

# 24 Militants Eliminated in Ghazni Offensive

At least 24 Taliban insurgents have been killed and 14 others wounded during an ongoing operation in southern Ghazni province, officials said on Tuesday.

GHAZNI - CITY Mohammad Haneef Rizaee, spokesman for 203rd Thunder Military Corps third brigade, told Pajhwok Afghan News security forces launched the clearing operation codenamed (Khalid) two days ago in Gero district.

He said 24 militants were killed and 14 others wounded during the offensive in Pana, Ahad and Safarwal areas.

Vehicles, motorcycles and other ammunition belonging to the Taliban were also destroyed. He assured security forces and civilians suffered no casualties.

Police spokesman Faheem Amarkhel confirmed the operation and it had ended successfully in Gero district.

Azizzullah, an inhabitant of the locality, confirmed clashes between Taliban and security personnel in the area over the two days and said security ...*(More on P4)...(15)*



## 4 Kapisa Education Officials Jailed over Embezzlement

MAHMOOD RAQI - Four education department officials have been sentenced to jail by an anti-corruption court in central Kapisa province, officials said on Tuesday.

Provincial council chief Mohammad Hussain Sanganee told Pajhwok Afghan News the four officials had been accused of funds' embezzlement in 1392 solar year.

They were sentenced to jail terms ranging from one month to five years by the primary court yesterday and were taken into custody today.

The public representative said Ghulam Hazrat and Mustafam, logistics staff at the education department, had allegedly embezzled 700,000 afghanis in the oil sector.

He added the court also jailed Sardar Khan and Agha Sherin, financial employees of the department, for six months on charges of embezzlement in clothing and education surveys. He did not reveal the embezzled money.

Mohammad Nasim Safi, education department head, said he was not satisfied with the court decision. He said the four individuals had no attorney to defend them during their trial.

But they would be defended by an attorney in the appeal court, he said. Pajhwok attempted to discuss the cases of the four men with the authorities but a contact was not established. *(Pajhwok)*

## Taliban Commanders Killed in Nangarhar Infighting

JALALABAD - Two Taliban commanders have been killed during infighting in the Batikot district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Wednesday. Niamatullah Noorzai, the district's administrative chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the infighting took place in Takee area late on Tuesday night.

He said Safiullah and Samiullah, two notorious commanders, were killed by Khairullah. He did not go into details that what triggered the clash.

There has been no word yet from the Taliban about the incident. *(Pajhwok)*

## 6 Soldiers Killed as Rebels Capture 2 Posts in Zabul



QALAT - Local officials on Wednesday said two security posts have fallen to Taliban militants following an attack that left six security personnel dead and five others wounded in southern Zabul province.

A local security official, who wished to go unnamed, told Pajhwok Afghan News the security posts based in Arghandab district of the province were captured under the rebels attack on Tuesday night.

The militants stormed several posts in the area but the control of two of them was lost to the rebel group, the official said. ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

## Nearly a Dozen Militants Killed in Uruzgan Clashes

KABUL - Nearly a dozen Taliban insurgents were killed and half a dozen wounded in separate clashes with security forces in central Uruzgan province, officials said on Wednesday.

An official at the provincial police headquarters, 2nd Lt. Zainullah, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban rebels attacked a police convoy with supplies and equipment in Chino and Sabzak areas near Tirinkot, the provincial capital, late on Tuesday night.

The ensuing two hours long fierce clash resulted in the killing of five militants, including a notorious Taliban commander named Mullah Ismatullah. Three more attackers were wounded.

Separately, six militants were killed and three others wounded during a firefighting with police in Chora district, the district police chief said. 2nd Lt. Asadullah said the clash erupted in Niayzi area and that the police escaped unharmed.

There has been so far no word from insurgents about the two incidents. *(Pajhwok)*

## Taliban Militant Kill His two Senior Leaders in Nangarhar Insider Attack

JALALABAD - A Taliban militant who was conducting insurgency activities as a local commander in Bati Kot district has killed his two senior leaders in an insider attack.

According to the local government officials, the incident took place late on Tuesday night in Takia area.

Bati Kot district administrative chief Nematullah Noorzai said the assailant has been identified as Khairullah who opened fire on his senior leaders



late on Tuesday night, leaving two of them dead. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. Infighting among the Taliban insurgents is not rare as numerous incidents have been reported since the death of the Taliban ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## 7 Daesh Rebels Blown up by Own Explosives in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - At least seven Daesh (Islamic State) rebels have been killed by their own explosives in the Pachiragam district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Wednesday.

Attallah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion took place in the Godar area of the district ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Security Forces' Vehicle Burnt to Ashes in Taliban Attack

MAIMANA - A vehicle was burnt to ashes on Wednesday when a convoy of security forces came under Taliban attack in the Khawaja Sabz Posh district of northwestern Faryab province, an official said.

Police spokesman Abdul Karim Yoreshtold Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place at around 9:00am in Qala locality.

Abdullah Masoomi, the district chief, said civilians and security forces suffered no casualties in the ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

## Gang Leader of Armed Robbers Arrested in Kabul City

KABUL - A gang leader of the armed robbers has been arrested during the operations of the police forces in Kabul city.

The officials of the Criminal Investigation Department in Kabul security commandment said the detained gang leader has been identified as Khwajah Najibullah.

The officials further added that Najib was previously jailed for a period of fifteen years but was released from the detention after spending nearly six and half years.

The CID officials are saying that Najib was jailed over a kidnapping case, the officials added. Najib resumed to take

the lead of a gang of robbers soon after he was released from the jail and was arrested after committing a series of crimes, including armed robberies.

