

7 Dead as Taliban Ambush ANA Convoy in Faryab

MAIMANA - Seven people, including three civilians and one security official, were killed after militants ambushed a military convoy in northern Faryab province on Saturday.

Faryab police spokesman Abdul Karim Yourish told Pajhwok Afghan News the convoy of the Afghan National Army 209th Shaheen Military Corps was heading to Maimana city, Faryab's capital, from neighboring Jawzjan province when came under attack in Sherin Tagab district.

The ensuing clash lasted eight hours, leaving two ANA soldiers, two Taliban fighters and a widowed woman and her two children dead, according to Yourish. He said ...*(More on P4)...*(15)



ISIS Loses 5 Senior Leaders in an Airstrike in North of Afghanistan

SHEBIGHAN - The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group has lost five senior leaders in an airstrike in northern Jawzjan province of Afghanistan.

The local security officials are saying that the airstrike was carried out by the foreign forces based in Afghanistan on Friday. Provincial security chief Abdul Hafiz Khushi said ten ISIS loyalists were killed in total during the airstrike.

He said the main commander of the terror group for Jawzjan province Mullah Abdul Ahad who was famous as Hezbollah was among those killed. Khushi ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

3 Children Drown in Herat's Injil District

HERAT CITY - Three children drowned on Saturday while swimming in a river in the Injil district of western Herat province, an official said.

Jilani Farhad, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the victims were 8, 12 and 15 years old. The ill-fated trio had gone swimming, he said.

Farhad expressed profound regret over the death of the three boys, urging families to take care of their children.

Since the beginning of the current year, at least 10 children have drowned due to the lax attitude of their families. Boys are allowed to swim in dangerous rivers. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Commander Killed in Uruzgan

TRINKOT - According to the Khas Uruzgan district police chief, the commander and his deputy were both killed in a drone strike on Zarti area of the district.

Uruzgan local officials claim that a Taliban commander in Uruzgan was killed in Khas Uruzgan district of the province.

Mullah Abdul Samad, the Khas Uruzgan district police chief said that Mawlawi Abdullah, a Taliban commander in Uruzgan, was killed in a drone strike in Zarti area of the district.

Salam claimed that Abdullah's deputy was also killed in the drone strike.

No comment has been made by the Taliban and no other source has confirmed this. (Tolonews)

Afghanistan Says Taliban District Chief Killed in Battle

KABUL - Afghanistan's Interior Ministry says a Taliban shadow district chief was killed in fighting with security forces in eastern Wardak province.

According to a statement released Saturday, Mullah Bashir, the Taliban-appointed governor of the Nirkh district, was killed and two militants were wounded late Friday night. In a separate statement,

the ministry said at least 13 militants, including five Islamic State fighters, were killed after Afghan warplanes targeted their hideouts in eastern Paktika, northern Sar-e Pul and Jawzjan provinces. The attacks were carried out overnight, destroying some of the militants' weapons and vehicles. The Taliban hasn't commented on the fighting. (AP)

Uprising Group Commander among 10 Dead in Ghazni Clashes

GHAZNI CITY - The commander of local uprising forces and five Taliban have been killed in a clash in southern Ghazni province, an official said on Saturday.

Spokesman for Ghazni police Fahim Amarkhel told Pajhwok Afghan news the incident happened in Mangor area of Ghazni City, the provincial capital, on Friday where the Taliban arrived to surrender. But the Taliban all of the sudden resorted to firing in which commander of the local uprising group, five Taliban killed and four other people were injured.

Separately, 4 Taliban fight-

ers have been killed and two other have injured in an early morning clash with police in Ghatano locality in Andar district. Jan Mohammad a resident of Andaro district told Pajhwok Afghan news that Taliban attacked local police checkpoints in Ghatano area where one local police officer was killed and two other were injured. The Taliban confirmed recent clashes in Andar district. Spokesman of the group Zabihullah Mujahid claimed that 2 local security personnel were killed during clashes in Ghatano area. (Pajhwok)

'Daesh Bomb' Kills 7 Civilians in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Seven civilians were killed and five others wounded on Friday when a roadside bomb tore through their vehicle in eastern Nangarhar province.

The blast took place in Badar Dara area of Achin district at about 12pm, said Attaullah Khogyani, the provincial government spokesman.

He said the injured had been evacuated to the hospital in nearby Ghanikhel district.

The official said there were no children or women among the victims, accusing Daesh or Islamic State militant group of planting the homemade device.

But a security official in Achin district, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News the dead included two children and as many women.

He said the injured also included one child and two women who were travelling in a pickup vehicle.

A resident of the area, Lal Nabi, put the toll at nine dead and 12 wounded, saying all were civilians and passengers. No anti-government group has so far come forward to assert responsibility for the roadside bombing. (Pajhwok)

14 IS Men Mysteriously Killed in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Fourteen ISIS fighters have been killed by unidentified gunmen in the Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar province, the Afghan military said on Saturday.

The Daesh loyalists were shot dead after being arrested a day earlier in Sor Dag area of the district, the 201 Selab Military Corps said in a statement.

However, Khogyani district chief Haji Zalmai said the 14 Daesh men had only been arrested, not



killed, by their former Taliban colleagues over joining the Islamic State.

He said the Taliban had shifted the arrested men from Khogyani district to neighboring Sherzad district and had not killed as yet.

The Selab Military Corps also said two Daesh militants were injured during ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

13 Armed Insurgents Killed in Airstrikes

KABUL - The ministry of interior stated that at least five Daesh militants were also among those killed in the Afghan Air Force airstrikes.

At least 13 armed insurgents including five Daesh militants were killed during airstrikes by the Afghan Air Force in the past 24 hours across the country, the Interior Ministry said in a statement on Saturday.

