

### Afghan Commandos Seize Hundreds of Landmines, Rockets in Helmand

KABUL - The Special Forces Of The Afghan National Defense And Security Forces (ANDSF) Have Confiscated hundreds of rounds of landmines, ammunition, and explosives from a cache belonging to the Taliban group in southern Helmand province.

The Helmand governor's office in a statement said the Afghan Special Forces conducted an operation in Sangin district late on Monday night.

The statement further added that three militants were killed and three suspects were arrested during the operation.

The Afghan Special Forces also confiscated 10 mortar rounds, 207 RPG rockets, 150 Improvised Explosive Devices, 50 remote-controlled landmines, 350 different types of ammunition rounds, 20 hand grenades, 320 kgs of explosives, and 234 equipments to be used in landmines.

The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. ...*(More on P4)...(17)*



### Seven Taliban Killed in Ghazni Clash

GHAZNI - Ghazni police claimed on Wednesday that at least seven Taliban insurgents were killed after insurgents attacked security check posts in the province.

According to Ghazni police Taliban attacked security check posts around 02:30 a.m local time in Gero district but were driven back by security forces.

According to police, the clash lasted until 06:00 a.m.

Police claimed that nine other insurgents were wounded in the clash and a large quantity of weapons were seized by the security forces.

Ghazni police said that the bodies of three Taliban fighters were found on the battle ground. However, the Taliban has not yet commented on this.

No information was provided as to whether there were casualties among security forces. *(Tolo news)*

## U.S., Kazakh Presidents Meet on Afghanistan Issue, Bilateral Ties



WASHINGTON - U.S. President Donald Trump and his visiting Kazakh counterpart, Nursultan Nazarbayev, met on Tuesday to discuss Afghanistan and bilateral ties among other topics.

In the statements released by the White House, the two presidents vowed to seek a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Afghanistan, pledging to deepen cooperation against violent extremism and international terrorism.

They also issued commitments to addressing shared challenges in Central Asia through regional formats, such as the C5+1 dialogue among Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and the United States, and welcomed future Afghan participation in C5+1 projects.

Nazarbayev promised to continue to provide critical logistical support and access for Western troops fighting terrorism,

adding that Kazakhstan has also provided Afghanistan humanitarian and technical support worth 75 million U.S. dollars, and spent 50 million dollars training Afghan civilian specialists.

Last April, Trump announced his Afghanistan strategy, saying the United States, instead of withdrawing its troops from the war-torn nation, will increase its military presence there. At the end of 2017, the U.S. military ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

### China to Encourage Pakistan's Sincerity in Terror War

KABUL - Chinese Ambassador Liu Jinsong to Kabul has assured National Security Advisor Hanif Atmar of encouraging Pakistan towards a sincere role in the war against terrorism.

The new Chinese envoy, who called on Atmar, said Beijing wanted a meaningful friendship with Afghanistan and was looking for investment in different areas, a statement from the National Security Council said.

Liu stressed on continuation of China, Afghanistan and Pakistan trilateral cooperation which he termed beneficial for the three countries.

The two sides stressed political, security and economic cooperation and discussed practical aspects of different projects.

Atmar said there was need for a joint strategy to eliminate the common enemy in the region and asked the Chinese envoy to encourage Pakistan for a sincere fight against terrorism in this regard. ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

### 18 Pardoned Inmates Released from Ghor Jail



FEROZKOH - Eighteen prisoners, including three children and two women were released from the central prison in western Ghor province in compliance with a presidential decree on Wednesday.

Provincial attorney Abdul Jalil Molwizada told Pajhwok Afghan News the inmates had been convicted of various crimes and their release happened following a presidential decree on the occasion of Eid Miladun Nabi.

The former prisoners, happy over their early release this morning, strongly promised they would not to commit crimes to avoid a return to the jail.

