maza-I-Sharif, the provincial capital, on Friday night.

He said two gunmen broke into a home and killed a woman, a child and a young boy. He linked the incident to

personal enmity. Haji Ruhullah, a resident of the area said that they heard gun fires last night and the people killed in

the incident were shifted by police to hospital. However, he had no more details about the attack. (Pajhwok)

4 Journalists Among 7 Injured in Takhar Accident

TALOQAN - Seven people, including four journalists, were wounded in a traffic accident in northern Takhar province, an official said on Saturday.

Police spokesman Maj. Khalil Asir told Pajhwok Afghan News a number of journalists were travelling from Takhar to Kunduz when the incident took place in Qalberz locality.



He said seven people were injured, including four journalists. The provincial hospital director, Jamil Frotan, confirmed receiving seven injured people, three of them in

critical contrition. Meanwhile, Independent Journalists Association head Saboor Waqif said the injured included Aryana TV reporter Nusrat Ibrahim and cameraman

Naeem Rahimi. Iran's Persian TV journalist Irfan Bazgar and Khurshid TV reporter Shafiq Poya were also injured in the accident, he added. (Pajhwok)

Fuel, Sugar Prices Edge Down in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of petrol, diesel and sugar edged down while the rate of Arabian gold soared in the capital Kabul this week, market sources said on Saturday.

Abdul Hadi, a Wazirabad filling station worker, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the price of a liter of diesel fell from 42 afghanis to 41af and the same quantity of petrol from 45af to 44af.

The prices of liquefied gas and firewood stayed stable. Ahmad Sayar, a gas seller in Taimani neighbourhood, said the price of a kilogram of



the commodity stood at 50af, the same price as last week's. Syed Islam, a firewood seller in Charahi Shahid Square, told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of per 560 kilograms of peeled oak remained

unchanged at 6,400af and the price of the same quantity of cedar at 6,200af. In food items, the price of only sugar dipped during the outgoing week. Food Traders Union ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Woman Hangs Herself in Parwan Province

KABUL - A young woman from Parwan allegedly hanged herself on Friday because of domestic violence she had been forced to endure, officials said Saturday.

Abdul Samad Zalmi, head of Parwan's police anti-crime unit, confirmed the incident and said the woman got a divorce one week ago from her husband and hanged herself in her father's house. Parwan women's affairs department said that the victim got divorced due to domestic violence.

The victim's ex-husband is on the run but police are looking for him, Zalmi added.

According to officials, violence against women in last six months of 2016 in the country has increased by thirty-two per cent against the previous six months. (Tolnews)



A local woman poses with a gun in Qushtapa district of Jawzjan province. More than hundreds of women have taken arms against armed insurgents in the northern Jawzjan province. (Xinhua/Mohammad Jan Aria)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Your intense drive for accomplishment today is also setting a deeper tone for the weeks ahead. However, you must renegotiate old commitments before taking on new responsibilities while the evolutionary Sun-Pluto conjunction emphasizes your 10th House of Career. Thankfully, you can push through current limitations and achieve higher levels of success.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



It takes quite a bit to stop you from progressing toward your self-appointed destination once you make up your mind. Your obstinacy is even more tenacious now as the willful Sun joins relentless Pluto, shedding new light on your obsessive behavior when it comes to reaching your goals. Ride your power for all it's worth.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Unexpressed feelings of resentment can chip away at your confidence without you even realizing it. The emotionally intense Sun-Pluto conjunction occurs in your 8th House of Transformation, revealing the depth of your current metamorphosis. Nevertheless, others may not understand the strength of your convictions or the inevitability of your changes.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Although it's nearly impossible to know where your current trajectory is heading, it's obvious your world is irrevocably changing. There might not be anything you can do to slow this evolutionary process, but you could ease the pressures along the way. Turning your fear into hard work might be productive, but it won't help you get to the underlying issue.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Trying to connect with your inner child could be frustrating today, especially while all your attention is aimed toward the work ahead. Unavoidable responsibilities mount, making it clear that you must streamline your life for the sake of efficiency. The penetrating Sun-Pluto conjunction in your 6th House of Logistics requires you to prioritize your tasks.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You may know exactly what you want now and are in possession of a plan to get it. However, your ambitious drive could hurt someone you love unless you remember to consider their needs as well as your own. The radiant Sun's annual hookup with resolute Pluto can either box you into a corner or empower you to shine your light into the darkness. There is no valid reason to continue to nurse negative feelings tied to events in the past.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Sometimes you need to sink to the bottom before you can seek higher ground. Unfortunately, the mysterious Sun-Pluto conjunction falls in your 4th House of Roots, taking your emotions to a deeper level than you knew was possible. Feelings of disappointment or betrayal may surface now, but there's no reason to flinch when you see what's lurking in the shadows of your subconscious.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You're at a fork in the road now and you won't be able to cycle back to this intersection after you make your decision. You may be required to surrender a belief you once considered important, since the unforgiving Sun-Pluto conjunction in your 3rd House of Communication shines light on anything that's no longer needed.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



