

Hundreds Killed as Afghan Forces Mount Pressure on Taliban over Past Week

KABUL - Hundreds of armed militants have been killed as government forces have mounted pressure on the Taliban outfit in Afghanistan's southern Helmand, northern Jawzjan and Balkh provinces over the past week, officials said Sunday. The government forces, according to police, have killed up to 200 Taliban fighters after the security forces backed by aircraft targeted Taliban positions in Nawa district of the southern Helmand province over the past one week. "Security forces backed by helicopter gunships have been targeting Taliban positions in Nawa district over the past one week and so far up to 200 armed insurgents including group commanders have been killed," ...*(More on P4)...(11)*



Afghan UK Mission Welcomes Cricket Heroes

KABUL - The Afghan embassy in the United Kingdom (UK) offered a warm reception in the honour of the national cricket team upon their arrival to UK. Afghanistan ambassador to the UK Taib Jawad welcomed the national squad to London a head of Tuesday match against the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). The envoy hailed the recent success of the national team and their individual performances that earned them and the country name at the world stage. The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) Chairman Atif Mashal thanked ambassador Jawad and his team for organising the event. He also thanked the Afghan diaspora in the UK for their support to the Afghan team. The Afghanistan national cricket team would strive to win its first-ever match against the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) at Lord's in London on Tuesday. The MCC team would be captained by Brendon McCullum, former New Zealand skipper in the 50 over game, said a statement from the Afghan Connection Group. Other MCC players would include two other former international captains, Kumar Sangakkara, of Sri Lanka, and Misbah ul-Haq of Pakistan. The Afghan team would include the highly respected all-rounder, Mohammad Nabi, and the 18-year-old prodigy, Rashid Khan. (Pajhwok)

Samangan's Peace Committee Public Relations Official Killed

AIBAK - A public relations official of the High Peace Council (HPC) committee for central Samangan province was killed by Taliban militants on Sunday, an official said. Niamatullah Niamati, also a former jihadi commander of the Jamiat-i-Islami (JIA), was abducted while offering morning's prayer at the village mosque in Baba Qanbar village of Khuram Sarbagh district on Sunday, the district chief told Pajhwok Afghan News. ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Hundreds of Humvee Vehicles Recently Delivered to US Forces in Afghanistan



KABUL - As many as 600 military vehicles for US forces in Afghanistan have recently landed at Pakistan's Karachi sea port, a media report said on Saturday. According to Dawn such a consignment has arrived after a gap of over six months and will be delivered to US army units stationed in the war-ravaged country. According to official documents, the vehicles were shipped from the ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Taliban Say their Prisoners Mistreated, Deprived of Rights

KABUL - The Taliban have accused the Afghan government and the US of mistreatment their prisoners and demanded facilities for them. In a statement, a copy is available with by Pajhwok Afghan News, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said the US and Afghan forces tortured with the group's prisoners and complaints in this regard had increased. The statement said prisoners' rights were completely violated at the Bagram jail and other prisoners and they were improperly treated by the officials in-charge. The Taliban said their prisoners were given tight-red color jeans in which praying and other movements were difficult. The group alleged prisoners were served 'low quality food' which had rendered many hospitalized. The statement added Taliban inmates were deprived of sport and study facilities at jails and they faced more restrictions than others. But Abdul Aleem Kohistani, general director of Afghanistan prisons, rejected Taliban claims and said prisoners were ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

7 Rebels Eliminated in Paktia Airstrike

GARDEZ - At least seven insurgents have been killed during an airstrike by US forces in the Zurmat district while three smugglers were held in south-eastern Paktia province, officials said on Sunday. Abdullah Hasrat, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News Seven militants eliminated as a result of US forces airstrike in Mamozaio area of the district on Saturday evening. But the Taliban's spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, rejected the claims and said their fighters suffered no casualties in Zurmat district. According to another report, police has arrested three drug traffickers in the 2nd police district of Gardez city, the provincial capital. Police chief, Sardar Wali Tabasom, said over four kilograms of heroin, ...*(More on P4)...(15)*



Clash, Airstrike Leave 10 Rebels Dead

MEHTARLAM/KABUL - Ten militants have been killed and five others injured in a clash and drone strike in the central Maidan Wardak and eastern Laghman provinces, an official said on Sunday. Eight Taliban were killed and four others wounded in a clash in the Jalrez district of Maidan Wardak, said Police spokesman Naqib Ameni. The clash erupted after the Taliban attacked security forces check-posts in the area on Saturday. One policeman was wounded in



the attack. Separately, two Taliban were killed in US drone strike in the Qaghayio district of Laghman province. Two insurgents from the Commander Hassan's group were targeted in the attack in Amber area, said Sarhadi Zwak, the governor's spokesman. Elsewhere, an insurgent was wounded in security force ambush in Alishang district, he added. (Pajhwok)

5 Daesh Commanders Killed in Jawzjan Airstrike

SHEBERGHAN - Five commanders, including a group leader, of Daesh also known as Islamic State (IS) have been killed in airstrike in northern Jawzjan province, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said on Sunday. Members of the hardcore terrorist outfit had been targeted in Chaqmah Chuqar village of Qosh Tapa ...*(More on P4)...(16)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Of course, it's admirable if you are consciously evolving into a better person, but proving your superiority at work is not the best way to exhibit your growth. There's no need to instigate conflict just to demonstrate that you will come out on top. Rather than being unnecessarily combative at home or on the job now, go out of your way to be helpful to all

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You're certain that your ambitious new plan is good for the wellbeing of everyone involved. Unfortunately, you still may need to fend off criticism from someone who thinks you're only in it for yourself. Luckily, you possess the necessary skills to guarantee your success. But reaching your goals is not very satisfying unless you do so in a kind and