Airstrikes were conducted in Paktika, Sar-e-Pul, and Jawzjan provinces. The ministry of interior also



stated that during the strike weapons and vehicles belonging to the armed insurgents were also destroyed. No more details were provided about the operations. (Tolonews)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You may feel as if you have no choice but to stand up to anyone who tries to limit your freedom. Needless to say, you're not happy because the situation seems hopeless today. Ironically, you might not realize the strength of your position and you could inadvertently ride roughshod over someone's feelings.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Your intention to fulfill your promises is like an unbreakable oath, motivating you to follow through with every commitment you make. Unfortunately, unexpected events require you to change your schedule at the last minute. Complicating matters further, others seem to treat their words with less integrity than you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your logic might not guide you in the right direction today unless you also take your heart into consideration, too. However, your feelings and your thoughts aren't likely to support one another now. Although you may try to fit your desires into socially acceptable terms, you could also grow frustrated if you bury your passion. Reassess all the ramifications of your actions prior to following an impulsive idea.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You could lose your temper if someone says they will do something today, and then turns around and does the complete opposite. Your tendency is to hide your disappointment because you don't trust how people will respond to your strong feelings. Unfortunately, withholding your emotions still sends mixed messages that further complicate your existence.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You normally take the calculated path, but you may be surprised by how fast you react to a complex situation today. You prefer to gather more facts before swinging into action. But there isn't sufficient time to adhere to such a sensible approach now, so you must process all the variables and move on to what's next. He who hesitates is lost; any form of delay worsens your chances of reaching your goals.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



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Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



A family feud lingers on your mind today, possibly preventing you from doing what you want. Or, just when you think you have a handle on the situation, someone enters the scene and turns everything inside out all over again. Although losing your temper is understandable now, it won't settle the atmospheric tension. Fortunately, taking tiny steps toward common ground helps to untangle everyone's feelings.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You wish you could sneak in a bit of alone time, but an emotional retreat may not fit on your calendar today. Nevertheless, you're determined to stay on course by pushing forward on your goals. Although you might believe that it's more important than ever to stick to your plan, you also know that flexibility is your secret weapon.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You want something so badly today that you'll do nearly anything to get it. Unfortunately, you might expect a friend or partner to ride to your rescue with sufficient funds to save you from your current predicament. However, the outcome is very different when no one comes to your aid. Don't waste your energy on anger; try a completely different plan of action, instead.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You are absolutely committed to reach your goals today, but you must pay attention to the feelings of others, too. However, powerful emotions cause damage when they are dredged to the surface. Unfortunately, your relentless drive for success may inadvertently create more problems than solutions now. Happily, you can scale back your activities without jeopardizing the big picture.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



Crossing items off your to-do list occupies most of your time today. Fortunately, you currently experience a strange sense of satisfaction by finishing one chore after another. Oddly enough, you may be ambivalent about your plans. Your commitment-phobic behavior might make others think you don't care, but that's far from your thoughts now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You have one-too-many tasks to complete and, thankfully, you like the thought of being busy today. However, your best-case scenario does not include working tediously all day, prompting you to plan a secret escape. Unfortunately, you could find yourself embroiled in an argument with someone if you think you're being coerced into an activity you want to skip. There's no point in acquiescing and playing the part of a martyr.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across

- 1. Conquers, 6. Does something, 10. Clods, 14. Lit to a higher degree, 15. Gait faster than a walk, 16. Achy, 17. French for "Queen", 18. A city in western Russia, 19. Snare, 20. Leather shorts, 22. Decorative case, 23. Tropical American wildcat, 24. 2nd largest country, 26. Aquatic plant, 30. Terminate, 31. N N N N, 32. Anthracite, 33. Require, 35. Related to tides, 39. Day off, 41. Japanese flower arranging, 43. Colonic, 44. A period of discounted prices, 46. King of the jungle, 47. Estimated time of arrival, 49. A castrated tomcat, 50. Feudal worker, 51. French brandy, 54. Quaint outburst, 56. Violent disturbance, 57. Commemorates, 63. Forearm bone, 64. Not odd, 65. Unretractive, 66. Beloved, 67. Platter, 68. Civet-like mammal, 69. Countercurrent, 70. If not, 71. Shabby

Down

- 1. Singer Ives, 2. Type of sword, 3. Skidded, 4. Prong, 5. Cubic meter, 6. Lawyers, 7. Campaign, 8. Lacquered metalware, 9. Position, 10. Apparent, 11. Heart artery, 12. Hoax, 13. Old photo color, 21. Doglike nocturnal mammal, 25. Kitty (poker), 26. Pang, 27. Diving bird, 28. Storm, 29. Nutritious, 34. Conscientiousness, 36. Speaker's platform, 37. Nameless, 38. Alley, 40. Information, 42. Souvlaki, 45. Eternal, 48. Give in, 51. Unrefined, 52. Lubricated, 53. Testicle, 55. Float, 58. Wicked, 59. Dwarf buffalo, 60. Exam, 61. At one time (archaic), 62. Remain,

Yesterday's Solution

Grid for yesterday's crossword solution with words filled in.

British, capital, confederation, country, devolve empire, fireworks, free, general, language, leaf, maple, nation, north, office, Ottawa, peaceful, poet, power, provinces, Quebec, queen, rang, royal, sell, shows, strong

Large grid for the word search puzzle with the words CONFEDERATION, DFAQMFOLQUEEN, EFTHPEACEFULD, VIIGIBRITISHE, OCOFREESTRONG, LENPEQUEBECCA, VICTORIAUWOAM, EOTTAWARNOUPS, ROYALLEIRNIH, MAPLEEROKTTO, GENERALLANSRAW, LANGUAGEFOYLS, BRPROVINCESJ.