

# 23 Taliban, 4 ANA Troops Dead in Kandahar Battle



KANDAHAR - At least 23 Taliban attackers were killed during an hours long battle with Afghan National Army (ANA) troops in southern Kandahar province, an official said Saturday. Four ANA troops were lost to the clash in Ghorak district, said Qudratullah Khosh Bakht, the governor's spokesman. He told Pajhwok Afghan News dozens of rebels attacked on the ANA and police posts in the

district late on Friday night at around 1:00am. The ensuing clash left 23 assailants and four ANA personnel dead. Some bodies of the rebels remained at the scene. Provincial police spokesman Zia Durani confirmed the incident and the Taliban casualties, adding only two policemen suffered wounds in the attack. Reinforcements had reached the area and the situation was no under control, he concluded.

The Taliban have not yet commented about the incident. Separately, security forces killed two Taliban militants in Maleed locality of the Takhtapul district during an operation, the police spokesman said. Durrani said civilians suffered no casualties in the operation that also resulted in confiscation of one rocket, one Kalashnikov and two motorbikes belonging to the rebels. (Pajhwok)

## Afghanistan Beat Pakistan in U19 Cricket World Cup

WHANGAREI, New Zealand - The Asian U19 champions displayed a tremendous performance against Pakistan in the opening match of the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup in Whangarei, New Zealand.

Pakistan batted first in the match and set 189 as target for Afghanistan. The target was completed by the Afghan team by losing 5 wickets in 48 overs.

The right hand striker Darwish Rasooli of Afghanistan got 76 runs and guided the U19 Asia Cup champions to a 5 wicket win against Pakistan.



Rasooli was declared man of the match. In this match, Pakistan lost all its wickets in 48 overs and made 188 runs. Rahel Nazari played well for Pakistan and made 81 runs.

From Afghanistan side, Azamatullah and Qais Ahmad each got three wickets from Pakistan.

The Afghan U-19 national cricket team will face Sri Lanka on Wednesday in their second match of the World Cup.

The Afghan team left the country for New Zealand one month ago to prepare for the event.

Afghanistan had also made an impression in the 2016 World Cup where they won the plate final. The National Cricket Team Leg-spinner Rashid Khan was one of the key members of that squad and is now one of the leading spinners of the world in ODIs and T20Is.

The 11th edition of the Under-19 World Cup will be played across seven venues in four cities - Whangarei, Tauranga, Christchurch and Queenstown - over 22 days. This is the third time the tournament is being held in New Zealand, after 2002 and 2010.

Afghanistan has been placed in D group where it will compete with Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Ireland.

Pakistan have been one of the better sides in the U19 Cricket World Cup over the years.

They are the only ones to have won back-to-back titles, in 2004 and 2006, and have also finished runners-up on ...*(More on P4)...*(13)

## Taliban Out to Foment Ethnic Trouble in Ghazni: Governor



GHAZNI CITY - The governor of southern Ghazni province on Saturday accused the Taliban of stirring up tribal disputes. However, the militant group rejected the allegation. Governor Abdul Karim Mateen told reporters here the Taliban, in compliance with orders from neighbouring countries, were trying to create prob-

lems among residents of Qarabagh district. A month back, Pashtuns and Hazaras had a serious land and water problem in the district. The tribal dispute resulted in the killing of one Pashtun. The Hazara tribe was blamed for the killing. After the incident, ...*(More on P4)...*(11)

## At Least 4 Soldiers among 11 Killed in Helmand Attack



LASHKARGAH - Four Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and seven Taliban insurgents have been killed in a clash in the Greshk district of southern Helmand province, an official said on Saturday. A reliable source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants at-

tacked army check-posts in the district late on Friday. Four personnel and seven Taliban were killed in the ensuing firefight. Nine soldiers and several insurgents wounded in the gunbattle, said the source. Provincial security official have not yet commented on the incident. ...*(More on P4)...*(12)