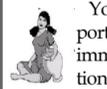
A power struggle might be precipitated by a disagreement about money with a partner or family member today. Although a solution may seem non-existent at first, the conversation will likely shift from short-term concerns to deeper matters that raise issues of conflicting values. Nevertheless, your job isn't to convince someone that your conclusions are valid; it's to listen so you can establish common ground.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your reactions to people who appear to be interfering with your life are extreme and it's challenging to moderate your response today. You could easily precipitate an unwinnable battle with a fearful or controlling person who expresses needs you cannot meet. The intense Sun-Pluto conjunction in your sign can bring a long-simmering point of contention to an emotional climax.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

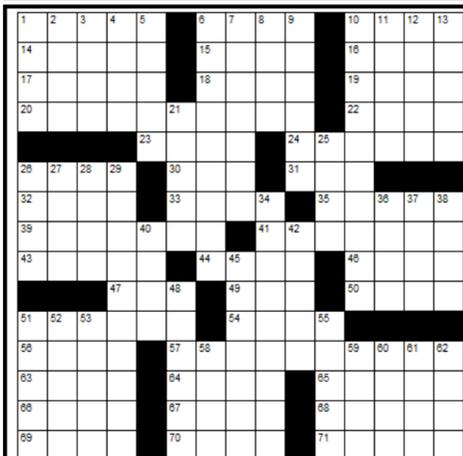


You may be worried that the window of opportunity is closing too soon, but your sense of immediacy is probably based on a false assumption. Don't waste valuable time lost in regret. Instead, concentrate on the present to make sure your current actions are consistent with your beliefs. Self-esteem is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

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



If you're not on top of a situation now you may wind up buried by it later on. Relationship issues weigh heavily on your mind while the compulsive Sun-Pluto alignment activates your 11th House of Social Networks. Take control of the process as much as possible rather than just trying to make everyone happy. Thankfully, you can achieve great things if you focus on carrying out your intentions and allowing your ambitions to fuel the fire in your belly.



Across

1. Roman cloaks, 6. Cain's brother, 10. Nap, 14. Stave off, 15. Wash, 16. Bright thought, 17. Hospitality to strangers (Ancient Greece), 18. Trigonometry (abbrev.), 19. Brothers and sisters, 20. Nonphysical, 22. Medical breakthrough, 23. Devil tree, 24. Usual, 26. A long way off, 30. Except, 31. Fitting, 32. Frailty, 33. Biblical garden, 35. Water vapor, 39. Excite, 41. Piece, 43. Ascended, 44. Rescue, 46. Units of resistance, 47. Commercial, 49. 54 in Roman numerals, 50. Snack, 51. Supporter, 54. Matured, 56. Dregs, 57. Extraneous, 63. Constellation bear, 64. He writes in verse, 65. A swindle, 66. Foundry, 67. Cocoyam, 68. Hungry, 69. Legumes, 70. Back, 71. Crystal-like rock.

Down

1. Cab, 2. Baking appliance, 3. Lady's escort, 4. Diva's solo, 5. Rise, 6. Heights, 7. Bearded, 8. Wicked, 9. Fable, 10. Discernment, 11. Ignominy, 12. Striped equine, 13. Artist's workstand, 21. Agrees, 25. Dethrone, 26. Affirm, 27. French for Finished or Done, 28. Does something, 29. Practices, 34. A ship's officer, 36. Reflected sound, 37. Charity, 38. Netting, 40. Annual, 42. Face with masonry, 45. City on San Francisco Bay, 48. Sharpshooter, 51. Chubby, 52. Eagle's nest, 53. Electrical pioneer, 55. Remove errors from, 58. Style, 59. Graphic symbol, 60. Data, 61. Breezed through, 62. Prospector's find.

Yesterday's Solution

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PINTO LEAVE NAVE
ANTITHESIS TRES
STEREO HEAT VERT
SEWS SHIRT TESTS
TSUNAMI RANSACK
UNSAFE STIFFLE
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ORAFIS YOWIS
SABRE FALLS
ANOVA DUB AILLING
BERG ELLIPTICAL
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