



Afghanistan, West Indies square off today

KABUL - Having lost all their ICC World Cup matches, Afghanistan will square off against West Indies in their last encounter of the mega event today.

Both against Pakistan and India, the Gulbadin Naib-led squad came so close to victory but let the game drift away from their grasp at critical junctures. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

5 Security Personnel Killed, 14 Injured in Baghlan Attack

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Five security personnel have been killed and 14 others injured during a clash in the Dand-i-Ghori locality in northern Baghlan province, a public representative said on Wednesday.

A Provincial Council member who wished anonymity told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban stormed security forces check-post in Dand-i-Ghori locality on Tuesday night.

Five policemen were killed and 14 others, including five army personnel, were injured in the attack, he said.

A well-trusted security sources also confirmed overnight attack in Dand-i-Ghori in which four policemen were killed and two army personnel injured.

Dr. Mohammad Anwar, civil hospital director, confirmed receiving five bodies and 13 injured on Tuesday night. The Taliban have not commented about the incident. (Pajhwok)

Afghan Forces Conduct 108 Joint, Special Ops and 31 Airstrikes in Past 24 Hours



KABUL - The Afghan security forces conducted 108 Joint and Special Operations against the militant groups in past 24 hours. The Ministry of Defense in a statement said Wednesday that the security forces conducted 13 joint and 95 special operations to suppress the militant groups. Furthermore, the Afghan Air Force

conducted 31 airstrikes in support of the ground forces. The statement further added that the security forces conducted the operations Maidan Wardak, Ghazni, Ghor, Takhar, Paktika, Helmand, Nangarhar, Khost, Logar, Paktiya, Herat, Farah and Balkh provinces. Meanwhile, the defense ministry said the security forces killed 53 militants during the

operations. The security forces also wounded 4 others during the same operations. The Ministry of Defense also added that the coalition forces also provided support to the Afghan security forces during the operations. The anti-government armed militants including Taliban have not commented regarding the operations so far. (KP)



5 Border Police Killed in Taliban Assault

HERAT CITY - At least five border police personnel have been killed and three others wounded in a Taliban assault in western Herat province, an official said on Wednesday.

Bahauddin Ghor, an official of border police brigade, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants stormed security check-posts in the Chehil-Dukhtarna area on the Tur-Ghondai highway on Tuesday night.

Five policemen were killed and three others wounded, he said, adding the rebels captured one of the posts. The militants also took away all weapons and ammunition.

He said security forces had launched an operation to recapture the post.

Safullah, a resident of the area, expressed concern over insecurity in the locality and said they had witnessed of several Taliban ambushes.

However, the insurgents have not yet commented regarding the overnight assault.

According to another report, a child was rescued from his kidnappers after 50 days of captivity, the governor's spokesman said. ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Massive Taliban Weapons Depot Seized in Helmand



KABUL - Intelligence operatives seized a 'massive' arms depot belonging to Taliban militants in southern Helmand province, the spy service said Wednesday. The depot contained a huge amount of weapons and ammunition, read a statement from the National Directorate of Security (NDS) in Kabul.

It said the raid targeted hideouts of a Taliban military commander Mohammad Khan in Gandomriz area of Kajaki district. However, the statement did not say exactly when the raid was carried out.

It said seven Taliban militants were killed in the operation and 21,000 kilograms of explosives, ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

U.S. Airstrike Targets ISIS Militants in Nangarhar Province of Afghanistan



KABUL - A U.S. airstrike targeted a group of militants affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria in Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

The 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan Military in a statement said the airstrike was carried out in Khogyani

district on Tuesday. The statement further added that the airstrike targeted the militants in Wazir Tangi area at around 11:00 am local time.

Furthermore, the 201st Silab Corps said the airstrike killed 3 militants of the terror group. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Today you've decided to change things around you, Aries. You're about to make radical changes to your life. You feel that you're almost invulnerable, that nothing can resist you. You're going to go beyond your boundaries even if it means that you might be forgetting your friends for a while. Carpe diem.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Taurus, you will have the opportunity to set the record straight with some of your relatives. Sometimes some of them take advantage of your kindness, and you serve without even a thought for yourself. The day will be stressful and you may be irritable. Try to use the day to your advantage and get your life back in order.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Your philanthropic side is fading. You're used to thinking about others before thinking about yourself, but today, things are about to change. Indeed, you fascinate those around you. You've found a new freedom. It seems that you're liberated from your old self and totally fulfilled.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Haven't you wondered how it would feel to be omniscient, Cancer? Well, today you're about to have this experience. You will have the energy of ten. People will come to you and ask for your guidance. You will easily find the solutions to their problems. Today the world belongs to you.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Today could provide an interesting opportunity to show your assets in a professional setting. People will be impressed by your personality and may even offer you a new job or exciting business proposal. You won't be able to turn down the proposition and you will feel totally free and satisfied.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Today you may have to commit to some values close to your heart, Virgo. As a child, you were aware of the role you had to play in society. You were greatly concerned about others. Today you will probably be asking yourself if you should get involved and make decisions in the general interest.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



