

Taliban Widely Active where Baghlan Coalminers were Shot

KABUL - Video footage obtained by TOLONews shows that Taliban militants are extremely active in the Tala Wa Barfak district in Baghlan where at least eight coalminers were killed earlier this month. The video shows how security forces returned to Baghlan's capital city, Pule-Khumri, after reportedly failing to arrest the perpetrators of the attack on coalminers due to the presence and activity of the Taliban in the district. TOLONews' Hamid Shirzai, who visited the area where the coalminers were shot, said signs of the shooting were



still visible in the area. Shirzai, who also accompanied a military convoy into the district, said as the security forces moved into the area, they could see Taliban strongholds getting stronger near the mountainous areas in Tala Wa Barfak. "We are in Anar Dara area. We conducted the operation as per the order of President [Ashraf Ghani]. We are here to arrest the two men who allergy gunned down the coalminers. We arrived here but the two suspects are fugitives," said Lieutenant Colonel Ziauddin, commander of first Battalion of 209 Shahin Corps. ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Taliban Suffer Heavy Casualties as 2 Major IED Factories Destroyed

KABUL - The Taliban militants suffered heavy casualties during an operation of the Afghan security forces in western Nimroz province of Afghanistan, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said Thursday. According to a statement by MoI, at least 80 Taliban insurgents were killed and two large Improvised Explosive Device (IED) factories were destroyed during the operation. The statement further added that the militants suffered casualties during the operations which were launched ten days ago in Khashrud district. According to MoI, a compound used by the shadow district governor of the Taliban was also destroyed during the operations and at least 20 foreign insurgents were killed. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. Taliban militants and ...*(More on P4)...(21)*

Maternal, Child Mortality Increases in Baghlan District

PULKHUMRI - Residents of Tala Wa Barfak district in Baghlan said they are concerned about an increase in maternal and child mortality in their region due to a lack of access to Pule-Khumri, the capital city of the province.



The residents said it takes 10 hours to travel to the city from the district; therefore, a number of pregnant women and their children die on the way to hospital. The residents claimed that more than five women and

children lose their lives every month on the way to hospitals in the central city of the province. "At least five to six pregnant women or their children lose their lives on the way to the hospital due to unconstructed roads," said Fazl Ahmad, a resident of Tala Wa Barfak. "The residents' economy ...*(More on P4)...(22)*

Jawzjan Orchard Owners Receive Gardening Tools

SHIBERGHAN - The Agriculture and Livestock Department of northern Jawzjan province on Thursday distributed advanced gardening equipment to farmers.

Agriculture and Livestock Director Mohammad Rahman Arghandiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News 24 farmers from six districts of the province received the tools today. "We have trained three to four leading farmers ...*(More on P4)...(24)*

3 Rebels Dead, 5 Held in Herat Overnight Raid

HERAT CITY - Three Taliban have been killed five arrested and the group's training centre destroyed in Afghan and foreign forces a joint operation in the Shindand district of western Herat province, an official said on Friday. Governor Spokesman Jilani Farhad told Pajhwok Afghan News foreign and Afghan forces in a joint overnight raid destroyed the Taliban's training ...*(More on P4)...(25)*

Afghan TV Station Targeted by Taliban Wins AFP Award

KABUL - Independent Afghan TV news station TOLO picked up the 2016 Agence France-Presse Kate Webb prize Thursday for its fearless reporting in one of the world's most dangerous countries. The prize, named after a crusading AFP reporter who died in 2007, was given to ...*(More on P4)...(26)*

6 Dead, 4 Al-Qaeda Members Held in Nangarhar Raid

JALALABAD - Six people have killed, two wounded and four Al-Qaeda members, including the group's financial affairs in charge, arrested in security forces raid in the GhaniKhel district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Friday. Two night vision binoculars, signal detectors, one Kalashnikov and some other equipment were recovered from the detainees in the overnight raid conducted in the Shpagwistama Wyali locality, Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman said. He did not provide the identity of dead and wounded individuals, but said a del-



egation had been dispatched to the area for investigations. Abdul Khaliq Nazari, the town's administrative chief, confirmed the incident but could not be reached for further details. Atal Shinwari, the resident of locality, also confirmed the late night operation in the area and said six people were killed in security forces raid. He said two guests and four innocent young men had been killed during the offensive. (Pajhwok)

21 Rebels Killed, Wounded in Kapisa Offensive

MAHMOOD RAQI - Twenty-one militants have been killed and wounded and militants have been purged of four localities in the Tagab district of central northeastern Kapisa province during ongoing clearing operation, an official said on Friday.



