

# 358 Insurgents Killed, Wounded in Newest Military Operations: MoD

KABUL - 358 militants have been killed and wounded in newest military operations, the Ministry of Defense announced on Saturday. According to a statement issued by the ministry the operations were carried out in Marawar, Shigal, Manogai, Ghazi Abad, Sarkano and Wata Pur district of Kunar province, Alingar District of Laghman, Tagab of Kapisa, Jalriz of Maidan Wardak, Gilan of Ghazni, Samkani and



Janikhil of Paktia, Charchino, Chinarto, Khas Urozgan, Dehrwoud and Surab districts of Urozgan, Gijran and Gizab of Daikundi, Shah Wali Kot, Naish and Maiwan districts of Kandahar, Khwaja Ghar of Takhar, Chahardara, Ali Abad, Imam

Sahib, Dasht-i-Arche and Gor Tipa of Kunduz and Girishk District of Helmand province in past 48 hours. The statement adds that 216 insurgents were killed and 142 others wounded during these operations. Due to landmine explosions and insurgent fire, 12 soldiers from Afghan National Army also embraced martyrdom during these operations, the press release states. (KP)

## Pakistani Fighters Join IS Against Taliban in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - The governor on Saturday claimed more fighters from Pakistan had arrived in eastern Nangarhar province to join the Islamic State (IS) group and others from Afghan provinces to back the rival Taliban. It is said fresh clashes between the two rival armed groups in the Achin district had left a number of civilians and a tribal elder dead. Dozens of homes have been burned and according to the governor, airstrikes by foreign troops in the same district had killed and wounded a large number of fighters from both the sides.



Local residents say civilians suffered casualties and financial losses as a result of the clashes between the two groups and several families had left for other areas. Clashes between the IS and Taliban gunmen have been ongoing over the... (More on P4)... (19)

## 350,000 Families Get Ramadan Aid Countrywide

KABUL - The Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock on Saturday distributed 34,000 tonnes of wheat worth 345 million afghanis across the country. The assistance, being distributed amid the holy month of Ramadan, has given to teachers, government employees, disabled, employees of municipalities. Assadullah Zameer,



minister of agriculture, told journalists in Kabul 100 kilograms of wheat was allocated

for each family. "We have warehouses in Kabul, Balkh, Herat, Baghlan, Bamyan, Daikundi, Badghis and Uruzgan where we distribute wheat to needy families. In the province give cash in provinces where we don't have warehouses," He added. According to Zameer, a joint committee from representatives of... (More on P4)... (17)

## Kandahar Explosion Leaves 4 Children Dead, 6 Hurt

KABUL - Three children were killed and six others wounded in an explosion in southern Kandahar province on Saturday, an official said. The incident took place at around 4:00pm close to the Baba Wali petrol pump situated in the limits of eight municipality district of the city, Police Spokesman Ahmad Zia Abdulzai told Pajhwok Afghan News. The explosives materials were placed in a pillow, he said, adding that police have started investigations into the incident. Sources within the Mirwais Hospital confirmed received the bodies of four children and six wounded. He said the injured were said to be in critical condition. (Pajhwok)

## Floods Leave 7 Persons Dead in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - At least seven persons have been died and over a hundred of houses damaged in flash floods in northeastern Badakhshan province, an official said Saturday. The floods were triggered by melting of snow in Unik village of Shuada district during the past four days. Officials earlier had said that 80 residential houses



were destroyed and a man killed in the floods. However, Provincial Natural Disaster Management

Authority (PNDMA) director Sayed Abdullah Humayun Dehqan told Pajhwok Afghan News five children were also dead in the incident. According to a survey, as many as 110 residential buildings were destroyed in the floods, he said, adding that the World Food Program (WFP) on Friday provided food items... (More on P4)... (20)

## Army Quell Taliban Attack, Two Bomb Makers Detained

ASADABAD - Afghan National Army has repelled a Taliban coordinated attack in eastern Kunar province. Officials say that a group of Taliban militants attacked a security post on the top of a hill in Gulsak area of Chapa Dara District. According to 201st Silab Military Corps, the security forces gave a befitting response to the attack and pushed back the Taliban. Two Taliban insurgents were killed



and another wounded in the clash. Security forces and local residents did not receive casu-

alties during the skirmish. Another report from 201st Corps suggests that two bomb makers have been detained from the jurisdiction of Shaikh Ali District of Parwan province. The 2 terrorists arrested in a security check point by the military are identified as Ahmadzia S/O Gul Ahmad and Abdul Khalil S/O Abdul Samad, residents of Waghaz valley of Seyagardh District of Parwan. (KP)

