

# 200 Taliban Suffer Casualties in Battle for Kohistan

**At least 200 Taliban insurgents suffered casualties during the battle for Lowlash, the centre of Kohistan district in northern Faryab province, officials said Thursday.**

MAIMANA - The rebels captured the Kohistan district center on July 20, besieging more than 60 personnel from the commandos unit, the army and police, but subsequent drone strikes and a major ground operation lasting two days pushed the insurgents back. Brig. Gen. Amanullah Mubeen, commander of the 209th Shaheen Military Corps, said the air and ground operation was initiated in compliance with orders from the president and security officials. He said as many as 200 Taliban suffered casualties and the rest fled. He said the rebels would no longer be able to resist the security forces and if did so they would receive the same response. Gen. Mubeen assured the people and ...*(More on P4)...(14)*



## 6,000 Jawzjan Families Gain Access to Potable Water

SHIBERGHAN - Hundreds of families have gained access to potable water as a result of a scheme implemented by the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development in northwestern Jawzjan province, officials said on Wednesday. Rural Rehabilitation and Development Director Eng. Mahyar Sidiqi said the project for supplying clean drinking water through tankers to residents of 10 remote villages had kicked off in Shiberghan and Qosh Tapa. "The people of these villages had been deprived of access to drinking water this season, and we would continue the need-based programme for about 40 days. It may be extended," he added. Sediqi said the families displaced as a result of conflict in Darzab, Qosh Tapa, Turkmen Qand and Nwabab would also benefit from the project. Hamidullah, a resident of Taghan Arigh village, said: "The people of our area have been facing a shortage of drinking water since June 5. ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

## Airstrike Eliminates Main ISIS Hideout in Nangarhar Province of Afghanistan

JALALABAD - An important hideout of the militants affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group was eliminated in an airstrike carried out in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. According to the local officials, the airstrike was carried out in the vicinity of Achin district of Nangarhar. The officials further added that the terror group also lost at least eight ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

## Gang Leader of Kidnappers Arrested in Kabul City



KABUL - A leader of the kidnapping gang has been arrested during an operation of the Afghan intelligence operatives in capital Kabul. The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said the detained gang leader has been identified as Mohibullah son of Azizullah. A statement by NDS said Mohibullah was leading a group of kidnappers consisting fifteen members and had recently abducted a man from the 4th police district of the city. The statement further added that hostage was kept for a period of 15 days by the gang and was released during the operation of the intelligence operatives. The arrest of the ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

## Parwan-Bamyan Highway Closed Amid Fierce Clash

KABUL - The busy Parwan-Bamyan highway was closed on Thursday morning in the wake of to a fierce clash between the security forces and Taliban, officials said. Haroon Mubarez, public order police commander, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants attacked security check-posts in the Pul-i-Rangab area of Siah Gird district in the morning. He said heavy clash were still ongoing before noon, but details of casualties were yet to be known, he added. On the other hand, residents of the area said the Bamyan-Parwan highway had to be blocked due to gunbattles. But Mubarez denied the claim. Parwan police chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Zaman Mamozai, meanwhile, said the deputy crime branch chief for Syedkhel district was gunned down by robbers during a clash in Kakakhel area late on Wednesday. He said three suspects arrested in connection with the murder were residents of Syedkhel district. But Jamshed, an inhabitant of the area, alleged the armed robbers had escaped and the detainees were innocent residents. *(Pajhwok)*

## ACB Wants Indians Solicited to Play in APL



KABUL - Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) chief executive officer called on Afghan ambassador in New Delhi Shaida Mohammad Abdali earlier this week at the latter's office. The ACB in a statement said the aim behind the July 21 meeting was to seek the Afghan Embassy's support in further strengthening India-Afghanistan cricket ties and to discuss existing opportunities for

the Afghans after obtaining full membership of the International Cricket Board (ICC) this year. Stanikazi thanked the Afghan Embassy for its usual cooperation in facilitating opportunities for the Afghan national side and sought the embassy's support in exploring more opportunities for the Afghan Premier League (APL). He requested the Embassy to obtain India's collaboration in assisting with the APL and also solicit their players to play for the APL. Abdali congratulated the Afghan team for its full membership in ICC once again and described the achievement as historic. *(Pajhwok)*

