

'Civilians Suffer Casualties in Ghanikhel Raid'

JALALABAD - All those killed, wounded and arrested during an Afghan special forces' operation in Ghanikhel district of eastern Nangarhar province were civilians, a source said on Sunday. The raid was carried out by the Afghan Special Forces in Shpagwistama Wyali locality of the district on Friday night in pursuit of Al Qaeda members. Governor's spokesman Attaullah Khogyani on Friday told Pajhwok Afghan News that four Al Qaeda members, including the group's financial affairs in-charge, were arrested in the operation. He had said six people were also killed



and three others wounded in retaliation against the Afghan security forces. However, he did not identify those people killed and injured. But local residents said all the injured or killed were civilians including teenagers. Meanwhile, a delegation from the Nangarhar governor's house has been sent to the area to investigate the incident and identify those suffered casualties. Khogyani today said the delegation had completed its investigation and the shared its findings with the governor's house. ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

3 Smugglers Detained with 100kg of Opium

FEROZKOH/ZARANJ - Three drug smugglers and a group of robbers have been arrested along with 100 kilograms of narcotics in western Ghor and southwestern Nimroz provinces, officials said on Sunday. Ghor police chief, Brig. Gen. Mustafa Mohseni, told Pajhwok Afghan News the drug smugglers were detained while trafficking 100 kilograms of opium in three vehicles to the Pasaband district of the province on Saturday night. He did not provide details about the identities of the detainees. Due to their impassability, Ghor routes were used to smuggle drugs from north to south and weapons from south to north, he confirmed. Security forces were determined to fight against militants and smugglers, Mohseni said, adding the detainees were under investigation. Meanwhile, Nimroz police chief, Brig. Gen. Ghulam Jilani Abu Bakar, ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

Paralysed Man Commits Suicide in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - A 30-year old paralysed man shot himself to death with a pistol in northeastern Badakhshan province, an official said on Sunday. Crime Branch Chief, Col. Sakhi Dad Haidari, told Pajhwok Afghan News Farid was paralysed after a traffic mishap a couple of weeks earlier in Faizabad, the provincial capital. The reason behind the suicide was family violence and dismal Farid might have felt from people around him, Haidari said. The incident was being investigated and no one was arrested as yet. *(Pajhwok)*

7 Civilians Killed, 2 Wounded in Nangarhar Bombing

JALALABAD - Seven civilians, including a woman, were killed and two others wounded in a roadside bombing in the Pachiragam district of eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said. The blast ripped through the pick-up the civilians were traveling in. Qari Hijrat, the town's administrative chief, said the incident happened at around 8:30am in Bargholi area, killing seven people and injuring two others, including a child. Habib ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

24 Children Live with Imprisoned Mothers in Takhar

TALOQAN - Twenty-four children have been living with their convicted mothers at the women's jail in northern Takhar province, an official said on Sunday. Abdul Wadud, the jail in charge, told Pajhwok Afghan News the 24 children aged between four to nine years stayed with their mothers in the jail. He said the children and their imprisoned mothers were deprived of basic facilities like education and the government was not

concerned about them. He said: "We are worried about the situation, the mothers are jailed for crimes they had committed, but their children who should go to school and be brought up in a proper environment are also living behind the bars." The jail is run from a rented home having three rooms where 40 female prisoners are kept along with 24 children. The children inside the prison have no facilities



to play or study and they wear plastic sandals in the harsh winter. Takhar Prisons Director

Col. Mahmoodul Hassan Shahidzada Ikrami said the issue children in the ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

49 Taliban Killed in Helmand, Uruzgan Raids

LASHGARGAH - Nearly 50 Taliban militants, including some notorious commanders, have been killed and scores of others wounded during security forces' operations in central Uruzgan and southern Helmand provinces, officials said on Sunday. The governor's house of Helmand province in a statement received by Pajhwok Afghan News said 15 Taliban rebels, including four Pakistani insurgents, were killed and 10 others wounded in foreign



forces' airstrikes in Musa Qala district late on Saturday night. Mullah Tahir, financial manager of militants, Haji Nasir, recruitment head,

