

Round-the-Clock Raids Leave 167 Taliban Dead

As many as 167 insurgents have been killed and another 135 wounded during operations in 13 provinces over the past 24 hours, the spy service said on Saturday.

KABUL - A statement from the National Directorate of Security or NDS said intelligence operatives conducted 26 independent and joint operations round-the-clock. The raids were carried out in capital Kabul and Zabul, Badghis, Kapisa, Nangarhar, Paktia, Herat, Ghor, Badakhshan, Faryab, Baghlan, Helmand and Nimroz provinces, the statement said. The offensives included three solely carried out by the NDS and four airstrikes and 18 ground raids were conducted jointly with other forces, read the statement. It claimed 147 Taliban insurgents were killed, 135 others wounded as a result of the operations which led to the arrest of 10 more suspects, including four foreign terrorists, ...*(More on P4)...*(14)



Daesh Militants Impose Restrictions on Darzab Residents

SHIBERGHAN - Residents and officials of northwestern Jawzjan province say Daesh militants have restricted people from watching TV, listening to radio and buying chicken meat, cigarette and other stuff in Darzab district. Locals complain Daesh -- or the so-called Islamic State (IS) -- fighters check residential buildings at night and punish those violating their orders. Haq Birdi, an inhabitant of Bibi Maryam village, told Pajhwok Afghan News the insurgents had collected dish antennas from rooftops and destroyed them. "Daesh fighters recently surfaced among communities and told people to avoid energy drinks, cigarette, snuff and frozen chicken meat. They say these things are prohibited by Islam," he said. The militants even collected meat and drinks from local shops and destroyed them, he said, adding people were concerned at the situation. The residents did not know what to do or who to ask for help, he continued. ...*(More on P4)...*(15)

Top Faryab Education Officials Held on Corruption Charges

MAIMANA - The provincial education department head and another senior official have been arrested on charges ranging from fraud, forgery and corruption in northern Faryab province, officials said on Saturday. Farid Ghori, head of the provincial attorney's office, said Ghulam Sakhi Bayan, the education department head, and Islamuddin Hatmi, human resources head at the department, had been detained on charges of fraud and corruption. ...*(More on P4)...*(16)

Afghanistan a Taste 7-Wicket Loss in Tri-Series Match



KABUL - Afghanistan A tasted a seven-wicket defeat at the hands of India A in their Tri-Series match in Pretoria, South Africa, a board official said on Saturday. The opposition won the toss in Friday's match and elected to field first, Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) spokesman Farid Hotak told Pajhwok Afghan News. Afghanistan suffered an early jolt when Siddarth Kaul dismissed Osman Ghani for a duck. The removal of Javed Ahmadi for 25 by Axar, who struck twice, left Afghanistan A reeling at 45 for three in the 16th over. Rahmat Shah (35) returned to the pavilion in the 29th over. The entire team was bowled out for 149 in the 41st over, ...*(More on P4)...*(17)

Diesel Price up, Sugar down in Kabul

KABUL - The price of diesel has edged up while that of sugar dipped during the outgoing week in the capital Kabul, market sources said Saturday. Abdul Hadi, a worker at the Wazirabad Pump Station, told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of one liter of diesel increased from 40 Afghanis to 41 Afghanis this week. But he said the price of the same quantity of petrol remained steady at 44 Afghanis. The gas price also remained unchanged. Ahmad Javed, a gas seller in the 4th street of Taimani area, one kilogram of the commodity cost 50afis. In food items, the price of only sugar has decreased. Food Traders Union head Fazal Rahman said the price of 49 kilograms of Pakistani sugar dropped from 2,100afis to 2,030afis due to high imports. However, he said, the rates of other food items remained steady. The whole sale price of 16 liters of Khurshid ghee accounted for 1,120afis, 24-kg bag of Pakistani rice for 1,800afis and 50-kg of Kazakhstan flour for 1,200afis. Noor Ahmad Khairkha, a tea seller in Kabul Mandavi, said a kilogram of Indonesian green tea cost 280afis and the same amount of African black tea 300afis ...*(More on P4)...*(18)

