

Taliban's Combat Morale Down in Southeast



GARDEZ - Officials say the Taliban have been suppressed and their advancement and operation plans thwarted in the southeastern part of the country. They say effective military response, public reaction and pressure from peace talks were some of the factors that weakened the Taliban's combat morale. Paktia Governor Shamim Khan Katawazai told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban's recruitment process had damaged and cracks within Taliban ranks emerged as a result of bomb blasts that happened in public places. "The enemy's low level fighters also understand that this fight is unlawful and has no legitimacy. The number of Taliban from Paktia province has declined and their recruitment level declined to an all time low," he said. Thunder Military Corps Commander Brig. Gen. Khanullah Shujah said security forces continued their military operations last winter and cut off Taliban logistic supply to Paktia. He said fighting and attacks at public places had sparked tensions and cracks within the Taliban at both low and high levels. "The Taliban failed to gear up summer offensive because the entire last winter security forces conducted operations," he said. In addition, the Taliban witnessed opposition from common people in most of the places and they did observe all this. Paktia Police Chief Col. Mohammad Usman Janbaz said the security situation was totally different this year compared to the previous year when coordination and cooperation among security institutions increased. Common people also believe that security situation in Paktia has improved compared to last year and this could ...(More on P4)...(13)

Death Toll from Attack on Saleh Office Rises to 20



KABUL - The death toll from an overnight attack on the office of vice-presidential candidate Amrullah Saleh has soared to 20, an official said on Monday. More than 50 people were wounded in the armed attack on the former spymaster's political office in Kabul, said the Interior Ministry spokesman.

Nasrat Rahimi told Pajhwok Afghan News the suicide attack began with a massive explosion at 4:40pm, with the ensuing clash lasting six hours. Rahimi said 16 of the dead were civilians. He added at least four attackers were involved in targeting the Green Trend office -- a political movement spearheaded by the former interior minister.

All the attackers were gunned down, said the Interior Ministry's spokesman. The complex attack came hours after Saleh attended they embarked on electioneering. He is part of the election team of President Ashraf Ghani and Second Vice President Mohammad Sarwar Danish, who launched their campaign for ...(More on P4)...(12)



Presidential Candidates' Concern Arise Over Security

KABUL - A number of the presidential candidates are concerned about their security after an attack conducted on the political office of Amrullah Saleh, a member of the 'State-Builder' electoral ticket running for the first vice-presidency, on Sunday evening in Kabul. They say that the government and security institutions are responsible to provide security to the candidates and their campaign office. "The government and security institutions have to provide security to the electoral tickets. If a similar incident occurs again, the government will be responsible for it," said Murad Ali Murad, a member of the 'Security and Moderation' electoral ticket running for the second vice-presidency. Meanwhile, the military experts accuse the intelligence agencies of being weak and working less. "The government is busy with the ongoing war. The intelligence agencies work less and therefore cannot prevent the terroristic attacks in Kabul," said Zahir Azimi, a former militarist. However, the Kabul Police does not make any comment in this regard. The beliefs are that the severity of war in the battlefields and the involvement of the security forces in the war has provided the opportunity for anti-government insurgents to conduct explosive attacks inside the cities. (ATN)

Special Forces Kill 40 Taliban Militants, Arrest 13 Others in Parwan Province



KABUL - The Afghan Special Forces killed 40 Taliban militants during an operation in Parwan province. The informed military sources said Monday that the Special Forces killed the militants in Ghorband district. The sources further added that the Special

Forces also arrested 13 Taliban militants during the same raid. Furthermore, the military sources said the Special Forces destroyed a small cache of weapons as well. The Taliban group has not commented regarding the operation so far. (KP)

Construction Work on Zaranj City Canal Begins



ZARANJ - Construction work on a canal has been launched in the capital of southwestern Nimroz province, an official said on Monday. Agriculture Director Mohammad Akbar Sharifi told Pajhwok Afghan News construction work on the canal's Akhonzada Mohammad Omar part was launched today and

