

# Six Taliban Insurgents Killed in Night Raid

LASHKARGAH - At least six Taliban insurgents were killed during a night raid by security forces in southern Helmand province on Monday night, local officials said. In addition, four other insurgents were injured. The night raid took place in Nehar-e-Seraj district of the province after the insurgents had gathered



at safe havens, a spokesman for the provincial governor Omar Zwak said. "Two other Taliban insurgents were arrested. The insurgents wanted to carry-out attacks on Kandahar-Helmand highway police check posts," he said. There were no casualties among security forces in the operation. (Tolnews)

## Family and In-Laws of 14-Year-Old Burnt Alive Blame Each other

GHOR CITY - The family and in-laws of the Afghan minor, who died on Saturday (16 July), have started blaming each other for the incident. Zahra, 14, from the western Afghan province of Ghor was allegedly burnt alive by her in-laws. She was four months pregnant. Zahra died a week after suffering grievous burn injuries. According to her father Muhammad Azam, Zahra had been a victim of abuse at her in-law's house. Her husband's family repeatedly beat and stabbed her when she refused to work in the opium fields after she got pregnant, her father said. However, Zahra's in-laws say she committed suicide. Doctors at Isteqlal Hospital where she was treated said her burns were bone-deep and she had over 90% burns when she was brought there. "Our investigative team has been sent to the area and has started a probe into the incident. Zahra's father-in-law has been brought before the court," Zaman Azimi, acting police chief of Ghor, said. Zahra was reportedly a victim of "bad dadan", a practice in which girls or women are used as barter to settle disputes between families. She was used as ... (More on P4)... (17)

## 17 Dead as Floods Sweep Away 2 Vehicles

KHOST CITY - Flash floods have swept away two passenger vehicles in southeastern Khost province, killing at least 17 people, local officials said on Tuesday. The floods caused the fatalities in Yaqubi district and Haroonkhel area on the outskirts of Khost City, the acting head of the Afghanistan natural disaster management authority said. Shahdam Hilal told Pajhwok Afghan News the flooding had resulted from torrential rains in the province, where a flying coach carrying to Khost City was swept



away in Haroonkhel area. He said the dead included four women and as many children, coming from across the border to the Khost capital. Hilal added several people were killed and wounded in Yaqubi as well. Agha Jan, administrative head for the district, said seven people including four children and two women of a family were killed when a pickup car ... (More on P4)... (14)

## Ghazni Peace Committee Head Escapes Unhurt in Bomb Attack

GHAZNI CITY - The peace committee head for southern Ghazni province on Tuesday claimed escaping unhurt in an overnight bomb attack on his office. Khaliliullah Hotak told Pajhwok Afghan News: "Two magnetic bombs placed inside my office went off last night. But I wasn't harmed in the blasts." He said windowpanes and doors of his office were shattered as a result of the explosions, which were also confirmed by



the provincial police chief. Brig. Gen. Aminullah Amarkhel said the bombings caused no casualties. The government-appointed peace negotiator's office was partially damaged. (Pajhwok)

## ANA Soldiers, Taliban Clash Leave 3 Civilians Dead, 6 Hurt

MAHMUD RAQI - Three civilians have been killed and six wounded as a result of a clash between Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and the Taliban in the Alah Sai district of central Kapisa province on Tuesday, an official said. Ghulam Naqshbandi, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News security officials arrived in the district main bazaar this afternoon for shopping when attacked by the Taliban. The clash continued for a couple of hours and



resulted in the killing of three civilians and wounded six others. Khalid, a resident of locality, said the clash between the two parties erupted in no time people spread around and they were shocked. The Taliban have not talked about the incident in Kapisa. (Pajhwok)

