



Heratis Worried about Growing Insecurity in 10 Districts

HERAT CITY - Public representatives and residents of western Herat province on Saturday said they were deeply concerned about the deteriorating security situation in 10 districts of the province.

They claimed a number of Taliban militants and security forces had recently suffered casualties in clashes in Gulran, Kushki Kohna, Farsi, Adraskan, Chasht-i-Sharif, Pashton Zarghon, Obe, Shindad, Rabat Sangi and Zawal districts.

Wakil Ahmad Karkhi, a member of the Provincial Council, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Rabat Sangi district was under threat of being captured by Taliban militants after overrunning some security check-posts. He said some security personnel were martyred in attacks on their check-points. He urged the authorities concerned to take urgent measures to clear the district of militants.

Ghulam Habib Hashimi, another PC member, told Pajhwok, "You know our country is in crisis and the ongoing insecurity in Herat has political reasons like the peace process, creating interim government and elections."

He said militants were taking advantage of the government's inside gaps and thus had advanced in Herat districts.

Jawad Amid, a civil society activist, expressed his deep concern over the ongoing security situation in the province and linked it to shortage of security forces.

He said insecurity in neighboring provinces had reached to Herat city, the provincial capital. A number of other residents held similar views and urged the government to pay strong attention to the province security.

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Insecurity Hardens Access to Logar's Azra District



KABUL - Insecurity and a clash in Azra district in Logar has closed ways connecting the district to other parts of the eastern province which has 78 kilometers distance with the city of Kabul.

Azra district has 140 meters distance with Kabul. A lawmaker from the province said that mili-

tary convoys and traders cannot travel to the district as the ways have been closed by militants.

Azra district has 90 kilometers distance with the center of Logar, the city of Pul-e-Alam, and has almost 90 villages. It shares borders with Paktia and Nangarhar province and parts of it are located along the Durand Line -

the de facto border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"Security forces have no food. There is no one to transfer those soldiers who are wounded... People cannot find food in Azra district," said Huma Ahmadi, an MP from Logar.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Ministry of Defense, ...(More on P4)...(10)



14 Policemen Killed, 20 Captured in Kunduz Assault

KUNDUZ - At least 14 policemen have been killed and 20 others captured as a result of a Taliban attack in the Imam Sahib district of northern Kunduz province.

A security source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants stormed border and local police check-posts in Ferghan Tapa area on Saturday night.

He said 10 border police personnel and four local police members were killed and 20 others captured by the insurgents.

He added reinforcements had arrived in the area and launched an operation to secure the release of the 20 policemen from militants' custody.

Mahbobullah Sayedi, the district's administrative chief, confirmed the clash but said security forces suffered fewer casualties.

Without providing an exact number, he said both sides had suffered casualties.

Meanwhile, the Taliban confirmed the overnight attack. The group's spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid tweeted 19 policemen were killed, seven others

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Security Personnel, Taliban Suffer Casualties in Faryab Clashes



MAIMANA - Four security personnel and eleven Taliban have been killed and some injured during separate clashes in northwestern Faryab province, officials said on Sunday.

Two security personnel, including a commando, were killed and seven other commando forces injured in the Taliban attack

on the Grezwan district centre on Saturday night, District Chief Mullah Faizullah said. Four Taliban militants were killed and three others injured in security forces counterattack.

Separately, two security personnel were killed and eight others injured in the Taliban group

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Ex-District Police Chief Killed in Khost



KABUL - Former police chief for Gurbaz district of southeastern Khost province was killed in an attack on Sunday morning, officials said.

Talib Mangal, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the incident took place in the district today morning.

He said ex-police chief of the district Qaderullah was killed and one of his

guards wounded as a result of clash. Qader was brother of Kamal Nasir Osoli, a member of Wolesi Jirga.

Abdul Hai Zazai, district's administrative chief, told Pajhwok that unknown armed men attacked Qaderullah's home this morning. He said Qaderullah was killed.

The district chief was currently in Kabul. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You may look confused today, Aries. It may be hard for you to stick with one subject. Your attention may jump from one thing to another. That's OK. There's a distinct advantage to seeing all sides of the story. You will have greater perception and awareness of things today. Take this opportunity to put yourself in other people's shoes so you know how to deal with them in the future.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