## Not a Single High School for Girls in Paktika Province

SHARAN - Some women in south-eastern Paktika province complain their daughters are deprived of higher education because not a single high school for girls exists in the province. Bakht Bibi, a resident of Sharan, the provincial capital, told Pajhwok Afghan News no attention was being paid to girls' education. "No high school has been constructed for girls in Sharan. I don't know about the situation in districts." She asked the government to construct a girls' high school in Sharan so that ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

### ANNOUNCEMENT FOR BIDDING

<b>Procurement Entities</b>	NPA on behalf of Ministry of Energy and Water (MoEW), Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
<b>Funded By</b>	Government of Afghanistan
<b>Item Description / Ref No.</b>	Detail Design and Construction of Kama Irrigation and Hydropower Project (KIHP) NPA\MOEW\96\W-1578 \ ICB
<b>Deadline for submission Bids</b>	17 September, 2017 at 10:00 Hours (Local Time).
<b>Address for submission Bids</b>	Fifth floor, National Procurement Authority (NPA), Administrative office of the President, Pashtonistan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan
<b>Website</b>	Interested bidders may download the complete Bidding Documents from NPA website <a href="http://www.npa.gov.af">www.npa.gov.af</a> . In case of any problem in downloading, may obtain the same by sending e-mail at the address <a href="mailto:aziz.obaidi@aop.gov.af">aziz.obaidi@aop.gov.af</a> (copy to <a href="mailto:wais.rahimi@aop.gov.af">wais.rahimi@aop.gov.af</a> , <a href="mailto:hikmatullah.asad@aop.gov.af">hikmatullah.asad@aop.gov.af</a> , <a href="mailto:ahabmu@gmail.com">ahabmu@gmail.com</a> & <a href="mailto:malik.ghanizada@aop.gov.af">malik.ghanizada@aop.gov.af</a> ).

## Outlook Horoscope

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

You don't want to stick to the agenda today, especially if you think someone made it arbitrarily. It's as if you need to shake up the energy just to show others that you're in control of your own life. Unfortunately, there are smarter ways to achieve your autonomy than behaving like a toddler in a rebellious manner.

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

Your determination can lead to a standoff with someone who is as stubborn as you. Ironically, you seem less interested in making your point now than in sustaining the deadlock for as long as possible. It's as if you derive pleasure from managing not to flinch before your opponent.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You're happily anticipating a thoroughly enjoyable day but someone may be standing in your way, preventing you from pursuing fun. Normally, you would discuss the problem with the other person and come to a solution that works for both of you. However, you might grow weary of social niceties today and just want to get on with making new memories. Unfortunately, your abrupt behavior

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

There's a special satisfaction you derive from taking care of your personal possessions. Whether you are refinishing a cherished piece of furniture, sorting through family heirlooms, or just tinkering about your home, you love surrounding yourself with your favorite things. However, what begins as a casual activity could transform into a major project today.

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

Yesterday's exuberance morphs into today's frustration. You're ready for a busy day, but one thing after another delays you from getting to the beach, the gym or the mall. Dealing with the practical side of life takes precedence over chasing fun in the Sun or other enjoyable excursions.

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

A plethora of domestic chores may keep you from attending a social event today. But the truth is you might be feeling like you need some time to yourself, anyway. You like the idea of being alone now, and claiming that your household responsibilities are piling up is as good an excuse as any. However, you don't have to make up reasons for your current craving for solitude.

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

You're attempting to maintain your calm and cool demeanor now, but it's tough when your relationships with your friends are under stress. You've recently tried multiple strategies to improve conditions, but your social life is like a bouquet of flowers: you like their smell but you don't want to be stung.

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

Your true nature is hermetically sealed once you decide to keep your feelings quiet. However, there's a price to be paid for cutting yourself off from those who love you. You might regret hiding your emotions and attempt to make moves to rectify the situation now. However, don't lead with anger or resentment today; just open your heart and see what happens.