## 2 Would-Be Suicide Attackers Killed, 7 of a Family Injured

CHARIKAR - Seven member of family were wounded and two suicide attackers killed when explosives hidden in a civilian house went off Tuesday morning in the Bagram district of central Parwan province. Governor Abdul Shakoor Qudusi told Pajhwok Afghan News the blast took place as the suicide attackers attached their explosives to a motorbike inside a garage. The blast killed two insurgents and wounded two men and five women. The attackers have not been identified yet and the owner of the house had been detained for investigations. Dr. Abdul Rahman, in charge of a clinic in the Ghulam ... (More on P4)... (15)

## Border Police Officer, Daughter Gunned Down

ZARANJ - Unidentified motorcyclists have shot dead a border police officer and his 10-year-old daughter in Zaranj, the capital of southwestern Nimroz province, a security official said on Tuesday. The assailants fired bullets at Col. Abdul Rahim Monday night when he was knocking at the gate to his house in the fourth municipality district. Rahim daughter was initially wounded as she opened the door, the official said. But later on, she succumbed to her injuries at hospital. Mohammad Ghaus, a relative of the slain policeman, said the Taliban had attacked Rahim last year as well; ... (More on P4)... (16)

## 8 Talibs, One Soldier Killed in Kunduz Clash

KUNDUZ CITY - At least eight Talibs including one of their local commanders, Mullah Mansour, and a soldier have been killed in ongoing clashes in northern Kunduz province, officials at the 20th Pamir Army Division said on Tuesday. In addition, 12 Talibs and four other soldiers were injured. Heavy clashes are still ongoing between security forces and the resurgent Taliban in Qala-e-Zal district of the province and insurgents have seized control of parts of the district, according to officials. Officials said that reinforcement troops arrived Monday in the district and clashes are ongoing. The battle started early Monday after insurgents attacked Qala-e-Zal and started clashing with security forces. (Tolnews)

## Taliban Carry out Attack Near Salang Pass Tunnel

KABUL - Taliban insurgents launched an attack on Tuesday morning close to the Salang Pass tunnel on the key highway from Kabul to the northern parts of the country. According to officials, the insurgents - totalling about 20 - have since fled the area. Reports indicate that the insurgents came in from the remote Shenwari district but then fled when security forces arrived at the scene, which is in a rugged, mountainous area. Officials said at least one motorist was wounded in the attack. The Salang Pass is the major mountain pass connecting northern Afghanistan with Parwan Province, with further connections to Kabul Province and southern Afghanistan. The pass crosses the Hindu Kush mountains but is now bypassed through the Salang Tunnel, which runs underneath it at a height of about 3,400 m. It links Charikar and Kabul in the south with Mazar-e-Sharif and Kunduz in the north. (Tolnews)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

Although you know what you want and have a simple plan to get it, your energy is drawn toward strengthening family relationships now, delaying your professional success. The aspiring Capricorn Full Moon in your 10th House of Career could trigger a work-related crisis that pushes you to recognize the need for self-discipline.

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

You are proud of your realistic goals and are more driven now than ever to achieve them. The calculating Capricorn Full Moon spotlights your 9th House of Big Ideas, revealing sensible ways to reach your destination. Nevertheless, your overly practical nature can fill you with doubts about the feasibility of your grand plans.

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

You're ready to risk your comfort by confronting a deep emotional issue now. Clarifying what you want from others enables you to advance your personal and professional interests as the Capricorn Full Moon illuminates your 8th House of Shared Resources. Although your imagination is a powerful tool that helps you achieve success, it can also color your communication with misleading emotions.

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

You may be painfully aware of the feelings you normally suppress to maintain the harmony of personal and business relationships. The goal-oriented Capricorn Full Moon falls in your 7th House of Partnerships, reflecting your desire for emotional stability. Unfortunately, you might feel as if you have reached an impasse.

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

It's time to come back down to earth and take concrete steps to upgrade your life. You don't have to conquer the world; just add some constructive order to it as the responsible Capricorn Full Moon lands in your 6th House of Daily Routine. Practicing self-discipline on a small scale allows the larger pieces to fall into place.

