

16 Insurgents Killed, Weapons Depot Destroyed in Airstrike

KABUL - At least 16 Taliban insurgents have been killed in an airstrike by the Afghan military in western Farah province, the local officials said on Saturday. The airstrike took place in several parts of the province in the past 24 hours to clear insurgents. The airstrike also destroyed five vehicles and a weapons depot belonging to the insurgents, a spokesman for the 207th Zafar Military Corps, Mohammad Hanif Rezaye said.



This comes after the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said Saturday they have large-scale military offensives currently underway in 16 provinces - operations that have resulted in high casualty figures among insurgents. On Saturday, MoD deputy spokesman Dawlat Waziri told TOLONews that almost 100 armed insur-

gents had been killed between Thursday and Saturday in these offensives. He said nine Afghan soldiers had lost their lives over the same period. According to Waziri, the operations are aimed at suppressing the Taliban and other militant groups. He said that no mercy was being shown to insurgents. The operations come after Taliban insurgents increased their attacks in the recent months across the country and fighting the Afghan security forces. (Tolonews)

2 Senior Police Officers Suspended in Kabul after Adultery Allegations



KABUL - Two senior police officers have been suspended after allegations of adultery in capital Kabul. Abdul Rahman Rahimi, Kabul police chief says that law is being compulsory equally on all citizens. According to an investigation conducted by Afghanistan's ITV, the two high ranking police

officers were being in clash with each other for a woman. The investigation exposes that a woman, whose age is not specified in the report, was having affairs with two police officers - Hus-sain Nasrat chief of Kabul's third police district and Sayed Zahir Hashimi chief of the thirteenth police district....(More on P4)...(17)

33 Insurgents Killed in Military Operations

KABUL - At least 33 insurgents have been killed in a series of coordinated operations over the past 24 hours by the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement on Sunday. In addition, 42 insurgents were injured and five others arrested. The operations were conducted in Kunduz, Sar-e-Pul, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Logar, Kapisa, Paktika and Helmand provinces, the state-



ment said. "During the same 24 hour period, Afghan National Police discovered and defused 25 different types of IEDs placed by enemies of Afghanistan for destructive activities in Nangarhar, Jowzjan, Kandahar, Zabul, Logar and Helmand provinces," it said. The MoI, however, did not comment on whether any security force members were injured during the operations. (Tolonews)

3 Balkh Districts Cleared of Militants: Official

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - Three districts of northern Balkh province were cleared of militants during an operation, an official said on Sunday. Supervised by acting governor Atta Mohammad Noor, the operation was conducted from Saturday morning until late night in Khishindeh, Zari and Sholgar districts, the governor's spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News. Munir Farhad added the offensive involved personnel



from the Afghan National Army, police and the intelligence department. He said the militants had been hiding in remote parts of the three districts and fled during the operation. "It had been decided that operation will be conducted in every district, but the militants fled and the operation lasted one day."... (More on P4)... (18)

Taliban Kill Daesh Commander in Farah

FARAH CITY - Taliban insurgents have attacked Daesh fighters in western Farah province on Sunday, killing their commander, local officials said. The attack took place early Sunday in Anar Dara district of the province after the Taliban attacked a Daesh safe house. Eight Taliban were however injured, Taj Moham-



mad Jahid, the commander of the 207th Corps of the Afghan National Army (ANA) in western Afghanistan said. "The Taliban and Daesh fighters..." (More on P4)... (19)

Airstrike Hits Logar School, 2 Killed, 4 Injured

PUL-I-ALAM - A primary school was bombed from the air during an operation against militants in the Barak-i-Barak district of central Logar province, killing two students and injuring four others, including a teacher. Logar education director Mohammad Akbar Stanikzai told Pajhwok Afghan News



the school was hit about 9am in the Jalozo area. He said two students identified as Nazar Mohammad and Abdul Wahid were killed and three students and their teacher, Fazl Bari, were injured in the airstrike. Stanikzai added: "An operation was underway in the morning against militants, but it..." (More on P4)... (20)

