

6 Afghan Soldiers among 18 Dead in Taliban Attack

Six Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have been killed and three others injured in a fierce clash with the Taliban in western Farah province, an official said on Saturday.

FARAH CITY - A dozen insurgents were also killed and six others injured as the group tried to capture the Pashtunkot district of the province, said Nasir Mehri, the governor's spokesman. But local residents claimed the Taliban entered the district headquarters but were pushed back by security forces after hours of a gun-battle. Some locals said the Taliban attacked the district centre on Friday night. According to other sources, the militants entered the facility Saturday morning and carried out some blasts, burnt a military tank and a Ranger pick-up. Resident said security forces responded with airstrikes and a ground offensive, forcing the Taliban to flee the district centre. Ten Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed and eight others injured as they wrestled back. (More on P4)...(18)



Taliban's Logistics Chief Operating between Afghanistan and Iran has been Killed

KABUL - An important commander of the Taliban group has been killed during an operation in western Herat province of Afghanistan. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) informed regarding the killing of the Taliban group, stating that Mullah Abbas was the logistics chief of the group in the region. A statement by MoD said Mullah Abbas was actively operating between Afghanistan and Iran to provide logistics support to the Taliban insurgents. MoD further added that eleven Taliban insurgents were killed in total during the operation conducted in Shindand district. At least five Taliban insurgents also sustained injuries during the same operation, the ministry of defense added. (More on P4)...(19)

4 Dead, 23 Wounded in Traffic Accidents



PUL-I-KHUMRI/MAIMANA - At least four individuals have been killed and 23 others wounded in three separate traffic accidents in northern Baghlan and Faryab provinces, officials said on Saturday. Faryab Traffic Management head Karimullah said five people were injured on Friday when a car bumped into two vehicles parked in the Chahar Samawar Square area of Lodin Street. "In a second accident, a police pick-up collided with a car in the limits of the second police district, resulting in the death of a 60-year-old salesman and injuries to a young man," he added. Karimullah linked the... (More on P4)...(20)

UN Agency Lauds new Project to Register Undocumented Afghan Refugees in Pakistan

UNITED NATIONS - A new pilot project in Pakistan to register undocumented Afghan refugees, who up to now have been without identity papers and living in fear of being arrested or deported would allow up to one million people to have legal status, the United Nations refugee agency said. (APP)

Daesh Kill 3 Own Fighters over 'Links' with Afghan Forces

SHIBERGHAN - Daesh or so-called Islamic State (IS) militant group has shot dead three of its fighters in Qush Tepa district of northern Samangan province over alleged collaboration with Afghan security forces, local officials said on Saturday. According to the officials, the slain IS men included Qari Quadrat, accused of killing six International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) members. A brother of Qari Quadrat was also among the dead. Baz Mohammad Dawar, acting district chief for Darzab, said the IS group transferred the trio from Darzab to Qush Tepa district and killed them there. He said it wasn't known if the group had thrown the dead bodies in Qush Tepa district. Militants affiliated with Daesh attacked ICRC members in the Qush Tepa district in February, killing six ICRC officials and kidnapping two others. The ICRC after the incident suspended its activities in Afghanistan and two of its members are still... (More on P4)...(21)

20 Taliban Militants Killed in Faryab



MAIMANA - District governor Abdul Salam Nahzat said 10 villages are under control of the Taliban in Dawlat Abad. At least 20 Taliban militants were killed in clashes with Afghan security forces in Faryab province in Afghanistan's north, local officials said Saturday. The battle started in Dawlat Abad district in Faryab on Friday night and continued for few hours by the mid-

night. District governor Abdul Salam Nahzat confirmed the report and said the clash continued for three hours in which Taliban suffered heavy casualties. Nahzat said at least 11 security check posts and 10 villages in the district are under control of the Taliban. He added that government forces will launch a military operation to retake those areas. Three soldiers were wounded in the fighting, he said. Taliban has not commented on the report. (Tolonews)

Intelligence Official, Teacher among 8 Killed in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - The National Directorate of Security (NDS) officer, a teacher and some militants have been killed in separate incidents in eastern Nangarhar province, officials said on Saturday. NDS personnel succumbed to his wounds after he was shot by two motorcyclists on Saturday in Jalalabad,

the provincial capital. One assailant was also killed in injured officer retaliatory firing, but another managed to flee the site. In Chaparhar, armed men shot dead a teacher named Sahib-ul-Haq while he was praying at Mosque. According to the gover-

nor officer Haq, 50, was a teacher at the Bandai Amerano Girls High School. Separately, six Taliban have been killed in a clash with security forces in Bakhtikot district. The incident happened in the spin Khawar area on Friday evening. Police spokesman confirmed the clash but did not provide... (More on P4)...(22)

ALP Personnel among 3 Dead in Samangan Clash



AIBAK - Two Taliban insurgents and one Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel have been killed during a clash in Dara-i-Sauf Payeen district of northern Smangan province, an official said on Saturday.