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Relationships are front and center today, but you're only interested if there's an equal give and take. Although you might prefer keeping the conversation on the lighter side, denial will only exacerbate the problem. Dive into a lively discussion, but only after ground rules have been established that prevent power politics from controlling the mood. Plunging into the unknown may not be your first choice now,

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

An unavoidable disagreement over an intense emotional issue could provoke random feelings of helplessness now. Thankfully, transformation is your superpower today, enabling you to skillfully turn negative emotions into fuel for positive change. Looking within your heart can lead you to your own tender spot, but your self-awareness won't matter until you are vul-

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your passions are so aroused today that you can lose your temper if an emotionally charged discussion does not go your way. Although you don't intend to turn your disappointment into a major issue, there may be negative fallout from your reaction anyway. However, suppressing your feelings isn't a viable strategy now. If you think it's more prudent to

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You might think you shouldn't tell someone how you feel today, especially if you believe your disclosure will be a catalyst that triggers unpleasant memories. Unfortunately, you may not be able to settle down until you share what's on your mind with a trusted friend. On other days, you could apply your rational thinking to help you decide what to do. However, you can't use logic to solve an illogical problem. Of course, caution

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Everyone expects you to deliver on your recent promises and you can't afford to drop the ball before fulfilling your commitments. No doubt, there is plenty of hard work in front of you, and you are uncharacteristically compulsive about handling your responsibilities today. Nevertheless, don't allow anything to pull you so far off course that you lose track of what you initially set out

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

People make more and more demands on your time now, leading you to believe you've lost control of your priorities. Perhaps your schedule has grown so complicated that you don't know how you can regain normalcy. Nevertheless, you refuse to give up; you know a solution is near and a great adventure ahead will once again inspire your heart and soul. Thomas Edison said,

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

It's time to face your insecurities so you can clean up a messy situation that threatens a significant relationship. The problem is you have already taken the bait and are hooked on untangling the complicated issues. Naturally, you prefer to leave the whole matter behind, but you must resolve personal business before moving on to anything else. Professional surfer Bethany Hamilton wrote, "Courage doesn't

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

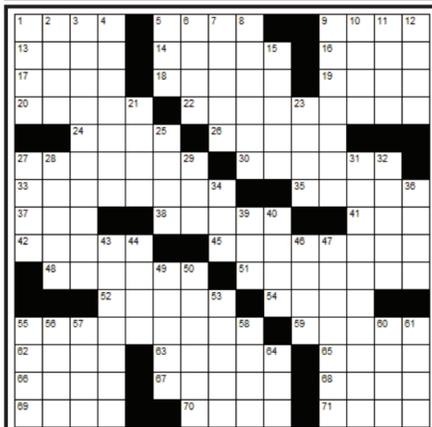
You are known for your amazing ability to continue plodding through your work until it's finished. However, you can go over the top in your drive for completion; almost nothing will deter you from reaching your destination. Your current tenacity graces you with a one-track mind today, as if you are supercharged with an extra dose of practical determination. No matter how

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

It's absolutely imperative that you're one hundred percent honest with yourself today or you may run into trouble. Don't be afraid to reevaluate your assumptions and reconsider what's most important if unfolding events challenge old values that have outerserved their useful purpose. However, it makes no sense to set the cart before the

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You are more confrontational in social settings today because you may be insecure about your role within the group. You might feel marginalized, even if you're an integral part of the process. However, your inclination is to withdraw if something rattles your stability. Unfortunately, you can't escape from your responsibilities without making a scene. In the long run, a strategy based on peaceful coexistence is smarter than one that's



Across
1. Petty quarrel, 5. Plod along, 9. Throat-clearing sound, 13. Desire, 14. Underground chambers, 16. Fail to win, 17. Church alcove, 18. Catkin, 19. Catholic church service, 20. Ales, 22. Battle-axes, 24. Bristle, 26. Moon of Saturn, 27. Atrophy, 30. Separate, 33. Amusing, 35. Hurt, 37. Before, poetically, 38. Redress, 41. Hearing organ, 42. A type of dance, 45. Spouse, 48. Record player, 51. Oval, 52. Truth ____, 54. Male offspring, 55. Deformed, 59. Kids, 62. Place, 63. A chemical compound, 65. Wise men, 66. Winglike, 67. Disorderly revelry, 68. At the peak of, 69. Combustible pile, 70. Ripped, 71. Not more,
Down
1. Q-Tip, 2. A hollow cylindrical shape, 3. Appraisal, 4. To that, 5. Calypso offshoot, 6. Arm or leg, 7. Blatant, 8. Primitive fishes, 9. Annual book of information, 10. Deception, 11. Being, 12. Untidiness, 15. Condition, 21. Blend, 23. Information, 25. Dwarf buffalo, 27. Sharpen, 28. Vibes, 29. Destroy the inside of, 31. Tightwad, 32. Warm, 34. Comes after Mi and Fah, 36. To endure (archaic), 39. Born as, 40. L L L L, 43. Motion of hands, 44. Chocolate cookie, 46. Conspiracy, 47. Barely enough, 49. Made a mistake, 50. Beginning, 53. Parisian subway, 55. Applaud, 56. Greasy, 57. Close, 58. Beloved, 60. Prima donna problems, 61. Tastes, 64. Type of whiskey,

Yesterday's Solution
CLUBS TWAS TIDLE
HURON RAINT RIGIAN
ARISE ALAR MINT
PECCADILLO ONCE
KALE DODGER
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RAIL NEGOTRONY
CURIOSA ESCAPEE
ALEPH DRAT TERN
CASTOR ELAV
AFAR OPTIMISTIC
ROUE WORN ETUDE
TUNA SLUE LANES
SLAM ELMS DRESS
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