## Land Dispute Leaves Five Dead in Parwan

CHAREKAR - At least five people were killed while seven others sustained injuries in a land dispute between two armed groups in Charikar, provincial capital of central Parwan province, said officials on Saturday. Parwan police chief, Mohammad Zaman Mamozai confirmed the incident and said a woman was also among those wounded. He told TOLONews that a police officer from neighboring Kapisa province was also involved in the dispute, who Mamozai said was the main factor behind provoking the dispute. Three people have been arrested in connection to the incident, while the police officer managed to escape. (Tolonews)

## 4 Civilians Dead in Firing, Bombing Incidents

SHIBERGHAN/MAIMANA - Four civilians have been killed in separate incidents of violence in northern parts of the country, officials said on Saturday. Two butchers were killed when two motorcyclists opened firing on them in northern Jawzjan province, Police Chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Faqir Jawzjani told Pajhwok Afghan News.



He said that the incident took place in the Mangjik locality of Quchaghnavi district. He said the slain

people did not have any government job. Jawzjani blamed Taliban for killing of civilians who were busy in their routine work. Elsewhere, a roadside bomb left a newly-wed couple dead in northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said. 1st Lt. Syed Naqibullah Dardman, the operation... (More on P4)... (21)

## 23 Insurgents Dead in Takhar, Ghazni Clashes

TALOQAN - Officials said on Saturday said that 23 rebels have been killed and 25 others wounded in clashes and violence in northern Takhar and southern Ghazni provinces. Officials in Takhar said that intense clashes were underway between security forces and



insurgents in Khwaja Ghar district for the last two days. Abdul Khalil, police spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News five Taliban were killed and four others wounded in the showdown. He acknowledged four policemen were also... (More on P4)... (18)

## Suicide Blast in Kabul Leaves a Child Wounded

KABUL - A child was slightly injured following an explosion in Kabul province this afternoon, according to security officials. The incident took place in the vicinity of Bagrami district where the explosives carried by two suicide bombers went off, apparently due to a premature



explosion. Deputy interior minister for security Gen. Ayub Salangi

confirmed that a child was slightly injured in the incident. No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident. The Taliban led insurgency has been rampant since the group announced its summer offensive... (More on P4)... (22)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Your willingness to gamble your emotional security for the possibility of an amazing experience might upset someone close to you. There's nothing wrong with wanting to stretch the envelope of your reality but reckless behavior won't likely bring the satisfaction you want. Nevertheless, you can make the most of your current curiosity by making a methodical plan before you do anything else.

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

You're tempted to rock the boat today without considering the consequences. However, running off to fulfill your fantasies isn't the most productive use of your energy now that unpredictable Uranus is in the picture. Although you might be itching to break free from your regular weekend routine, moving too fast may leave you standing on unstable ground.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Expressing your unconventional feelings is liberating, but you may end up scattering your energy in the process. Luckily, you can get away with bending the rules in the name of innovation today, and you're even tempted to make up new ones along the way. It's exhilarating when all the details fall into place and everything goes according to your plan. Enjoy the fun, but don't expect it to last forever.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're less concerned about other people's reactions to your need for freedom because you think you can claim your power now without being judged. You're driven to shine your individualistic light. Although spontaneously emerging from your shell is refreshing, you could do something foolish if you don't take a few minutes to think about the consequences of your actions.

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

Your dreams are too big to fit into your waking world, but you are driven to turn your fantasies into reality. Even if you know your chances of success are slim, you're still motivated to give it your best shot. But rather than just pushing forward, take time to develop a strategic plan of attack. It's a mistake to think anything is possible now unless you're committed to exerting the necessary effort.

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

You may be stressed out by all the social pressures pushing and pulling you in a million different directions. Happily, you can turn a challenging day into a memorable experience by simply doing the right thing. Instead of wasting time trying to convince others to support your agenda, just do the absolute best job you can with whatever is currently on your plate. Have faith in your moral compass now.

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

Motivating yourself these days can be a challenge because your professional goals are in flux. Ironically, you might feel unusually calm today, even if you're caught up in the center of a storm. The sudden chaos that's swirling around you inspires you to hold on to your current position with even greater determination. Nevertheless, you can't resist change forever.