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

Your close friends know you well enough to see through your happy-go-lucky exterior. However, there are times when covering your serious thoughts with a smile is not only a waste of energy, it can do harm. If you have an ax to grind today, go ahead and do it. If you are struggling with a weighty issue now, share your burden with a trustworthy companion. It's only when you are completely vulnerable that you can be completely strong.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

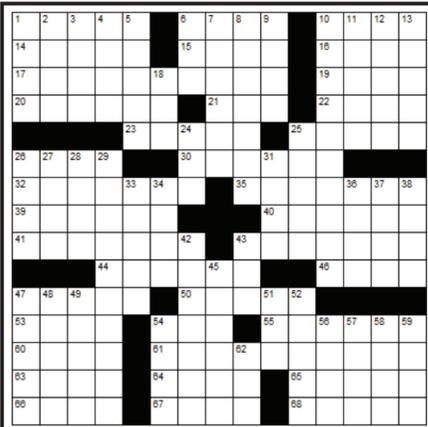
You enjoy your current role as a gracious host, but it grows old if you don't feel appreciated. It's even worse if you're stuck in the position because it's your responsibility to make sure everyone else is happy now. But taking care of people's needs is disingenuous if you don't really want the job. Either submit to your social obligation by fully embracing it today.

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

You woke up with a special agenda today and are eager to get started. However, your friends and family might make demands on your time that detract from your original intentions. Avoid the temptation to just slip away and do your own thing now without addressing the awkward relationship dynamics. You don't have to turn the situation into a major drama.

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

Previously made commitments may cycle back to haunt you today, especially if you don't feel like participating in a scheduled event. Unfortunately, you could leave someone in a difficult position if you pull out at the last minute. Obviously, the sooner you address the issue with those involved, the better it will be for all. Nevertheless, mentally reframing the entire activity might enable you to follow through with your promise while maintaining your self-respect. Winston Churchill said,



**Across**

- Herbaceous plant, 6. Workbench attachment, 10. Rapsallions, 14. Positive pole, 15. Picnic insects, 16. Groan, 17. Fortify, 19. Cogitate, 20. Afternoon nap, 21. Consumed food, 22. Pot, 23. Not written exams, 25. Fragrant oil, 26. 50%, 30. Persons, 32. Imitate, 35. Nitrify, 39. Wine and dine, 40. Seamster, 41. Windflower, 43. Ideal, 44. Part of a dress, 46. Tardy, 47. Evidence, 50. Doctrine, 53. Optimistic, 54. Ghost's cry, 55. Deepest part of the self, 60. Dogfish, 61. Loyalty, 63. Adolescent, 64. French for "Black", 65. Large body of water, 66. Classify, 67. Leg joint, 68. Homes for birds,

**Down**

- Low in pitch, 2. Against, 3. Achy, 4. Midmonth date, 5. Slowly, in music, 6. Big wine holder, 7. Breathe in, 8. Type of hat, 9. Feudal worker, 10. Extraneous, 11. Increase, 12. Noodles, 13. Contemptuous look, 18. Needlefish, 24. Gorilla, 25. Communion table, 26. Sister and wife of Zeus, 27. Ends a prayer, 28. Olympic sled, 29. Showy, 31. Falafel bread, 33. Remote, 34. Care for, 36. Aquatic plant, 37. Horn sound, 38. Sea eagle, 42. An apparition, 43. Dowel, 45. Offensive term for an Asian laborer, 47. Backsides, 48. Juliet's love, 49. Willow, 51. Russian fighter, 52. Negatively charged particle, 54. Financial institution, 56. A ceremonial staff, 57. 1 1 1 1, 58. Leave in a hurry, 59. Anagram of "Nets", 62. Before, poetically,

**Yesterday's Solution**

EASE ENEMY PHEW  
 ITEM OXIDE PIGTA  
 GREEDINESS GRAYS  
 HIP OBESSE SPOTS  
 TASSELS RITES  
 TREE CADENCES  
 OARNS FELLOW GIDE  
 EGAD KINELL EPEE  
 KEN GAFFE EMEND  
 ESCHALOT TIT  
 QUITE UNORRIS  
 EARNIS GARVE XIII  
 SNOG FINGERLING  
 SOUR ENTER ALUM  
 EASY EGEST MESA

agitate, antenna, bells, blind, chair, diversion, eliminate, event, feast, feat, fellow, fight, fine, flatten, fodder, forage grave, grope, heart, jailer, knife, livid, loaf moron, network, pedal price, reek, refine

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