You may find it difficult to keep things neat and organized today, Taurus. It seems like you're trying to organize a room full of feathers buffeted by gusts of wind. Buy a paperweight. Meanwhile, you might want to give up organizing the feathers and deal with it another time. You may feel too lazy to fight the wind.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your expansive, outwardly directed plans are moving at full force, but once in a while self-doubt slows things down, Gemini. Today is one of those days in which insecurity may hamper your progress. The secret to success is to consider all the options and trust your instincts. Use your keen powers of observation to collect data and arrange facts in an orderly fashion.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your emotions are more peaceful and easier to control today, Cancer. It's almost as if you're merging with the energy around you. The one thing to be careful of is indecision. When it comes to taking action on something and you aren't sure which way to go, you'd do better to hold off. Make your big move some other day.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Go with the flow today, Leo. Find the freedom you seek by simply following the path of least resistance. There's no reason for you to be unhappy. Life doesn't have to be difficult or complicated. Just be completely yourself. People will act the way they need to in relation to you. Don't worry about their feelings. They aren't your responsibility.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Your heightened sensitivity could get you in trouble today, Virgo. The more you try to pin down a specific answer to something, the more resistance you may encounter. Don't expect a straight answer from anyone or you will be disappointed. People may be flighty or forgetful. Try not to take anything too seriously today.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your expansive nature is reaching out to others, Libra, but you may run into opposition. Keep in mind that not everyone wants your advice. Give it only if someone asks for it. It may be in your nature to want to jump into people's lives and fix things. Resist that temptation. What people may need instead is someone to listen.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your general mood is at a peak today, although this mood is slightly off due to indecision on your part, Scorpio. Don't let this get you down. If you find it hard to make a choice about something, the solution is simple. Put off making the choice until you feel more comfortable about it. If you must make a decision today, go with your instincts.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You may be a bit confused today, Sagittarius. Nothing seems to fit right. It's as if you're faced with many different roads, unsure of which one to take. All the choices seem reasonable and you may fear you will miss out on something great whichever one you choose. The truth is that you can find a way that incorporates what you've learned from previous paths. Trust yourself.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



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Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

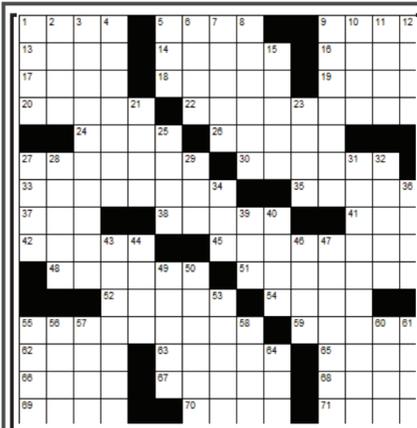


You may be a little hesitant today, Aquarius, and not really sure why. Just when you thought you had it all figured out, another aspect comes up with a completely different perspective. It may be hard to choose one path and stick with it. Keep in mind that your unique path may incorporate many different side paths. This is one of your many gifts.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Watch your back today, Pisces. There's a distinct presence nearby that requires your attention. Luckily, your emotions are a lot more stable than usual, and you're more strongly connected with your feelings. In fact, you may be in the clouds. You shouldn't have any problem navigating through this part of the atmosphere. Others may look to you for advice.



Across

1. Boom, 5. Behold, in old Rome, 9. Style, 13. Hindu princess, 14. Mountain lakes, 16. Press 17. Helps, 18. Buddy, 19. Bawdy, 20. Primp, 22. Colloids, 24. Train track, 26. Flora 27. Crayfish, 30. Apples and pears, 33. Emerged, 35. Thai currency units, 37. Grippe, 38. Women of loose morals, 41. Historic period, 42. Electrical pioneer, 45. Former English, naval punishment, 48. Ungroomed, 51. Kit for a baby, 52. Reveals, 54. Back, 55. Private lessons, 59. Skid, 62. Not under, 63. Chatter, 65. Chilled, 66. No more than, 67. Santa's helpers, 68. What a person is called 69. Musical group, , 70. Evergreens, 71. Secluded valley, , ,

Down

1. Snare, 2. Found on most heads, 3. Undergrowth, 4. Illness, 5. Estimated time of arrival, 6. Arrived, 7. Pinch, 8. Overwhelm, 9. Territorial reserve, 10. Chocolate cookie, 11. Not up 12. Terminates, 15. Pertaining to the Sun 21. Pesky insects, 23. Give the cold shoulder, 25. Not more, 27. Not right, 28. Leers, 29. Record (abbrev.), 31. Excessively dramatic, 32. Swagger 34. East Indian tree, 36. An exchange involving money, 39. Solidify 40. Char 43. Strained 44. Food thickener, 46. Caustics, 47. Curative, 49. Complain, 50. Annually 53. A person who is owned by someone, 55. Grave, 56. Eye layer, 57. Small slender gull, 58. Goulash, 60. A Greek territorial unit, 61. Biblical garden, 64. S, ,

Yesterday's Solution

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