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

You could become so deeply engrossed in a project today that it temporarily consumes your life. Something that starts as a relatively minor chore suddenly grows in complexity as you reassess all your options. An ingenious plan might explode into awareness now like a sudden flash of inspiration, tempting you to take immediate action.

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

Try as you might, you just can't wipe that mischievous smile off your face today. Your enthusiasm may be contagious but it's tricky if you don't have a way to express your creativity. Unfortunately, ignoring your far-out ideas only fuels their power and adds to your frustration. Wait for an appropriate moment to casually discuss your ideas without being attached to what happens next.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

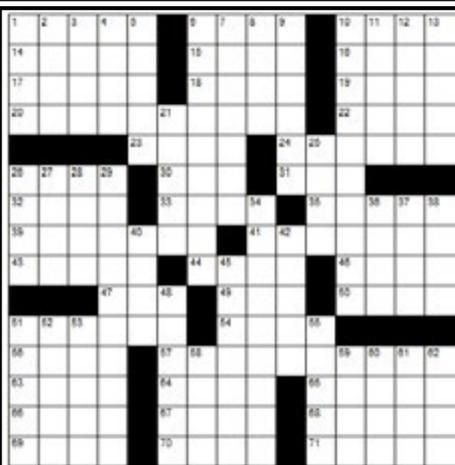
Maintaining your customary role of being the responsible one in your family or group of friends grows more taxing as the day progresses. The problem stems from your current excitement about exploring unexpressed facets of your own creativity. You might even consider taking a leap of faith to break through long-standing self-imposed limitations.

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

Following orders is more challenging than ever while rebellious Uranus squares the Sun in your 6th House of Daily Routine, urging you to break rules just for the sake of freedom of expression. However, you might attempt to suppress your radical behavior now because you don't want to be rejected by your friends and relatives.

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

You're walking a fine line and even those routines that usually seem so comforting can trigger anxiety instead. Your emotions are on edge and you are ready to snap at the slightest provocation. However, losing your temper will only sap your energy and annoy others. Discussing your concerns in a rational manner is a much smarter strategy now than ignoring them because your worries won't simply disappear on their own.



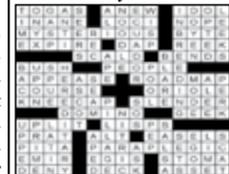
#### Across

- 1. Perpendicular, 6. Shoestring, 10. Mother, 14. Hawaiian veranda, 15. Lazily, 16. Weightlifters pump this, 17. Sheeplike, 18. Not false, 19. Hindu princess, 20. Noria, 22. Boats, 23. Observed, 24. Enclose in, 26. Not stiff, 30. An Old Testament king, 31. Letter after sigma, 32. Smell, 33. Somersault, 35. Not promising, 39. Equivalent word, 41. Free, 43. Run away to wed, 44. Sea eagle, 46. End \_\_\_, 47. Historic period, 49. Barely manage, 50. Slave, 51. Restitution, 54. Former Italian currency, 56. Lairs, 57. A type of semiconductor, 63. Decorative case, 64. Be worthy of, 65. French for "Red", 66. Flippant, 67. How old we are, 68. Master of ceremonies, 69. 3, 70. Boys, 71. Faked out an opponent.

#### Down

- 1. Farm equipment, 2. Magma, 3. Module, 4. Head of hair, 5. Caskets, 6. Slender, 7. An endocrine gland, 8. Hint, 9. Shoelace hole, 10. Heaven-sent, 11. A kind of macaw, 12. They live in monasteries, 13. Licorice-like flavor, 21. Tired, 25. Apprehends, 26. Fail to win, 27. Bucolic, 28. Not stereo, 29. Tendency, 34. A tall and thin physique, 36. If not, 37. Affirm, 38. Notch, 40. Egghead, 42. Ales, 45. Connected by kinship, 48. Stellar, 51. Apt, 52. Gauge, 53. Habituate, 55. Broadcast, 58. Indian music, 59. A few, 60. Fit snugly into, 61. Curved molding, 62. Marsh plant.

#### Yesterday's Solution



again, anger, bare, bass, beef, before, broad, brood, church, crush, decree, express, found, friendless, heat, lumber, mechanic, peer, piano, quack, relieve, sarcasm, scholastic, seer, shack, shuffle, sire, slight, snag, snarl, sober, speech, spoke, stark, stern, teal, thatch, tides, tolerate, trust.