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

Uncertainty is hanging in the air while the crafty Capricorn Moon overwhelms your 5th House of Love and Play. Emotions are revealed that test the boundaries separating a romance from a friendship. Unfortunately, your rational faculties might not be up to your exacting standards today, creating a short lapse of sound judgment. Don't take any unnecessary risks unless you have carefully weighed the consequences.

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

You may be pulled between the pleasure of being with others and the need for quiet time by yourself. The ambitious Capricorn Full Moon lights up your 4th House of Roots, stirring an urge to take on new challenges. Vivid memories of parental advice can propel you along with their high expectations or hold you back with their fears. However, self-doubt is not a signal to curtail your aspirations.

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

A trivial thought can grow to grandiose proportions today, so be watchful for a loss of perspective as you turn molehills into mountains. Although your passions are stretched to extremes by the rational Capricorn Moon opposite the emotional Cancer Sun, an all-or-nothing approach to relationships might not serve your best interests now.

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

Navigating murky emotional waters isn't your favorite activity, yet the vulnerability it can trigger now improves strategic alliances. A power struggle over fiscal control could create unexpected stress in a relationship; money matters may erupt when the responsible Capricorn Full Moon emphasizes your 2nd House of Resources. Wishing things were better is not a financial plan.

#### Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan 19)

You are driven to establish a healthier balance between your outer professional life and your inner emotional world now. The Capricorn Full Moon occurs in your 1st House of Personality, urging you to get in better shape and consider updating your appearance. Although your relationship life may be complex, you can still set your heart on a destination and, with a little help from the cosmos, figure out the best way to get there.

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

Happily, you can cling to your vision of a brighter future while still fulfilling your promises. The reliable Capricorn Full Moon is a cosmic reminder that you must honor your commitments prior to indulging your fantasies. This Full Moon energizes your 12th House of Secrets and puts you in touch with a practical side of your spirituality that you may have forgotten.

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

You are driven to stabilize your relationship with your local tribe or community today. The sobering Capricorn Full Moon casts its light in your 11th House of Groups and Friends, making it clear how much is expected of you as a member of the team. Open your eyes to see where you truly stand with your peers. Notice people who take more than they give and then start to change the equation in order to make it more balanced.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-64 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across: 1. Savory jelly, 6. Hotels, 10. Found over each eye, 14. Tether, 15. Person, place or thing, 16. Tibetan monk, 17. Electrical pioneer, 18. Handout, 19. Among, 20. Apparent, 22. Give as an example, 23. Prompt, 24. Scrapes gently, 26. Gossamer, 30. One who is excessively proper, 32. Bay window, 33. Candor, 37. Bristle, 38. Threw, 39. Chills and fever, 40. Unsteady in gait, 42. Play the bagpipes, 43. Fancy, 44. Internal-combustion engine, 45. The male reproductive cell, 47. Solidify, 48. Sun, 49. Edible marine gastropod, 56. Hair salon process, 57. Anagram of "Dice", 58. Flogged, 59. Aquatic plant, 60. Outbuilding, 61. Egg-shaped, 62. Observed, 63. Sacred, 64. Chatty. Down: 1. Countertenor, 2. Views, 3. Long ago, 4. Small island, 5. Sanctuary, 6. An independent film company, 7. Newbie (slang), 8. Nonexistent, 9. Expressive of contempt, 10. Type of harmless snake, 11. Bog hemp, 12. Leaves out, 13. Walk in water, 21. A type of large sandwich, 25. Request, 26. Outlay, 27. Chocolate cookie, 28. A mooring post, 29. Meteorologist, 30. Wrinkled fruit, 31. Telephoned, 33. Flutter, 34. Auspices, 35. Certain, 36. Peddle, 38. Dowdy, 41. Hearing organ, 42. Semiconducting material, 44. Morning moisture, 45. Inscribed pillar, 46. Plaster, 47. Lightheaded, 48. Resorts, 50. Reflected sound, 51. Bobbin, 52. Central area of a church, 53. Be cognizant of, 54. Wreaths, 55. Countercurrent.

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