Currently, 145 prisoners are languishing in Ghor jail, including eight women. *(Pajhwok)*

### Afghan Forces to Get 'Double Air Support' Next War Season



KABUL - Top US and Resolute Support commander in Afghanistan, General John Nicholson, said US air support to Afghan security forces will be doubled in the next war season in order put more pressure on insurgents.

Nicholson made the remarks during his trip to Helmand province on Monday where he attended the US Marine forces command transition from Brig. Gen Roger Turner, who led the forces for nine months at Shorab Military Base, to General Watson.

Nicholson said they will increase the pressure on insurgents on the battlefields and on their safe havens out of Afghanistan's borders.

"Next year we will double the amount of close air support that the Afghan Air Force cannot provide because of additional platforms. And we will do a steady increase of the number of UH-60 that will be introduced to the air force. So this will go on for several years. The reason is we want to make sure the pilots are trained properly, the mechanics are trained properly and the air coordination is properly developed," said Nicholson.

He said it is better for the Taliban to join the Afghan peace process, "because negotiation is ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

### Samangan Cop Kills Girl over Disclosing Friendship

KABUL - A policeman shot dead a 20-year-old woman inside her family house in northern Samangan province, an official said on Wednesday.

Samangan police spokesman Munir Rahimi told Pajhwok Afghan News the policeman had been arrested and he had confessed to the murder. The policeman has been locked up in the police station in Aibak, the provincial capital.

Rahimi said the slain girl was 20-year-old and was shot dead inside her house in Kart-i-Mujahid area of Aibak.

The detainee told his interrogators that he had friendship with the girl and he recently bought a mobile phone for her.

"But when her family got informed about the mobile phone, she disclosed everything about our friendship", said Rahimi, quoting the policeman as saying.

As the girl's brother threatened the policeman, he went to the girl's home and asked why she disclosed everything about their friendship.

After a long and fierce discussion, the policeman opened fired at the girl inside her home, killing her on the spot.

Earlier this solar year, police shot and killed a girl during a search operation in Aibak. *(Pajhwok)*



## Outlook Horoscope

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

**Aries** It's not your anger that lands you in trouble today, it's what you say. Hot-under-the-collar Mars pushes chatty Mercury's proverbial buttons, triggering a verbal barrage so quickly that you don't know how things escalate to such a heated point. Although you can't take back what's already been said, you can apologize for your loss of temper. Don't wait to repair a broken bridge.

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

**Taurus** You may travel a little further today on your quest for peace and harmony. However, you like the reassurance that comes from knowing where you are, so finding yourself in uncharted territory can be unsettling at first. Don't be afraid to ask questions; it's the fastest way to gather information. But watch closely how people react.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

**Gemini** You're unwilling to listen to someone else's advice on a relationship matter today. You don't want to hear poetry, watch a movie or explore your favorite fantasies. You just want the facts -- and not just any random facts. You need unbiased information that uncovers the raw truth and enables you to gain a clear perspective on your current situation.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

**Cancer** Something is shifting in your heart that enables you to be more accepting of those you love. Although you may need to clean up a mess you helped to create during a recent emotional storm, you're ready to look ahead rather than cling to the past. But don't be too quick to assume that your newfound openness will automatically fix all your relationship problems.

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

**Leo** The warmth of your love-light is reflecting back at you in your personal relationships now. But romance isn't the only way to enjoy someone's company while good-natured Venus is camping out in your 7th House of Companions for the next three weeks. Clarify your intentions about what you want from others and what you have to offer them.

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

**Virgo** Your time at work offers an additional bonus today because you need a vacation from personal issues. Being a dedicated worker often brings you joy from a job well done. Fortunately, you have little mind space left over for other matters when you are intently concentrating on your assigned tasks. It might even be a relief that you don't have to talk about your emotions now.

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

**Libra** You are extremely appreciative of the people who love you and support your dreams, but sometimes you get so busy that you can take them for granted. However, your gratitude for their presence may be on your mind now that value-conscious Venus is traveling though socially aware Aquarius in your 5th House of Self-Expression.

