

Taliban Factions Clash Leave 10 Dead

FARAH CITY - At least ten Taliban insurgents were killed in the latest infighting among the Taliban factions in western Farah province.

According to the local officials, the latest infighting was ignited following a roadside bomb explosion that left several militants dead.

The officials further added that the incident took place in Bakwa district after a landmine planted by Taliban group targeted the



other rival group as they were on their way from Helmand to Farah. District administrative chief Ghawsuddin confirmed the incident and said the latest infighting took place between the supporters of Mullah Rasool and Mullah Haibatullah Akhوندزاد.

He said it is yet not clear the supporters of which group was targeted in the blast but confirmed that both the explosion and infighting left at least 10 Taliban insurgents dead. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

4 Insurgents Killed, Would-be Suicide Bomber Arrested

KABUL - Four Taliban militants, including two notorious commanders of the Haqqani network, have been killed in and a would-be suicide bomber detained, the government said on Sunday.

A statement from the Ministry of Interior (Mol) said special police forces conducted an operation in the Lalpura district of Nangarhar province, killing four insurgents including two Haqqani-network commanders Imran Khan and Shahin.

It added the two others Haqqani network members named Ziaurahman and Sarbilan were arrested and four weapons and a rocket seized during the overnight operation.

Separately, a would-be suicide bomber was arrested by the National directorate of security (NDS) personnel in the Orgun district of Paktika province on Saturday. The spy service said the ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

6 Insurgents Killed, 4 Wounded in Farah Roadside Bombing

FARAH CITY - Six Taliban militants have been killed and four others wounded in a roadside bombing in the Bakwa district of western Farah province, police said on Sunday.

The provincial police spokesman, Iqbal Bahir, told Pajhwok Afghan News the predawn explosion took place in the Porza area of the district at around 4am.

According to him, the bomb ripped through a Land Cruiser carrying the rebels from Gulistan district to Bakwa, killing six of them and wounding four others. He claimed the militants



themselves had placed the bomb. The Taliban have so far said nothing about the explosion and casualties. The group claimed there was no dispute among Taliban in Bakwa district. *(Pajhwok)*

Newly-Wed Couple Dies of Suffocation: Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - A newlywed couple died of suffocation on the first night of their wedding in the capital of northern Jawzjan province, an official said Sunday. Crime department head Abdul Malik Mam-

nun told Pajhwok Afghan News the wedding to place in the capital of Balkh province, Mazar-i-Sharif, on Saturday. "They arrived in Shiberghan yesterday. The couple lighted a gas-run heater in their room and

went to sleep leaving the heater on. They were found dead in the morning," he said. He said ignoring gas heaters often resulted in such sad incidents. The incident in Shiberghan was the first

of its kind. The groom, Mohammad Yunus, was a third year law student at Kabul University. Dr. Mohammad Haroon Arif, provincial hospital chief, said the couple died of lack of oxygen. *(Pajhwok)*

SOS from A Widow Living in Patched Tent with 8 Children

KHOST CITY - A widow from southern Khost province, living in a patched tent with her eight children, has sought assistance from the government and humanitarian.

Sherin Gula is living along with her children in Azadi Mena area, on the outskirts of Khost City, in miserable conditions. She has a tattered blanket to wrap her children in.

With no firewood to heat up her tent, Gula said her children stepped out of the makeshift abode early in the morning to bask in the sun.



"I cover them all with the single blanket we have." She collects paper pieces that are burnt inside the tent. Her son-in-law is also living with his children in another dark corner in similar plight. The compound owner dies not take rent from them. Gula's husband and elder son died years ago. Now she is living with her four daughters and as ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Procurement of Core Banking Solutions (CBS) For NBP Afghanistan Operations (Kabul and Jalalabad Branch)

In continuation to our Procurement Announcement dated Dec 07, 2016 for procurement of complete Core Banking Solution (full support for compliance functions) for NBP Afghanistan Operations, we hereby announce/inform all the interested bidders that the bidding submission deadline/date has been extended from 9th January 2017 to 15th January 2017.

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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You Rams are known for your directness, yet today you could easily outdo yourself. Messenger Mercury's direct turn in your 9th House of Big Ideas would normally be enough on its own to have you spontaneously spouting your thoughts, whether they are valid or not. However, several cosmic factors are also encouraging you to express your feelings even if you know you are likely to push someone's buttons.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Your friends may confront you with an issue that was recently swept under the rug. However, it's like someone opens Pandora's Box when communicator Mercury shifts into forward gear today, accentuating your 8th House of Deep Sharing. Although you might feel uncomfortable with the topic of discussion at first, accepting the inevitable can actually feel liberating.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

