

Operations Against Rebels to Continue: Defence Minister



Several Militants Killed in Separate Airstrikes of Coalition and Afghan Special Forces

KABUL - Several Taliban militants have been killed in separate airstrikes conducted by the Afghan Special Forces and Coalition Forces based in Afghanistan. The airstrikes have reportedly been carried out in Helmand, Uruzgan, Laghman, Logar, Ghazni, and Faryab provinces in the past 24 hours. According to the informed military sources, Afghan Special Operations Forces conducted a raid in Musa Qalah, killing 6 Taliban fighters and destroying 2 roadside bombs, while the coalition forces carried out a separate airstrike in support of the Afghan forces and self-defense in Musala Qala district, killing 3 additional Taliban militants and destroying a weapons cache. Similarly, Afghan Special Operations Forces conducted a raid in Sa-faar of Helmand, killing 5 Taliban fighters while a coalition air strike killed 1 Taliban fighter in Nahr-e Saraj, the sources said, adding that a coalition air strike in Tarin Kot of Uruzgan left 2 Taliban fighters dead. In the meantime a coalition air strike killed 1 Taliban fighter in Qarghah'i district of Laghman and the Afghan Special Operations Forces killed 1 Taliban fighter in Baraki Barak of Logar. A coalition air strike near the Deh Yak District Center destroyed 1 vehicle-borne IED and in a separate operation in Faryab, the Afghan and coalition security engaged Taliban fighters in Maimanah, killing 3, the sources added. (KP)

MAIMANA - At least 50 Taliban militants have been killed and wounded in fresh clearing operations in Almar and Andkhoi districts of the northwestern Faryab province, officials said on Tuesday. According to a Pajhwok Afghan News report, three key commanders were among 34 Taliban killed during the operations late on Monday. Newly-appointed acting Defense Minister Asadullah Khalid, Resolute Support Mission Commander Gen. Scot Miller and Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) head Abdul Matin Bek arrived in Maimana on Monday afternoon for talks with local officials on the security situation. The visit of the top officials and the NATO commander comes hard on the ...*(More on P4)...(14)*



Taliban Weapons Depot Seized in Logar Raid

KABUL - Intelligence operatives seized an arms depot belonging to the Taliban in central Logar province, the spy service said Monday. The depot contained a huge amount of weapons and ammunition, read a statement from the National Directorate of Security (NDS) in Kabul. It said the raid targeted the hideouts of Taliban commanders Omari, Ahmadyar, Mullah Adam Kuchi and Qari Safiullah on the Kabul-Logar highway and Khoshi district. One machinegun, 3 RPG-7 rockets, five artillery shells, one Kalashnikov, six bombs, 570 kilograms of explosives, other ammunition and military vehicles



were seized during the raid. The statement said the rebels used such weapons in attacks on supply convoys and in extorting and harassing ordinary people and passengers. The exact time and date of the raid was not mentioned. (Pajhwok)

Shansab's Case Referred to Court, Says AGO

KABUL - The Attorney General Office (AGO) on Tuesday said the case of Tamim Shansab and his 19 colleagues, who were engaged in a clash with security forces, has been dispatched to the court. AGO spokesman Jamshid Rasouli said that investigation into Shansab's and his colleagues criminal case had been completed and dispatched to the court on Monday. He said the accused have been facing the charges of murder of two persons, injuring two others,

violation of court orders, disrupting public order, attack against security personnel, land grabbing and inflicting losses to the government and private property. Shansab and his security men last month engaged in armed conflict with security personnel who reached to a house in Shahr-i-Naw to vacate the house on the orders of the court. Police arrested Shansab after 24 hours of siege in which heavy and light weapons were used by both sides. (Pajhwok)

Baghlan Highway Company Commander Killed in Attack

PUL-I-KHUMRI - The commander of a military company tasked with protecting the highway in northern Baghlan province has been killed in a Taliban attack, a public representative said Monday. Samiuddin Nazer, a member of the Baghlan provincial council, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the Taliban insurgents attacked a police patrol in Kilagi area of Doshi district on Sunday night. The highway company commander, 2nd Lt. Fawad Attai, was killed and three policemen were wounded in the attack, he said, adding the rebels tried to hijack six fuel tankers on the highway but failed. However, Dr. Abdul Halim Ghafari, deputy public health director, said one dead body of a policeman and nine injured ...*(More on P4)...(15)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Everything should be going great for your career, Aries. It may all seem too good to be true, but rest assured that it's real. Events could involve a job change, promotion, raise, or the opportunity to strike out on your own. Don't kid yourself. A lot of challenges lie ahead, but this should all lead to great personal satisfaction in the long run. Go for it.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Discussions with those close to you could lead to the discovery of new concepts, perhaps from foreign cultures. You will want to learn more about them, Taurus, as will your friends. You might even decide to plan a trip to a place where you could expand your knowledge of this new interest. Any trip planned today should go smoothly and be quite rewarding. Don't hesitate.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