Haji Khadam, a military unit director, Haji Rohani, shadow district chief for Nehr-i-Siraj district, Mullah Sadiq Agha, head of ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

Project Irrigating 3,000 Hectares of Land Completed

AIBAK - An irrigation project watering 3,000 hectares of land has been completed in the Hazrat Sultan district of northern Samangan province, an official said on Sunday. Aibak River Basin deputy head Amanullah Haqmal told Pajhwok Afghan News the water channel with two meters width and three meters height was built in Asiabad valley in six months. He said the project would provide irrigation water to 3,000 hectares of land in eight villages of Hazrat Sultan. The district chief, Sirajud-



din Fitrat, said the dam in Asiabad providing water to the canal was built three years ago but it was partially damaged as a result of floods last year.

Farmers were faced with problems after the dam was damaged. Mullah Mohammad Hashim, an influential ...*(More on P4)...*(20)



Afghan security force members take part in a military operation in Kunduz province. A total of 21 Taliban militants including a group commander have been killed across the conflict-hit country during series of operations over the past 24 hours, said a statement of Interior Ministry released here on Sunday. *(Xinhua/Ajmal Kakar)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Responsibilities seem to keep piling up and they won't go away until you decide to face them once and for all. Nevertheless, you're distracted by your fantasies and might try to cleverly delay your obligations a little while longer. Unfortunately, this tactic of procrastination will likely backfire today; it makes more sense to bite the bullet and resign yourself to a day of karmic catch-up.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You are looking at the world through a very practical lens today, motivating you to find satisfaction by achieving substantial results. People may marvel at your positive attitude because they know they would complain if they had your row to hoe. But you're willing, even eager, to do whatever it takes if your work influences your peers to shine their lights in the darkness. Applying your creativity for the good of all makes your heart

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Sometimes spending the day at home is a way to escape from the real world. But there are plenty of projects to finish and you're happy to have the breathing room to tie up loose ends. Mundane household chores are at the top of your to-do list. Oddly enough, focusing on physical activities frees your mind to meander in your daydreams. If you concentrate on one thing at a time, you will be amazed by how much you can accomplish with a short burst of willpower.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You like the idea of free-floating through the day without anything on your schedule. Nevertheless, creating an agenda enables you to make the most of your time. It may seem counter-intuitive to allocate space on your calendar for rest and recreation, but it's wise to relinquish your resistance to organizing everything in advance. Even if you deviate from your initial arrangement.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You have a hundred different money-making ideas running around in your head, but turning any one item into tangible income is an entirely different story. Unfortunately, the gulf between your fertile imagination and boring reality seems too wide to cross today. Nevertheless, building bridges between the present moment and your future.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You long for consistency but it is elusive today, nonetheless. Your efforts to stabilize your emotions only adds energy to their uncertainty. Nearly everything in your world seems to be in flux while the evocative Moon is camping out in your sign. It can be tiring to keep up with your never-ending mood swings now, but even more exhausting if you try to control them. Tides change, feelings change, perspectives change.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You are a closet list-maker today, and will jump through hoops to prevent others from discovering your secret. Of course, there's nothing wrong with enumerating what you want, but your heart is set on showing everyone how much you're willing to compromise. You don't want to come across as controlling, so you might pretend you aren't attached to a particular outcome now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You can see where your current path leads into the future and you're driven to modify it so it will take you exactly where you want to go. However, you might not possess as much accuracy as you wish and today's actions could profoundly impact your trajectory unless you consider all of your options first.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You might get so hung up on the logistics of your plans today that you end up missing your opportunity to put them into motion. You are engaging in a familiar dance between using a telescope to aim at the distant horizon and a microscope to focus on the minutiae. Your current inclination is to handle all the details first, but you may grow frustrated when you keep slipping into daydreams and lose touch with your goals.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