If it seems like you have reached the end of your rope, take a few deep breaths and prepare yourself for a pleasant surprise. Everything is about to change once your key planet Mercury completes its retrograde period in your 7th House of Partnerships. However, you may need to take responsibility for your feelings before you see the tension in a relationship begin to dissipate. Standing up to someone who is holding you back shifts the dynamics and puts you in control of your destiny.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Interpersonal dynamics have been quite complicated lately, making you wonder whether or not the stress is truly worth it. Thankfully, the cosmos gives you the green light today, informing you that things are about to improve if you're willing to do the work. Cerebral Mercury resumes its forward movement in your 6th House of Habits, reminding you that the planning period is over and it's time to make your move.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Although it may take a while to get going today, there's no stopping you once you do. Mercury's direct turn in your 5th House of Self-Expression triggers a barrage of creative communication that sets the tone for the days ahead. Don't wait for a better time to put a project into motion, especially if it's one that you've been thinking about for a long time.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You might be looking forward to a day of relaxation but the pace of events picks up suddenly, requiring you to leave your idyllic daydreams behind. Your key planet Mercury resumes its forward motion in your 4th House of Family, redirecting your attention to your closest relationships. However, your relatives don't seem to be playing the parts in your script that you previously assigned to them.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your inner rebel awakens today, encouraging you to behave contrary to what others expect. Of course, this urge to stir the pot conflicts with your natural desire for everyone to live in harmony. Nevertheless, your key planet Venus forms a stressful alignment with revolutionary Uranus, temporarily altering your values. Currently, it's more critical for you to be different than it is to conform.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Your psychic antennas are overly sensitive these days, dissolving boundaries between your internal and external worlds. Although your heightened awareness deepens your compassion, it also can be emotionally overwhelming. You want others to become more conscious of everyone else's feelings and to contribute to the well-being of humanity.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You've been not so patiently waiting for the moment when the clouds part and the endless blue sky becomes visible again. Logical Mercury's shift into forward motion occurs in your philosophical sign, allowing you to express your thoughts without restraint. However, it's crucial to know your limits, especially when the horizon appears so far away. Although you have little reason to moderate your opinions, you'll lose your audience unless you know when to stop.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

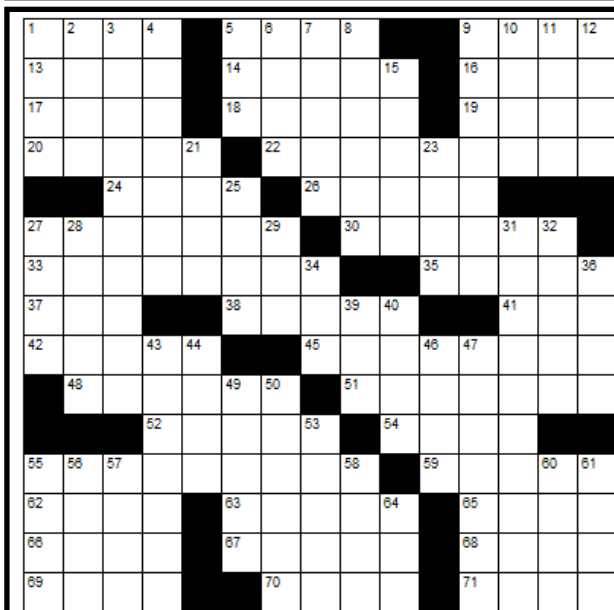
There is a sense of urgency in the air and it's challenging to maintain a rational mindset when you get swept up by unexpected circumstances. Although these are intense times and the issues you face are real, your need for immediate resolution is not necessarily based upon the current situation. Trickster Mercury turns direct in your 12th House of Destiny, convincing you that an impulsive reaction must be the correct one.

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)

There are many ways to distract yourself from what's really important today. Although this may be an intended day of rest, you might choose to fill it by pursuing unusual experiences that could bring you pleasure. Whether you go skydiving, visit an art gallery or make new friends, you don't want your activities to consist of the same old things. Nevertheless, once the amusement is over.



Across
1. Explosive device, 5. Curved molding, 9. Unwieldy state, 13. Margarine, 14. Discovered, 16. Again, 17. Large luxurious car, 18. Strength, 19. Nipple, 20. Glances, 22. Tuffets, 24. 500 sheets, 26. Besmirch, 27. Gospels, 30. Legal summaries, 33. Depicted, 35. Curtain, 37. Discomber, 38. Ancient Roman magistrate, 41. Spy agency, 42. Pussyfooted, 45. Dories, 48. Kiss, 51. Perfectly, 52. Part of the large intestine, 54. Indian dress, 55. Secede, 59. Rituals, 62. Cartoon bear, 63. Homeric epic, 65. Concern, 66. Identical or fraternal, 67. Mix together, 68. Ear-related, 69. Being, 70. Shower, 71. Exam.

Down
1. Seed-bearing capsule, 2. Hodgepodge, 3. Note, 4. Decorative book support, 5. Not on, 6. Blunder, 7. European currency, 8. Bury, 9. Meal provider, 10. 1 1 1 1, 11. Protective ditch, 12. Picnic insects, 15. Discourage, 21. Wise one, 23. Police action, 25. No more than, 27. Makes a mistake, 28. Blood vessels, 29. Directed, 31. Help, 32. Patter, 34. Accomplished, 36. Not difficult, 39. 52 in Roman numerals, 40. Terminates, 43. An addictive drug, 44. Oddball, 46. Equipment, 47. Green bean, 49. Allegation, 50. Sidesplitter, 53. Nigerian monetary unit, 55. 8 bits of data, 56. Seating sections, 57. Auspices, 58. A sharply directional antenna, 60. Anagram of "Sire", 61. Religious offshoot, 64. Lair.

Yesterday's Solution
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