- Emotions that run very deep should bring you a lot of satisfaction today, Gemini. Relationships of all kinds could also be especially promising. A romantic relationship may be consummated, revitalized, or moved to the next level of commitment. Close friendships might become closer because of your mutual interests. Happiness and satisfaction should reign in the home today.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Relations with neighbors, siblings, or other relatives could get a shot in the arm now, Cancer. For some, your recent business successes cause them to get on the bandwagon. For others, your personal growth could increase their admiration of you. Partnerships of any kind formed today show great promise of success.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Success in your work continues to bring good fortune your way. Today you might get reassurance that this isn't a flash in the pan. You're likely to be financially secure for a long time. You're probably feeling strong and robust, full of energy and stamina, and ready to take on just about any challenge. Move ahead, Leo, but move with caution.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

As you continue to enjoy success and good fortune, your self-confidence grows, Virgo, and so you're likely to attract new relationships with fascinating people in exciting fields who share your vision and interests. These could be business associations, close friendships, or new romantic partners. Relax and be yourself. You don't have to impress anyone. They probably already like you.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Today your sensitivity joins forces with practicality. Intuitive insights could come to you today, and you might express your new ideas to others, Libra. Don't be surprised if they accept them. Your unconscious mind is on a far more practical track than you may assume. Make use of this ability while you can because it might not be so clear tomorrow. Go with the flow.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Today shows the promise of being a very busy yet fulfilling day, Scorpio. Enterprises involving corporations, churches, or other groups in your community are likely to benefit from your participation. You combine intuition with practicality in everything you do. You're especially communicative and good at dealing with others. Don't be surprised if public recognition comes your way.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Your financial success over the past several weeks may seem too good to be true, Sagittarius. It might make yet another leap forward. This should make you happy. It also could bring up your insecurity over whether or not this cycle will continue. It probably will for a while. It might be a good idea to save or invest your money, just so you can feel more secure in the future.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

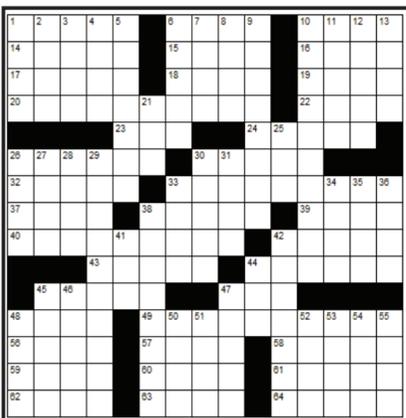
You're flying high at this point, Capricorn, enjoying the success you've achieved over the past several weeks. Today you could accomplish yet another goal, adding to your feeling of accomplishment. You might plan a vacation or perhaps return to college. The expansion of your horizons hasn't left you complacent. Instead, you want to continue expanding.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

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Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

All your relationships should be especially warm and supportive now, Pisces. This is a great day to form a business, personal, or romantic partnership. Business partnerships made now should be successful, while committed romantic bonds entered into today could well last for a long time. Be open, honest, and unafraid to speak your mind. You might find that others share your thoughts.



Across

1. Abatement, 6. Sleep in a convenient place, 10. Utilized, 14. 3-banded armadillo, 15. Modify, 16. Old stories, 17. Excellence, 18. Soft drink, 19. Small slender gull, 20. Standards, 22. Regrets, 23. Direction, 24. Listened to, 26. Short sleep, 30. Front parts of human legs, 32. Apparel, 33. Patronized, 37. Violent disturbance, 38. Seeking damages, 39. Not, 40. Dour, 42. Burn slightly, 43. Violent disturbances, 44. Winner, 45. Insect stage, 47. Carriage, 48. Rectal, 49. Nationalism, 56. Cab, 57. Nile bird, 58. Oddity, 59. 1 1 1 1, 60. Infamous Roman emperor, 61. Chalk, 62. Annoyance, 63. Secluded valley, 64. Beginning,

Down

1. Young sheep, 2. Type of sword, 3. Mountain pool, 4. Relating to urine, 5. Foot trail, 6. Erode, 7. Smell, 8. A lustrous fabric, 9. Hoarding, 10. Inaudible, 11. French for "Sister", 12. Made a mistake, 13. Lairs, 21. Chart, 25. Ensign (abbrev.), 26. Automobiles, 27. Diva's solo, 28. Gait faster than a walk, 29. A type of biologist, 30. Rotates, 31. Sharpen, 33. A set of garments, 34. Deliver a tirade, 35. Therefore, 36. One who colors cloth, 38. Spying, 41. 18-wheeler, 42. Sandstorm, 44. 7 in Roman numerals, 45. Absurd, 46. Anagram of "Exams", 47. Malignant burning, 48. At the peak of, 50. Cairn's brother, 51. Rubber wheel, 52. Change direction, 53. Angers, 54. Location, 55. Protective ditch,

Yesterday's Solution

CUBIC, GRAFT, ANGLE, RAPTURE, ORDAIN, CONELLIER, DOR, TYPHOID, TAN, OUE, LEAVE, WILLE, ESSIE, WALLE, TOUL, REST, AIL, PANNY, PROXY, NEG, OWLS, LAWS, LEGAD, OHIO, WAIN, PLED, NOOB, HILL, DEARSAY, ONE, ICEBOATS, REAPER, PENANCE, CADES, TRIED, SHOES

anybody, arise, assistance, build, crime, dam, devil, diminish, drone, funny, guide, happen, heart, hurry, impact, intervene, knock, manage, message, mountain, near, nice, parable, pole, prayer, promise,