## Taliban Kill HIA Commander's Sons in Ghor Clash

FEROZ KOH - Two sons of a former Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) commander have been killed and he injured in a clash with Taliban insurgents in western Ghor province, an official said Saturday. Gunmen loyal to Taliban commander Abdul Hamid injured HIA commander Jahan Sher and

killed his two sons late on Friday, confirmed Abdul Rahman Attashan, deputy chief of the provincial council. He told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash occurred over the collection of usher or 10th part of a harvest. The governor's spokesman, Abdul Hai Khatibi, said the two anti-government commanders clashed

over leadership of the tribe. He also confirmed the casualties. However, the Taliban rejected any clash with HIA commander in the area. Some other sources said commander Jahan had been arrested by the government over cooperation with Taliban but released him after one year in jail. (Pajhwok)

## 8 Afghan Nationals Detained in Balochistan Raids

QUETTA - Eight Afghan refugees have been detained in different areas of Pakistan's southwestern Balochistan province. The arrests came in a string of raids by the Frontier Corps (FC) on Friday -- days after a suicide bomber killed seven people in the provincial capi-

tal. On Tuesday, seven people including five Balochistan Constabulary personnel were killed after a bomber struck a security forces' truck near the Balochistan Assembly. A statement from the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Friday: "Ba-

lochistan FC conducted intelligence-based operations] in Sambaza, Sibbi and Hazar Ganji areas." Weapons and ammunition including grenades, improvised explosive devices, rockets and explosives were recovered in the operations, the army's media wing said. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Spontaneity often serves you well, encouraging you to initiate action before you consider the consequences. Although you probably know better, you're still inclined to take a risk today because it feels like you're running out of time. However, making a decision while you are panicking is never a wise move.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus You are extremely motivated to clarify your intentions for the future. Although you're able to meet your obligations, you might feel as if you're treading water rather than making real progress. Naturally, it makes more sense to focus on your immediate responsibilities when you lack a destination and a concrete plan to get there.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Gemini Your curiosity is operating on overdrive and it's time to act on your recently acquired knowledge. Although you've been known to bury yourself under piles of data, your current ability to uncover the most useful information brings you exactly what you need to know. The research phase is coming to a close; instead of digging for more facts now, put the ones you already have to good use.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Cancer Although relationships can be hard work, they offer you the emotional security you crave. However, you worry about living up to the expectations of your partner or friend. It's frustrating when you are doing your best and it's still not enough. You might reach a point today when you realize something needs to change.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Leo The pressure to make changes in your daily routine continues to rise and fall like waves washing up on the beach. However, the feeling of dissatisfaction doesn't go away today, even when the tension eases. Although direct action may be required now, it's much wiser to execute a well-thought-out plan rather than reacting when the stress is at its height.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Virgo Expressing yourself creatively connects your inner feelings with your outer world. However, you may choose to tone down your message today, so you won't provoke negative reactions from those you want to reach. However spontaneous or playful you might appear to others now, your actions will likely be well-planned and fully under your control. Nevertheless, you still could say or do things in the moment that you will later regret.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Libra You're being pushed to the edge of your comfort zone today, yet you might not want others to know. Someone's unpredictable behavior may be turning your life upside down and you believe that self-restraint on your part can flip a potential upset into a victory. Nevertheless, calculated risks will likely pay off now, as long as you are willing to trust the process.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Scorpio The atmosphere is buzzing with noise today, making it difficult to discern what's important from trivial matters. You may simultaneously feel attraction and repulsion that can tear you in half or, in a brilliant flash of awareness, reveal a brilliant solution to your current dilemma. However, you could sacrifice personal freedom if you openly express your affections to someone.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Sagittarius Your nerves are all fired up, but you can't put your finger on the cause of your jumpiness. You wish you could settle down today, but it feels as if the cosmos has other plans for you. You're ready to burst at the seams, yet a deep sense of purpose prevents you from losing your temper needlessly. Nevertheless, pent-up feelings could explode if you feel too constrained.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Capricorn Although your life seems to be on a path to stabilization these days, you're feeling restless and ready for major movement today. You want to reap the benefits of your previous work but are reluctant to accept the restrictions that come along with making a commitment. Irrepressible feelings incite unexpected shifts in your dreams.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