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

**Scorpio** Your thoughts may drift back to childhood memories or more recent recollections of experiences with your parents or siblings. Although some of them might be very sweet, there are probably a few less-than-pleasant associations in the mix. Clinging to negative emotions about someone doesn't communicate your feelings to them.

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

**Sagittarius** You might find yourself lingering at the water cooler a bit longer than usual now. Or you may spend more time chatting online with a friend. Your calendar is probably as busy as ever, but you could place higher value on a variety of social connections while congenial Venus is dancing through your 3rd House of Distractions. Enjoy the additional emphasis on lighthearted communication, but don't forget about your previous obligations.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

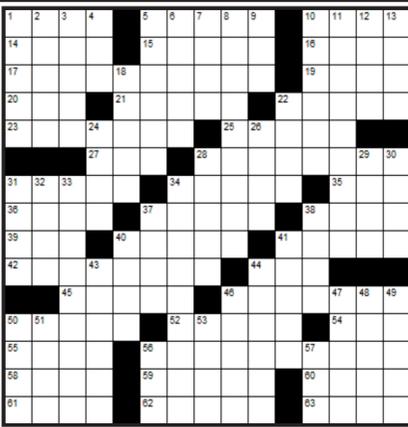
**Capricorn** Your attention is shifting from what you want to accomplish in life to managing what you've already acquired. Taking inventory of your personal possessions may be a first step to making a decision about a significant upcoming purchase. But your current interest in the value of things is also a reflection of your own self-worth.

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

**Aquarius** A little ritualistic celebration might be in order today to express your gratitude to the universe for all your blessings. Rolling out the red carpet may be too flashy, but you want to make certain beautiful Venus knows she is welcome upon her annual return to your sign. Give yourself permission to express your heart's desires to those you trust.

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

**Pisces** It could be time for you to declare a social moratorium, so you can temporarily retreat from non-essential activities. Being in the company of people is often quite exhilarating, but eventually the noise begins to take its energetic toll. Don't burn any bridges as you withdraw into your shell today, since nothing will be gained by blaming others for your emotional exhaustion. A generous dose of rest will replenish your soul.



### Across

1. Not in danger, 5. Aircraft, 10. Nonsense, 14. Curved molding, 15. A protective covering, 16. Govern, 17. Lacking vitality, 19. "Smallest" particle, 20. By means of, 21. Lacking leadership, 22. Ascends, 23. Make larger, 25. The side of military formation, 27. C, 28. Reckoning, 31. Piques, 34. Garden bulb, 35. Caviar, 36. Religious sisters, 37. White aquatic birds, 38. Render unconscious, 39. Alien Life Form, 40. Deck, 41. Moat, 42. Immersing, 44. Air movement device, 45. Marsh growth, 46. Motion sickness on planes, 50. Wall climbers, 52. What we pay to the govt., 54. Indian bread, 55. Its symbol is Pb, 56. Likeness, 58. Tardy, 59. Homeric epic, 60. Desire, 61. Toboggan, 62. Aquatic mammals, 63. GGGG,

### Down

1. Figure out, 2. Twice, 3. Poopy, 4. Startled cry, 5. Drop, 6. Fine thread, 7. Initial wager, 8. In an essential manner, 9. Mistake, 10. Intelligence, 11. Outlying areas, 12. Blackthorn, 13. Skirt lines, 18. Entices, 22. Coarse file, 24. Does something, 26. Wreaths, 28. Internment camp, 29. French for "We", 30. Heredity unit, 31. Break, 32. Nonexistent, 33. Anger, 34. Gate, 37. Electrical or crossword, 38. Male offspring, 40. How old we are, 41. The language of Persia, 43. Required, 44. Meadow, 46. Lengthways, 47. Accustom, 48. Mooch, 49. Leg joints, 50. Ailments, 51. Calf's meat, 53. Dogfish, 56. Female sibling, 57. Pull,

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