

12 Taliban Militants Killed in Takhar Operation



KABUL - At least 12 Taliban insurgents were killed in clashes with Afghan security forces in northern Takhar province, Interior Ministry (MoI) said in a statement. In a statement released on Sunday, MoI said that Afghan Special Forces conducted a joint operation in Namakab district of the province on Saturday night. During the raids, at least 12 militants were killed and four others wounded, the statement added. The Taliban militant group yet to make a comment about the incident. Takhar is among the volatile provinces in the north of the country where the Taliban insurgent group and irresponsible armed groups are active in a number of its districts. (ATN)

Planning Attack, 12 Taliban Killed in Kandahar Blitz



KANDAHAR CITY - At least 12 Taliban militants were killed when the vehicles they were travelling in were targeted by a foreign forces airstrike in Shah Wali Kot district of southern Kandahar province on Sunday morning, an official said. Kandahar police chief's secretary Qasim Azad told Pajhwok Afghan News the airstrike was carried out this morning, in which 12 Taliban militants were killed. He said the militants wanted to attack a security check-post named Chinar but foreign forces preempted their strike. The Taliban have not yet commented in this regard. (Pajhwok)

Afghan Air Force Flew its First Black Hawk NVG Resupply Mission in March: Pentagon



KABUL - The Afghan Air Force flew its first Night Vision Goggle (NVG) resupply mission using UH-60A+ Black Hawk helicopter in the month of March. The Department of Defense stated in its report 'Enhancing Security and Stability in Afghanistan' that the Afghan Air Force UH-60 pilots

receive basic UH-60 flying skills training through a the six-week Aircraft Qualification Training (AQT). The report further added that upon graduation, pilots can attend Mission Qualification Training (MQT), a 10-week contractor-led, academic and flight instruction course that graduates pilots as mission-certified "co-

pilots." Furthermore, Pentagon said through accrual of flying time and certification, squadron leadership can certify pilots as aircraft commanders. The AAF has 53 qualified UH-60 pilots. Meanwhile, Pentagon said the Afghan Air Force currently has the capability to support ... (More on P4)... (11)



Afghan Forces Conduct 109 Joint, Special Ops and 20 Airstrikes in Past 24 Hours: MoD

KABUL - The Afghan security forces conducted 109 Joint and Special Operations against the militant groups in the past 24 hours. The Ministry of Defense in a statement said the security forces conducted 11 joint and 98 special operations to suppress the militant groups. Furthermore, the Afghan Air Force conducted 20 airstrikes to support the ground forces during the operations. The statement further added that the security forces conducted the operations in Khost, Kunduz, Kandahar, Faryab, Ghor, Parwan, Takhar, Badghis, Ghazni, Helmand, Nangarhar, Zabul, Balkh and Sar-e-Pul provinces. Meanwhile, the defense ministry said the security forces killed 79 militants and wounded 57 others during the same operations. In addition, the security forces arrested 2 suspected militants, the defense ministry added. The Ministry of Defense also added that the coalition forces also provided support to the Afghan security forces during the operations. (KP)

5 Police Personnel Killed in Baghlan Bombing



PUL-I-KHUMRI - At least five policemen have been killed and two others wounded as a result of a roadside bombing in northern Baghlan province, an official said on Sunday. Abdul Wali Hameedi, administrative chief for Frengh district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the police personnel, who had

gone to Guzargah district on Saturday, were ambushed by militants on their way back. He said the roadside bomb struck a Humvee, killing five police personnel and wounding two others. Police spokesman Ahmad Javed Basharat confirmed ... (More on P4)... (12)

Pro-Govt Commander Shot Dead in Sar-I-Pul



SAR-I-PUL - Unidentified gunmen have shot dead a pro-government uprising commander in the Zarah district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said on Sunday. Acting police chief Asadullah Habibi told Pajhwok Afghan News unknown gunmen shot dead Moham-