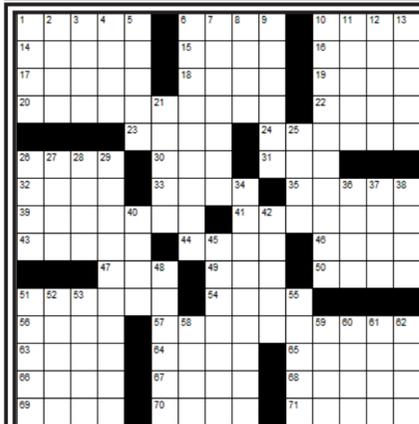


Aquarius Your dreams are larger than life and there is little you can do to ignore them today. Your imagination is vivid, and your thoughts are loud. You are happily aware that your positive attitude shapes your future. However, this over-the-top energy might do more harm than good if left unmanaged. Be careful not to take on more than you can handle.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Pisces What you see is only part of what you get today. There's a lot going on and you can prevent emotional indigestion by biting off a little bit at a time. However, you have mixed feelings about your involvement with others now. You want to be included in activities with your friends, but accommodating their needs is difficult when you're feeling more independent.



#### Across

1. It forms on a wound, 2. A city in western Russia, 3. Black, in poetry, 4. Breeze, 5. Grave marker, 6. Maples, 7. Square dance, 8. Leer at, 9. Large tusked sea mammal, 10. Emptying out of a building, 11. Stogie, 12. One of the Canterbury pilgrims, 13. Mammary gland of bovinds, 21. Master of ceremonies, 25. Slip, 26. Physiques, 27. Foment, 28. Transfer possession, 29. A type of craftsman, 34. Abash, 36. Reflected sound, 37. A female domestic, 38. Blackthorn, 40. Anagram of "Note", 42. Banana oil, e.g., 45. A symptom of jaundice, 48. Ski race, 51. Arm joint, 52. Nigerian monetary unit, 53. A type of resin, 55. Front or back lawns, 58. Common hop, 59. Tight, 60. Notion, 61. Anagram of "Silo", 62. Snack,

#### Down

1. Seethes, 6. Display, 10. Beige, 14. A Biblical measure, 15. Eastern discipline, 16. Competed, 17. Only, 18. Mobile phone, 19. Senile, 20. Music director, 22. Grotto, 23. Ammunition, 24. Loan shark, 26. Purses, 30. Bovine, 31. Calypso offshoot, 32. Death notice, 33. Sea eagle, 35. List components, 39. Ardent follower, 41. Physical examination, 43. Shorthand, 44. Brothers and sisters, 46. Buckeye State, 47. N N N N, 49. Feline, 50. Connecting point, 51. Hard glossy coating, 54. 3, 56. Tibetan monk, 57. Deviation, 63. Parts of aprons, 64. Former Italian currency, 65. Audio communications, 66. Chocolate cookie, 67. Burden, 68. Honor fights, 69. Alert, 70. Untidiness, 71. Hiding place,

#### Yesterday's Solution

NADIA BASED SLIM  
TIBID REINE LOIE  
NOTEWORTHY ACES  
JUT ANISE BLAWA  
ATOMIZE RAPID  
ALIE TRAUMATIA  
SIOARS PETID BIB  
PUCE GONER FLEE  
JICE BARDON GUEST  
THRILLER BUN  
SHALIE ECHAIT DOE  
BLUEST ERUDENT  
PATIU ALLOCATION  
AHEM SLOPE ALSO  
MADE AISTER BEEN

action, arrest, chain, choke, clear, cramp, danger, divide, entire, first, gait, great, guard, hammer, heart, impose, match mature, motion, opportunity, pagination, press resist, rife, right, select share, skate, spray