Police Chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Razaq Yaqubi told Pajhwok Afghan News fighting was still ongoing in some areas of the district between security forces and the militants.

He said four large areas had been cleared of the insurgents and as many rebel commanders were among 21 killed and wounded. He said the operation would continue until militants were purged of all southern areas of the district. Haji Jannat, the resident of locality, said fighting was underway in the southern and central part of the district in which local security forces, civilians and militants suffered casualties. Some people had migrated to other places due to fighting which was still underway, he added. Police Spokesman Mohammad ...*(More on P4)...(23)*

12 Militants Killed in Garamser District

LASHKARGAH - Local officials on Thursday said 12 militants including a commander have been killed in an airstrike in Garamser district of southern Helmand province. The district chief, Ayub Omar Omari, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Afghan forces conducted the air raids in Gimak and Kharki areas of the district on Wednesday night. He said 12 militants were killed, including Mualvi At-tiqullah, a notorious Taliban commander, and several others were wounded. The governor's spokesman, Omar Zwak, confirmed the



Taliban's casualties in Garamser and said security situation in the district was improving and the rebels were on the run. However, there has been no word from the Taliban about the air strikes. Six of 14 districts of Helmand, the opium rich region, are completely under Taliban control. The Afghan forces control only centers of a number of other districts. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You are operating with conflicting agendas today and might be unable to resolve the differences. On one hand, you want to retreat from the outer world and spend the day in quiet contemplation. It's not that you're lazy; you just need some time to reflect on your life so you can decide what you want to do next. On the other hand, there are places to go and people to see.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You're unclear about your role with your friends and associates today. At work, you might not know where you best fit into the group process, or it may seem awkward to participate in social events. There's no reason to fake enthusiasm if you're not feeling a connection now. It's easier to establish your rhythm when you're not trying to dance to someone else's drum beat.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You might have your day mapped out in great detail, only to discover that you must change your schedule when something happens that's beyond your control. But perhaps you need to reconsider your overall goals before you simply shuffle a few appointments around. Rather than getting caught up in the tiny details, take a few steps back to review your current position, where you're coming from and where you wish to go.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

It's no fun when your coworkers make demands on your time, especially when you think they are being unreasonable. You know what needs to be done now and prefer to just get on with it. Unfortunately, things aren't flowing easily because people seem to be slightly misguided today. Nevertheless, it's not your job to straighten out anyone else when there's still plenty of unfinished business on your plate.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You may be mildly annoyed with others today, especially if your creative muse is nowhere to be found. It's tempting to blame someone for your shortcomings, but your unhappiness is likely more about you than anyone else. You could be irritated because concentration is challenging when your emotions get in the way of logic.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Misinterpreting someone's signals today could land you in a heap of trouble. Coworkers and friends can contribute to your confusion if they are not clear about their own goals. Remember, it's all too easy to jump to a conclusion based upon a faulty assumption when you don't have all the facts at your disposal. Thankfully, preventing a misunderstanding before it happens takes very little effort on your part if you simply ask the right questions along the way.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You know you can be more productive if you work alone today, but you're willing to sacrifice some overall efficiency for the sake of your team. But just pretending to be a part of the group won't achieve the results you seek; you must be willing to fully participate, even if it means getting your hands dirty. A half-hearted promise isn't the same as a real commitment. There are only two options: you're either in or you're out.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You're in a no-nonsense mood when it comes to business today - or so you say. You may attempt to do all the right things in order to demonstrate how serious you are now. Nevertheless, you might be unable to deny your inner child of its need to come out and play. Unfortunately, the more you restrict the fun and games, the less productive you are.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Sometimes, you just can't help but show the world your true colors, even if it doesn't further your cause. Your mind is not on work today; instead, you're dreaming of flying to Mars or conquering a Tibetan mountain. Unfortunately, your visions of the future are not grounded in reality, yet you talk about them as if they are already in the works. No doubt, everyone loves your I-can-do-it attitude, but only if you can discern the difference between fact and fancy.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