The Kabul police commandment says Najib has also disclosed the names of the other members of his gang besides confessing of ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

### Outlook Horoscope

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



Someone you like very much may be overbearing today, making demands that provoke your anger. Unfortunately, confronting the situation without creating additional turmoil is challenging. Nevertheless, it's best to put everything out on the table now, but following the rules doesn't ensure satisfaction.

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



Your friends might be so intense today that your first inclination is to turn around and run. However, escape isn't the best solution; pushing beyond debilitating blockages in a relationship is possible now, especially if you're open to learning more about the issues at hand. But you must first face your fear of change.

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



A wide variety of relationship issues are vying for your attention today. Regardless of the specifics, personal demands and inaccurate conclusions appear as obstacles on your career path. There is a growing likelihood of conflict brewing between your needs and the expectations of others. You're in control; there's no reason to let your desire to be authentic interfere with your productivity.

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



A sudden flash of inspiration pulls you out in front of the pack, encouraging you to take charge at work. It's impossible to know how assertive you should be now, yet thankfully, you might see the big picture from vantage points that often elude you. Don't ignore the important details, but remember that you may not be able to micromanage your plan.

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



Your excitement continues to build as you imagine anything is possible. However, someone might think you're coming on a bit too strong with your enthusiasm. It's fine to feel optimistic about the current circumstances, but there is a thin line between cultivating a positive attitude and being in denial. If you are overly passionate about the possibilities, consider the fact that you

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



Initiating a radical change of direction today could be your best strategy for handling a sudden outburst from a close friend or partner. Although you can't control the behavior of others, at least you can carefully contemplate your response. Narrow thinking serves no one; unnecessary nitpicking won't bring you any closer to satisfaction. Instead, meet someone halfway in order to demonstrate your willingness to keep an open mind.

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



Your calendar changes dramatically today as the simplest of tasks become mired in details. Your calculated response may be to push back and try to do everything as originally planned. Nevertheless, it's more effective to focus on what is most critical now. You have the power to let go of control, shake up the status quo and clear the way for something amazing to enter your life.

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



Your emotional drive is strong, but you still might be able to find happiness if you're willing to gamble with your heart. The key to making today count is your unconventional approach when it comes to expressing your feelings. Nearly everyone enjoys your unedited frankness and consistent originality.

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



Your aspirations could easily overtake reality if you let them. Your secret ambitions isolate you from others today, making it critical to untangle your inner world enough to express your thoughts clearly. Don't waste time playing the blame game if it seems like someone is trying to undermine your best efforts. Instead, find out what you're hiding by searching within. Showing your cards dissipates the resistance as quickly as it arrived. Hidden truths are unspoken

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



Ironically, your coworkers may distract you from your professional responsibilities today. Although you could easily choose to procrastinate, it's not helpful in the long run to blow off your obligations. Address your current commitments before slipping out for a long lunch or cutting the workday short. Even if you stretch a rule or two now.

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



You typically keep your emotions out of the workplace, but speaking from your heart now can lead to potentially great rewards. Don't be the one who continually creates obstacles by imagining all the worst-case scenarios; instead, jump in with a can-do attitude. Stay focused on your ultimate destination at all times.

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



You may daydream of a hundred ways to leave your humdrum existence behind today. Your imaginative wanderings point you in the right direction and urge you to break out of your current cycle of boredom. But don't force any issues now, since you could alienate others with your passionate persuasion. Instead, set your course and take the first steps of your journey while the planets are favoring your actions.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-61.

Across: 1. Snob, 5. 4-door car, 10. Tip, 14. Olympic sled, 15. Small amount, 16. Kill, 17. A moderately quick tempo, 19. Den, 20. Chief Executive Officer, 21. Formula 1 driver, 22. Electrical pioneer, 23. Causing erosion, 25. SSSS 27. Scarlet, 28. Dreamer, 31. Gloss, 34. Eyeshade, 35. Prompt, 36. Draw near, 37. Moisten, 38. Tibetan monk, 39. French for "Friend" 40. Melodies, 41. He flies a plane, 42. Refinisher, 44. Brassiere, 45. Bake in a shallow dish 46. Ancient Roman galley, 50. Vortex, 52. Vibes, 54. Spy agency, 55. You (archaic), 56. Fixations, 58. Charged particles, 59. Wingless bloodsucking insects, 60. Swing around, 61. Impetuous, 62. Woman's undergarment, 63. Untidiness, Down: 1. Location, 2. King, 3. Snow house, 4. G, 5. Maroon, 6. Construct, 7. A romantic meeting, 8. Female thespians, 9. Prefix meaning "Modern", 10. Not awake, 11. Music genre, 12. Letters, etc., 13. Tropical American wildcat, 18. The color of grass, 22. Russian emperor, 24. To endure (archaic), 26. Flat-bottomed boat, 28. Duck down, 29. Japanese wrestling, 30. Nipple, 31. Stigma, 32. "Where the heart is" 33. Discharges, 34. Profoundly honored, 37. Prickle, 38. Teller of untruths, 40. Hard work, 41. One who is excessively proper, 43. Candidiasis, 44. Tastelessly showy, 46. Step, 47. French school, 48. Subtract, 49. Relieves, 50. Blend, 51. Stop for a horse, 53. Utilized, 56. Frequently, in poetry, 57. Belief,

Yesterday's Solution: STAFF, PLANT, RAIN, HELLO, TOGO, IDLE, EASES, AREA, NOIR, DROWSINESS, GRAD, TLK, TAMED, ENRIQL, STELLA, LOOPS, SPORTS, SMAN, SOUP, WALLS, TUBE, ENERVATED, JELLS, BEARED, VARILET, MASTS, WEN, IONS, HABITUAL, LILY, LXII, ITEM, ALIVE, LIMO, POMP, RESIN, SEEN, SPAY, YETIS

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