it would cost more than 1.5 million afghani. He said the project was funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL). He said the canal which irrigated 60 acres of land would be constructed up to 835 meters. ... (More on P4)...(14)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Jul 30, 2019 - Things should go extremely well for you today, Aries, so don't shy away from any part of it. In fact, take this opportunity to shine as brightly as you can. Crank up the power and project yourself to the world. Bring out your radiant smile as often as possible - it's contagious. There is tremendous power behind your self-confidence, so tackle everything with energy and enthusiasm.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Jul 30, 2019 - Come out of serious mode for a day and let yourself laugh, Taurus. Hold a game night at your home and invite some good friends over to play cards and nibble on snacks until all hours. This is a day to have fun, so let loose and freely express yourself in the best way you see fit. Realize how much power you have in your jovial nature. Spread it generously.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Jul 30, 2019 - You have an incredibly strong influence on others today, Gemini, just because yours is a fun-loving, peaceful, and harmonious nature. Your charm will take you any place you want to go, so use it at your will. Accentuate the positive and walk on the sunny side of the street. Smile and bring good cheer to the people you meet.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Jul 30, 2019 - Put your aggressions away today, Cancer. Laugh a little! Transform your energy from intense, hard, and caustic to lighthearted, fun, and loving. This will take you a long way. Little things may crop up that could disrupt your daily routine, but a warm smile is all you need to defuse any frustration or negativity.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Jul 30, 2019 - It's a terrific day for you, Leo. Your jovial approach to every situation is just what the doctor ordered. Spend time with children and enjoy their magical world. Freely spread your love and affection to the people around you. Make sure that the corners of people's mouths are turning up instead of down. A friendly attitude will take you far.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Jul 30, 2019 - Take a time-out today and relax a little, Virgo. Let your romantic nature have some fun. Don't feel guilty about not being as serious as you think you should be. The day's winner is the one who can smile the most. Enter this contest with the intention of winning. The rewards will last a long time. The people you encounter won't be able to help but smile back.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Jul 30, 2019 - You might find that others have a "me first" attitude that doesn't sit quite right with you, Libra. You may need to wake them up and say, "Hey, what about everybody else?" Try not to whine as you deliver this message. Desperation or complaining will get you nowhere. Be friendly and jovial in your approach and you will have the world at your feet.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Jul 30, 2019 - Bask in today's warm, loving energy, Scorpio. Adopt an attitude of gratitude and look to see the beauty in everything around you. This is a day to appreciate what you have, especially the people who love you. Compliment others and let them know how much they mean to you. These words and deeds will have a ripple effect that will bring you a great deal of good fortune.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Jul 30, 2019 - It's time for you to come out of hibernation, Sagittarius. Shake out the blues and come into the light. Today is a day to play and have fun. The mood of the day is lighthearted and jovial, so be the first with a joke or silly story. Do what you can to make others laugh. Let the fire within you burn at its brightest.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan.19)



Jul 30, 2019 - Other people's stubborn attitudes may hinder your progress today, Capricorn, so take this as a hint that you might need to loosen your grip on a certain viewpoint you're fiercely clinging to. There's a great deal of power behind your emotions, and you need to express it. Jump onstage and take the podium. Speak your mind even if you don't always agree with

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

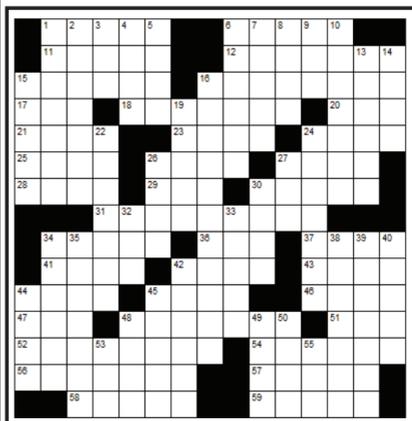


Jul 30, 2019 - The doldrums are over and it's time to pick up the pace, Aquarius. Come out of your house in full regalia today. Be proud of what you have to offer to the world. Be courageous in your dealings with others. Take the time to express yourself fully in a creative manner. The bigger the smile you wear, the further you will go in just about every situation.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Jul 30, 2019 - People are going to appreciate extra long hugs today, Pisces, so give them out like candy to everyone you meet. A kind gesture and warm word won't be forgotten. Let your generous and kind spirit shine through. Open your arms wide to spread love to the world around you. It's the perfect day for laughter and affection, so do your part.



Across

1. Big band music, 6. Group of eight, 11. Product of bees, 12. Growing in extreme abundance, 15. The intersection of two streets, 16. Emboldens, 17. Arrive (abbrev.), 18. Perturb 20. One time around, 21. Anagram of "Ties", 23. Anagram of "Silo", 24. Like a bog 25. Adolescent, 26. Entomb, 27. Carryall, 28. Concludes, 29. Donkey, 30. Hard fats, 31. Unbinds, 34. Startles, 36. A type of evergreen tree, 37. It was (contraction), 41. Anagram of "Note", 42. Family group, 43. Anger, 44. Keg stopper, 45. Small dam, 46. Not under 47. Simian, 48. Horrible, 51. Santa's helper, 52. Stalwart, 54. Large indefinite amount, 56. A Christian recluse, 57. Strips of potato, 58. 10 cent coins, 59. Canvas shelters,

Down

1. Abridge, 2. Apprehensive, 3. Hotel, 4. Require, 5. Calyx, 6. For all to see, 7. Steep rugged rocks 8. Ripped, 9. Ahaft, 10. Gunfighter, 13. Traps, 14. Catch a glimpse of 15. Hindu social divi, sion, 16. Hairdresser, 19. Awaken, 22. Resulting, 24. Musical master, 26. Flying mammals 27. Mongrel, 30. Stitched, 32. Bom as, 33. It pumps blood, 34. Daze 35. Syrupy, 38. Ripple 39. Eternal, 40. Feudal workers, 42. Stops, 44. Cotton bundle, 45. Not black, 48. Lamp or candle 49. Garret, 50. Bygone era, 53. French for "Friend", 55. Cacophony,

Yesterday's Solution

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