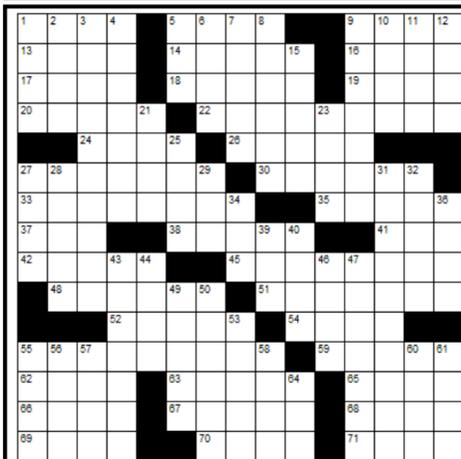
Your current idealism is like an itch that won't go away. Try as you might, making a practical plan is a real struggle today because your thoughts keep drifting toward chivalrous goals like protecting the environment or feeding the poor. However, your real problem isn't your altruism; it's about scale. Instead of trying to save the entire planet, start in your local community.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Logic enables you to only get so far as you try to navigate your way through complex relationship dynamics today. Your emotions are warping your perspective and you realize that objectivity is nowhere to be found now. However, you don't know how to start a conversation about a subject that's a mystery to you. Fortunately, the moment is rife with opportunities to grow and learn more about your feelings.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You may find yourself in an awkward position if people think you have more information in your possession than you do now. They could demand specific details all they want today, but your feelings don't easily fit into words. It might seem as if others are leaning on you to manage their own discomfort with uncertainty. However, you can't squeeze water out of a stone and you just don't have a simple solution to give anyone.



Across
1. Clods, 5. Nursemaid, 9. Anagram of "Meat", 13. Clove hitch or figure eight, 14. Blockheads, 16. Iridescent gem, 17. Govern, 18. Mixture, 19. 3 times 3, 20. Out of kilter, 22. Foolish people (vulgar), 24. Box, 26. Distend, 27. Constructor, 30. Tact, 33. Unnecessary, 35. Belief system, 37. Band booking, 38. Smells, 41. Genus of macaws, 42. Grave marker, 45. Garnishes, 48. Worn away, 51. Cloddish, 52. Sky-blue, 54. Adolescent, 55. Victims of illnesses, 59. A noble gas, 62. Algonquian Indian, 63. Rowed, 65. Hairdo, 66. End, 67. Clobbered, 68. Vats, 69. Catholic church service, 70. Found in a cafeteria, 71. If not.

Down
1. Gumbo, 2. Rectum, 3. Minstrel, 4. Spire, 5. American Dental Association, 6. Mildew, 7. Improvise, 8. Hype, 9. Watch closely, 10. Sweeping story, 11. Armored vehicle, 12. Beers, 15. Sysadmin, 21. Walk in water, 23. After-bath powder, 25. Start over, 27. Insects, 28. Come together, 29. Crimson, 31. Having purpose, 32. Masses of floating ice, 34. Point, 36. Short run, 39. 16 1/2 feet, 40. Smudge, 43. Low leather step-in shoes, 44. Axlike too, 146. Urgent request, 47. Go over again, 49. European currency (plural), 50. Imagined, 53. Mistake, 55. Pond gunk, 56. Constellation bear, 57. Charges, 58. Bristle, 60. Spheres, 61. Schnozzola, 64. Former North African ruler.

Yesterday's Solution
FUDGE ROBE PALE
TLEUM EPIC ELAN
ANELE FURL ROTE
TARANTULA SHIM
MARE TIGUANA
LANE ONTO ASPIC
ACES ONTO ASPIC
WHATNOT VITTIATE
SEPTA SMED VIES
MITHRELS
IMPALA PRAY
GIRT UNBALANCED
LXIT COOT COUPE
OUZO HONE HAREM
OIPEN KEIS THREE

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