10 Helmand Policemen Reportedly Killed in Taliban Attack

LASHKARGAH - Sources said the policemen were killed when a group of Taliban fighters attacked their check post in Nawa district. At least 10 police force members were killed in a Taliban attack in Nawa district in Helmand province, sources said on Saturday. According to the sources Taliban attacked a police check post in Samad Square in Nawa district on Friday night, killing 10 policemen. Provincial governor spokesman Omar Zwak however confirmed that two policemen were killed and 10 others



were wounded in the attack. Zwak said Taliban has also sustained casualties in the ambush. However, he did not give details in this respect. Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. (Tolonews)

Helmand Clashes Leave 117 Civilians Killed and Wounded in a Month



LASHKARGAH - Twenty-eight civilians were killed and 89 others wounded in different attacks in southern Helmand province in the past one month, a civil society organization said. Aziz Rahman Tasal, head of the Justice and Protec-

tion Organisation, told reporters here among the dead civilians were men, while four women and 69 children were included in injured persons. He said foreign forces and militant groups paid no heed to the protection of civilians during conflict and both sides were involved in the massacre of innocent civilians. Tasal said the Taliban did not respect their head's order regarding the protection of common people and the group continued to plant mines in public places and used homes of civilians as trenches. ...*(More on P4)...*(19)

11 Taliban Killed, 5 Policemen Hurt in Paktika Clash

SHARAN - Eleven Taliban insurgents have been killed and five policemen injured during a clash in the Barmal district of southeastern Paktika province, an official said on Saturday. Acting Police Chief Dadullah Khan Hotak told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban attacked a police convoy on Friday night in the Tangi locality. He said the police personnel captured two vehicles and as many motorcycles belonging to the Taliban during the clash. Javed, the resident of Sarobi district, ...*(More on P4)...*(20)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Your senses are alive with anticipation as you imagine sweet pleasures, whether or not you can actually pursue them in the real world. You'll take nearly any chance you can get to break away from your regular routine today, even if your actions are ill-advised. Hopefully, you understand that wishing with all your might doesn't mean your dreams will come true.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Someone may be tugging on your heart strings or your purse strings today, and you're not sure whether you like it or not. Naturally, you're flattered when a person is attracted to you, but it's challenging to read other people's motives. You are intrigued by a possible connection with an individual you admire, but your intuition is waving red flags now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You prefer to keep your current interactions on a casual basis, but someone's presence could set off a warning bell today. An inner voice advises you to run while you still have a chance, but you want to pursue a conversation with this person of interest. There's no reason to close your heart out of fear, unless you create a whole palette of unrealistic expectations that can only lead to disillusionment.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your desires are sending signals in several directions, attracting people and circumstances outside of your normal lifestyle. However, you're uncomfortable sharing your personal business too quickly because you're naturally overprotective when disclosure triggers your emotions. Nevertheless, don't allow your feelings to go dormant now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Although you might face unforeseen setbacks now, you're not one to prematurely throw in the towel. In fact, the gulf between your home world and your dream world continues to grow, adding to your current emotional sensitivity. You know that the road ahead is not an easy one, and you secretly hope you're not setting yourself up for a fall.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22)