mad Reza Abdragi in the Choghdan area of the district on Saturday morning. He said Reza wanted to go to Mazar-i-Sharif when gunned down by armed individuals. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the assassination. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Jul 15, 2019 - Confirmation of professional success could come your way, Aries, and you're probably feeling excited and motivated to keep pushing. But you may find that increased responsibilities interfere with your social life. You wonder if friends have forgotten you. They haven't, but it will make you feel better if you squeeze in a few hours for your friends each week.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Jul 15, 2019 - Success on all levels is filling your life and making you feel absolutely wonderful, Taurus. The downside of this is that you might be a little too conscientious. Are you putting in a lot of extra hours? Be discriminating about this and don't work harder than necessary. You could get stressed to the point of taxing your strength too much, and that won't help you. Pace yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Jul 15, 2019 - Hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication are now paying off financially, Gemini. New opportunities are opening up to profitably make use of your artistic side. The downside is that you might be working so hard that you're too drained to be creative even though the inspiration is there. Take a moment to rework your schedule to accomplish the most in the least amount of time. You can do it.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Jul 15, 2019 - People close to you might be a bit worried about you, Cancer. Too much work and socializing might have you feeling less than your usual self, and perhaps even a little feverish and head-achy. If so, this is a good day to take time out, stay home, and rest. Don't worry about sabotaging your success. It will continue.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Jul 15, 2019 - All continues to go well professionally, Leo. You're feeling physically strong and vigorous. Mentally, however, you might be a bit vague. You may be easily distracted and not as sharp as usual. This isn't a good day to start a new project. Try to concentrate on finishing old tasks and tying up loose ends.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Jul 15, 2019 - The high from your recent successes could make you want to purchase luxury items that you used to think were impractical, Virgo. This is fine as long as you're discriminating and don't give in to impulse buying. This also isn't a good time to over-indulge in food or drink. You should let yourself enjoy your success while still using common sense.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Jul 15, 2019 - You could be on a real emotional high today because of your success and that of other household members, Libra. Your mind may be buzzing with ideas for future expansion, some of which may not be all that workable. However, you should allow yourself a few flights of fancy. Tomorrow your feet will be back on the ground and you will see things in a more practical light.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Jul 15, 2019 - Today may prove to be one of your busiest in a long time, Scorpio. The promise of continuing success in your personal and professional goals could find you spending a lot of time on the phone, writing emails, or making a few short trips around the community. You might not be able to reach everyone you need to see. Don't worry. Be persistent and you will reach them eventually.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Jul 15, 2019 - Business and financial success makes you happy and satisfied, Sagittarius. You also look forward to moving on. The downside of this flush period is that people who aren't particularly trustworthy might decide to latch onto your coattails for their own purposes. Some might even ask for loans. Be careful about the ones you assist. They might not be honest with you. Don't fall for any sob stories.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Jul 15, 2019 - As your professional dreams unfold, Capricorn, you may worry about the downside. First, there are new responsibilities that you might doubt your ability to fulfill. Second, you might be catapulted into an uncomfortable new realm of office politics. Don't let these matters put a damper on your enthusiasm.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

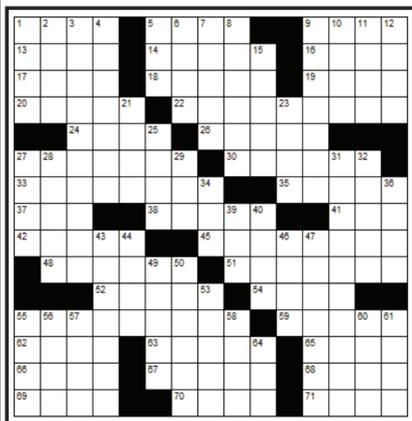


Jul 15, 2019 - Recent spiritual breakthroughs might have you feeling both exhilarated and downcast, Aquarius. Your sensitive side tells you that this is a definite step forward on your spiritual path, but the logical side might cause you to doubt its reality. Take comfort in the fact that reality is relative and that what you're sensing is at least valid for you. Then keep moving ahead.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Jul 15, 2019 - Many of your personal goals have either been met or are in progress, Pisces, and you're feeling exhilarated. However, people around you might have their hands out. You may be asked to contribute to charities or make personal loans to people you don't know well. You want to help whenever you can, but be discriminating about whom you help now. Some may be less than trustworthy.



Across

1. Dry, 5. Smelting waste, 9. Broth (Scottish), 13. Alley, 14. Pertaining to the Sun, 16. Not difficult, 17. Photos, 18. African virus, 19. Backside, 20. Make a splashing sound, 22. Recruits 24. Listen, 26. A red fluorescent dye, 27. Supervise, 30. Die, 33. Anniversary of a birth 35. Jaegers, 37. Fury, 38. Not written exams, 41. Brassiere, 42. Canvas shelters 45. Large northern marine mammals, 48. Not these or those, 51. Characteristic of a goat, 52. Colonial, 54. Gave the once-over, 55. Small reed organs, 59. Perceive by inhaling, 62. Food thickener, 63. An Italian woman of rank, 65. Indian dress, 66. Contest, 67. Unemotional 68. Weightlifters pump this, 69. As just mentioned, 70. Hoopla, 71. An acute inflammatory

Down

1. Austrian peaks, 2. Train track, 3. Unable to express yourself, 4. After dinner treat, 5. South southeast, 6. Part of the outer ear, 7. Sole, 8. A fast gait of a horse, 9. A member of the beat generation, 10. Unusual, 11. Being, 12. Visual organs, 15. Lift 21. Chop finely, 23. Knights 25. Start over, 27. Death notice, 28. An small olive-grey bird, 29. Hearing organ, 31. A secondary company, 32. Rabbits, 34. Swerve, 36. Cumberbund, 39. Delay, 40. Blackthorn 43. Thought 44. Transmit, 46. Beams, 47. Implement, 49. Marsh growth, 50. Polished 53. Nag, 55. Wise men, 56. Quaint outburst, 57. Disabled, 58. Trim, 60. Not "To" 61. Satisfactory, 64. Card with one symbol, ,

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