Abdullah Zafari, the district police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash erupted in Zeraki village of the district on Friday afternoon. A resident of the area, who did not want to be named, said the clash took place after ALP commander Mohammad Ibrahim and his associates, who were busy harvesting wheat crops, were abruptly attacked by insurgents. He said the gun-battle lasted two hours. Two rebels—Qari Saifullah and Mullah Ahmad—were killed and a third suffered injuries. One policeman named Gulabudin was also killed and another injured during the firefight, Zafari confirmed. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're riding high on waves of spontaneity that create the potential for all kinds of self-expression. The affectionate Leo New Moon rattles your 5th House of Romance, reinvigorating a current relationship or introducing a new partner into your life. Luckily, you find it easier to show up in social situations with a cheerful attitude and an open heart.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

It's time to throw a party at home or head out on the town with a few close friends. The bold Leo New Moon fires up your 4th House of Domestic Conditions, but the current focus is not necessarily on your chores or obligations. Instead, the cosmos is offering you the chance to experience pleasure in the company of those you love the most.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It seems like magic when you can talk people into seeing things from your perspective. Fortunately, the demonstrative Leo New Moon activates your 3rd House of Communication, amplifying your gift of gab. You are optimistic that you can get your message across efficiently, but your lack of follow-through may confuse others. Nevertheless, you needn't be too concerned now about anyone's reactions to your behavior.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Sometimes people don't stop to notice your competence because you're so adept at supporting others. However, the energy is shifting and you can proudly strut your stuff without being too self-conscious now. It actually might feel amazing to appear in the spotlight while the proud Leo New Moon shakes up your 2nd House of Self-Worth.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

A convergence of cosmic currents catches you in this magical moment, motivating you to start a personal project. Although you might feel a great sense of urgency today, building momentum requires an investment of time and energy. This assertive New Moon joins macho Mars in your proud sign, inspiring you to announce your plans and take the first steps on your journey.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Although many people schedule their vacations over the summer, this may be a very hectic time of year for you busy worker bees. The lively Leo New Moon attempts to hide in your 12th House of Privacy, suggesting a lot is going on in your world that's invisible to others -- enough angst to make you a bit anxious. Avoid deepening a conflict with anyone for petty reasons.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Managing your social calendar is often one of your top priorities. Juggling a complicated schedule seems more critical than ever while the outgoing Leo New Moon heats up your 11th House of Friends and Wishes. However, you might feel overwhelmed if you commit to more than you can handle. It's challenging to tell if your intentions are grounded in reality now.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Although you might wish you had more privacy, your responsibilities to family, profession or community draw the bright spotlight toward you. The action-packed Leo New Moon highlights your 10th House of Public Life, impacting your place in the outer world. You may be tempted to overreact, but there's no need to make any immediate changes as long as you spend time.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are riding a new set of wild waves that are carrying you into your future. Although the theatrical Leo New Moon's presence in your 9th House of Big Ideas infuses you with optimism, you may also be hiding secrets that you don't want anyone to know. A tiny seed of self-doubt could be enough to sour your plans, especially if others catch wind of it and water it with their fears.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You strive to be in complete control of your life and the sole director of your destiny, but other people may hold some of the keys to your success. The Leo New Moon points to your 8th House of Shared Resources, indicating that working with someone else is a strategic move. However, the current situation becomes tricky if another person needlessly flaunts their power.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

A friend or relative may be acting exceptionally nice, but you can't help but wonder if there is more going on than meets your eye. You might be feeling extra pressure to perform in a certain way while the melodramatic Leo New Moon agitates your 7th House of Companions. However, it's highly unlikely people are scheming against you today.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You might feel as if you're talking to a wall today, especially if others seem disinterested in your story. Keep in mind the dramatic Leo New Moon occupies your 6th House of Details, making it nearly impossible to envision the entire picture. Unconsciously pushing ahead with your plans by turning them into a performance can raise the ire of your peers.

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