Insurgent Kingpin Captured in Bamyan

BAMYAN - Police on Sunday confirmed the arrest in Bamyan of a top insurgent commander and former Jihadi leader, who has ties to both Taliban and Daesh, officials have confirmed. According to local police chief Khodayar Qudosi, Ibrahim Shokhak was arrested Friday by police after having long posed a problem in the province. Following his arrest, Shokhak allegedly confessed to scores of crimes and told police that he had close ties with Daesh and was in fact being funded by the organization. He said the funding received was earmarked to be used to launch attacks against schools and military checkpoints. He also admitted to having captured a checkpoint in Panjab district during last year's elections and to having killed two police... (More on P4)... (24)

5 Policemen Dead in Samangan Firefight

AIBAK - At least five policemen were killed and another seriously wounded in militants' attack on a police check post in Dar-e-Sof Payen district of northwestern Samangan, a resident said Saturday. A resident of Bayanan village of the district wishing anonymity told Pajhwok Afghan News anti-state rebels

attacked a police check post in Kanda Moshak area of the district at around 2:00 am last night. After a brief gun fire with militants, one police officer among four of his colleagues were killed and another wounded. Six other policemen were apprehended by militants... (More on P4)... (21)

Police Commander among 3 Dead in Jawzjan Violence

SHIBIRGHAN - A local policeman and two rebels were killed and six others seriously wounded in two different violence incidents in northwestern Jawzjan province, said an official. Provincial police chief, Brig. Gen. Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani told Pajhwok Afghan News that police commander

Sultan Mohammad was instantly killed in a roadside mine blast in Sherbeg village of Qosh-Tapa district on Sunday morning. Two policemen were wounded in the explosion who were evacuated to a nearby hospital, he added. Mohammad Ismail, a resident of the locality, said that the two... (More on P4)... (22)

10 Terrorists Arrested in Paktia

GAZRDAIZ - National Directorate of Security (NDS) - Afghanistan's intelligence agency - has arrested ten terrorists in Paktia province. A statement issued by NDS on Sunday states that the arrested militants belong to Haqani terrorist network and were planning suicide attacks, kidnapping and planting landmines in the jurisdic-

tion of Paktia province, mainly in its capital Gardiz city. According to the statement the group was led by Abdul Wahab S/O Shireen Dil... (More on P4)... (23)



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

Your irrepresible restlessness could get the best of you today if you grow weary of patiently waiting for the right doors to open. However, it's more important than ever to keep your thoughts from wandering away from your work because things could change very quickly. Focus your full attention on the conversations occurring in the present moment.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

A coworker may offer their assistance, but you're hesitant to jump to a conclusion and overstep the established boundaries of your current relationship. Asking people for help isn't always comfortable, making it especially tricky to initiate a discussion on a sensitive topic. But don't quit yet; a sudden shift in your attitude allows you to relax and broach the subject with confidence.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your self-confidence is high today, inspiring you to make new friends wherever you go. But don't expect to attract companions that fit into your previous expectations as the uncontainable Sagittarius Moon brightens your 7th House of Partnerships. Honor your desire to experience something different by experimenting with innovative ways to interact with someone you want to know better.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You're aware that the interpersonal dynamics are changing, even if others can't yet see tangible evidence. You are less encumbered by your need for security and are yearning to break free from old patterns. Although you're cautious about tooting your own horn at first, you can at least take tentative steps on your new journey until you become comfortable talking about your goals.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You can't decide whether you are excited about your future or if you're scared of the upcoming changes. Either way, you can tell that the tide is shifting. Throwing caution to the wind might be the necessary catalyst that makes your dreams come alive. If you don't take the initiative today, at least imagine what you could accomplish if you set your mind to it.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