You strive to remain positive-minded in spite of the less-than-awesome news you receive today. However, it gets tougher by the minute to keep your shock and discouragement beneath the radar. Of course, you can easily divide your tasks so you catch up on business, leaving personal matters for later in the week. But putting your feelings out in the open is more difficult, if not a more rewarding approach to relationships.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Ironically, you may be drawn to the very same people that were too unconventional for your tastes only a few weeks ago. However, your personal aesthetics have not changed as much as you think; it's just that your spectrum is widening and you're more comfortable with stepping beyond your old limits.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Someone might get the wrong idea from you today. Although the Moon's presence in your sign provokes frequent mood swings, this doesn't mean your emotions are any shallower now. In fact, your intensity could come as a surprise to an admirer who was expecting fun and games, without the gravity of a heart-centered attachment. But you wouldn't be authentic if you took the easy way out.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Romance is in the air, but an opportunity to pursue an unusual relationship could disappear before you know it. Your infatuation may extend into online interactions, yet it's challenging to distinguish social media connections from real life ones. Nevertheless, don't be dissuaded now because someone seems so different from you. You might be delighted by how much you can have in common with another open-minded person if you give each other a chance.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You could be stuck in a drama that pits your regular need for stability with your transient desire for a memorable thrill. Normally, these two points are mutually exclusive and wouldn't exist in the same story line. But now you must create a plot that engages both traditional methods and futuristic individuality.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

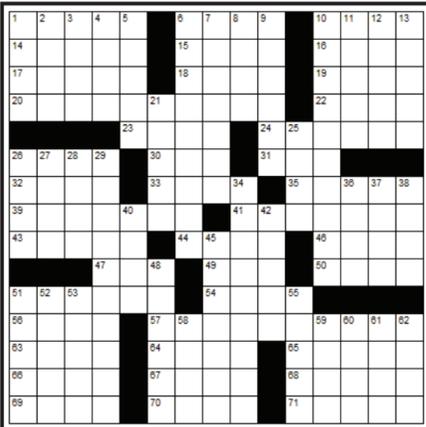


You possess a rare ability to maintain an intense connection with a friend or lover while also fostering emotional detachment. In fact, you might choose to keep a long-lasting relationship free of drama by relying on fair-minded thinking rather than subjective emotions. But don't assume for a moment that this kind of connection is qualitatively any less significant than a traditional one.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You wish you could stick with your tried-and-true formula today, but many of your interpersonal interactions quickly sour when you add your opinions to the mix. Although emotions are a key ingredient in an intimate relationship, they also introduce ambiguity into the equation. Building protective walls is not a viable strategy now; it may keep some pain at bay, but boundaries also stifle love and affection.



Across
1. Valleys, 6. Road shoulder, 10. Parasitic insect, 14. Make into law, 15. Decorative case, 16. Test, 17. France's longest river, 18. Congoal, 19. Not pre-recorded, 20. Constrained, 22. Mortgage, 23. Wood that is cut, 24. Self-centered person, 26. Sister and wife of Zeus, 30. New Zealand parrot, 31. Expression of surprised admiration, 32. Poems, 33. L L L L, 35. Savory jelly, 39. The side of a bed, 41. Excite, 43. Hair net, 44. To endure (archaic), 46. Ailments, 47. Record (abbrev.), 49. Historic period, 50. P P P P, 51. Kind of sauce, 54. Past tense of Leap, 56. 500 sheets, 57. Not arrogant, 63. Desire, 64. Catches, 65. Neighborhood, 66. Bearing, 67. Algonquian Indian, 68. Run away to wed, 69. Annoyance, 70. Boxes for bricks, 71. Feel,
Down
1. Expunge, 2. Shortly, 3. Nonclerical, 4. Beige, 5. Originates in, 6. Ornamented, 7. Continuing forever, 8. Govern, 9. Mold, 10. Companionship, 11. 63 in Roman numerals, 12. Roof overhangs, 13. Catkin, 21. Broiled, 25. Satyr, 26. Imps, 27. Biblical garden, 28. Start over, 29. Variety, 34. Prophetesses, 36. Whimper, 37. Small island, 38. To tax or access, 40. Notion, 42. Some tides, 45. Connected by kinship, 48. Crushing sound, 51. Outmaneuver, 52. Eagle's nest, 53. Angers, 55. Large bulrushes, 58. Roman emperor, 59. Infiltrator, 60. Computer symbol, 61. Short sleeps, 62. Delight, ,

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