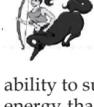
You may feel your life is full of uninteresting people. You think they're all alike and fit perfectly within a conservative society. You don't want to be like them and would prefer to meet unusual individuals, people who differ from the crowd. They aren't too far away. You just need to make an effort to look for them.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You might think you're the most intelligent person in the world. You hover over the notions that bind us. You're transformed into an artist who's able to have great ideas. Remember that geniuses always think big. Today you're one of them. Your ideas could help others.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Everybody knows that you're very strong willed. You've always had a very active disposition. You have the ability to surmount all obstacles and soak up all the energy that comes to your aid. It seems that today your strength could be reinforced by some people you meet or by your group of friends, Sagittarius.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Your family life will give you a lot of work today. Some of your relatives may express a desire for independence and some might even try to rebel. If you don't want to lose your cool, Capricorn, you should try to step away from all the excitement. It shouldn't be too difficult for you to succeed.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

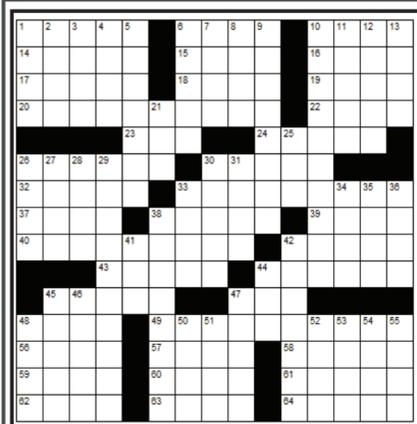


You aren't the kind of person who likes to lead an ordinary life. You aren't afraid of the unknown. You like to open up to new worlds and cultures. You sometimes feel willing to change your whole life. Aquarius, to your great satisfaction,

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You shouldn't try to stay alone today, Pisces. Once in a while you need to spend some time alone to ponder your life, to dream and wish for better things to come. But today you could meet someone who will take you places you aren't accustomed to going. Try to stay available in order to seize this opportunity.



Across

1. Not false, 5. Behind bars, 10. Midmonth date, 14. Not yours, 15. Severe pain, 16. Ark builder, 17. Intolerable, 19. Bird of peace, 20. Ribonucleic acid, 21. Old photo color, 22. Stayed, 23. Neuron junction, 25. Not urban, 27. Female sibling, 28. Hideousness, 31. Unemotional, 34. Express a thought, 35. Type of snake, 36. Magma, 37. Rink, 38. Polish, 39. Australian flightless bird, 40. Hoisting device, 41. Seaweed, 42. Freed from lice, 44. South southeast, 45. A cook might wear one, 46. Slide, 50. Good-looker, 52. Luke-warm, 54. In song, the loneliest number, 55. Murres, 56. Gaunt, 58. Smudge, 59. High society, 60. Unit of land, 61. Feudal worker, 62. Banana oil, e.g., 63. Sharpen, ,

Down

1. Package holidays, 2. Fluid, 3. Not rural, 4. East southeast, 5. Gentle stroke, 6. Slack-jawed, 7. Mongolian desert, 8. Magnifying, , 9. Coloring agent, 10. A citizen of Calcutta, for example, 11. A small motor vehicle, 12. Overhang, 13. Outbuilding, 18. Savory jelly, 22. French cheese, 24. Largest continent, 26. Forearm bone, 28. Flip over, 29. Couch, 30. Not in danger, 31. Sleigh, 32. Docile, 33. Expulsion of an ovum, 34. Not occidentals, , 37. Along with, 38. Decay from overripening, 40. Certain, 41. Comment to the audience, 43. Narcotic, 44. Splinter, 46. Sudden burst, 47. Moonshine, 48. Habituate, 49. Adjust again, 50. Square block, 51. Website addresses, 53. Modify, 56. C, 57. Uncooked, ,

Yesterday's Solution

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