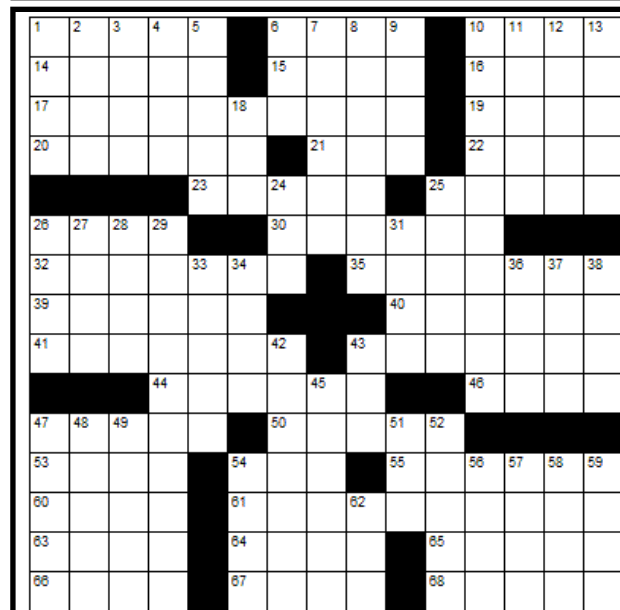
Although your definition of success may change month by month, achieving your dreams is on your agenda now. Nevertheless, it might seem as if the window of opportunity is closing so fast that you could lose your chance before you can make something happen. Ironically, true satisfaction isn't always found by attaining measurable results. Instead of basing your happiness on material wealth, go deep within to find an abundance of joy.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Love is in the air, but it seems as if you must meet someone else's expectations in a very specific manner if you want the approval you seek. However, being acknowledged by others won't fill the longings of an empty heart. Thankfully, your self-esteem soars when you reexamine your core values and choose a path based upon expressing them in the real world.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Paradoxically, you can be optimistic about your future even if you can't keep your feelings straight today. Instead of running the risk of high stress and irrepressible frustration, temporarily shift your focus away from your emotions and toward your daily routine. Concentrate on those activities that you perform day in and day out, without worrying about anything else. Limiting your actions narrows your thinking and frees you from a vicious cycle.



Across

- 1. Leaf opening, 6. Sneaker or pump, 10. Powdery dirt, 14. Cassettes, 15. Klutz's cry, 16. Ancient Peruvian, 17. Ecstasy, 19. Glance over, 20. Mold, 21. South southeast, 22. Cushions or mats, 23. Relaxes, 25. Itinerant, 26. Historical periods, 30. Loan shark, 32. Give in, 35. Xylophone, 39. Mountain range, 40. Food allowance for a day, 41. Resulting, 43. Tartarus, 44. Vital spirit or soul, 46. Found on rotary phones, 47. Worth, 50. Wanderer, 53. By mouth, 54. Hole-making tool, 55. Fail to fulfill a promise, 60. Drunkard, 61. Doorman, 63. Brother of Jacob, 64. Beers, 65. Less damp, 66. Wreaths, 67. Lease, 68. Hosiery.

Down

- 1. Flower stalk, 2. Cab, 3. Iridescent gem, 4. Blend, 5. Daisylike bloom, 6. Drunkard, 7. Lifting devices, 8. Nocturnal arboreal marsupial, 9. Feudal worker, 0. Demoralized, 11. Open, as a bottle, 12. Oodles, 13. A Eurasian aromatic herb, 18. Reverence, 24. A type of large sandwich, 25. Hebrew unit of weight, 26. Being, 27. Wreckage, 28. Air force heroes, 29. Conscientious, 31. Unusual, 33. Pee, 34. Head of hair, 36. Short skirt, 37. ___ fide, 38. A Freudian stage, 42. Topmost planking of a boat, 43. A leg, (slang), 45. Unfrozen, 47. Not a consonant, 48. Mount, 49. Hawaiian veranda, 51. Biblical boat, 52. Accomplishments, 54. Food thickener, 56. Roman emperor, 57. Sweeping story, 58. Eccentric person, 59. Makes a mistake.

Yesterday's Solution

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