The changes at work keep on coming and you wouldn't mind a bit of respite today in order to process all that's going on. Nevertheless, you want to pursue a few enticing opportunities that are persistently knocking at your door. Balancing your need for emotional security with your desire to take your career to the next level isn't as tough as you think. Proceed with caution and avoid shortcuts at all costs.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Your enthusiasm encourages you to start a new project today before you think about what your commitment really means. Unfortunately, even with the best of intentions, you could end up in trouble if you make too many promises too soon. However, it's foolish to begin anything that diffuses your energy now. Take the time to map out your strategy prior to jumping headfirst into your next venture.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You have lots of lofty ideas about the many things you can do today, but you might lack the follow-through to fulfill your fantasies. Fortunately, your problem isn't about missing your mark; instead, your current lesson is to learn how to set sensible goals so you can establish a successful track record. It helps to dream about objectives that are actually within the range of possibility.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

It's unusual for you to be so overwhelmed that you can't decide what to do next. Nevertheless, tomorrow's Sagittarius Full Moon stirs up quite a bit of excitement, challenging you to stay cool, calm and collected. You may feel anxious but it's still possible to settle down quickly by simply taking a few deep breaths. It's more crucial to maintain your emotional balance now than to seize every exciting opportunity that comes your way.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You may feel like a closet optimist today, especially if you're acting on the premise that you are more successful when your practical nature overshadows your restless ambitions. Unfortunately, this kind of calculated scheming might lead your peers to withhold their trust. Hiding your confidence is not in your best interest even though the extroverted Sagittarius Moon is busy activating your 12th House of Secrets.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Socializing with your coworkers easily trumps doing your work today, but there's also a very serious side to hanging out with your peers. It may be as innocent as sharing a joke at the water cooler, but the connections you make now can be intrinsically tied to your happiness later on. Don't expend too much energy trying to impress anyone with your brilliance or your charm.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

It's perfectly natural for you Fish to dream about your future and wonder where you are going in life. Fortunately, sorting out your long-term goals makes a lot of sense because your far-sighted vision is unobstructed by your emotions now. Reassess all the ways you can build on the solid foundation you have already created, rather than arbitrarily heading off in an entirely new direction.

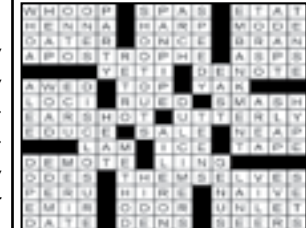
Across

- 1. Hit hard, 5. At one time (archaic), 9. Twofold, 13. Dwarf buffalo, 14. Subject, 16. Sea eagle, 17. Rude person, 18. First Hebrew letter, 19. Bristle, 20. Vestibule, 22. Amuse, 24. Hastens (archaic), 26. Painful grief, 27. Armory, 30. Jargon, 33. Two-seater car, 35. Synchronizes, 37. Old World vine, 38. Decree, 41. Dandy, 42. Oceans, 45. Insurgent, 48. Pilotless planes, 51. Calamity, 52. Anagram of "Talon", 54. Coquette, 55. They're like baseballs, 59. Stoop, 62. Doing nothing, 63. Applauds, 65. Double-reed woodwind, 66. Beloved, 67. Volumes, 68. Forearm bone, 69. Catch a glimpse of, 70. Walk in water, 71. Clairvoyant.

Down

- 1. Baseball great, ___ Ruth, 2. Nameless, 3. Seer, 4. Beset, 5. Estimated time of arrival, 6. Part in a play, 7. Go on a buying spree, 8. First-rate, 9. Demolish, 10. Component of urine, 11. Against, 12. Low-fat, 15. Pincer, 21. Cravings, 23. Decays, 25. Satisfy, 27. Desiccated, 28. Roamed, 29. Directed, 31. Rigid, 32. Reprimand, 34. 18-wheeler, 36. Neuter, 39. Slice, 40. School session, 43. Clayware, 44. Prig, 46. Police action, 47. Pyrogenic, 49. Make into law, 50. Sick-looking, 53. Andean animal, 55. On the left or right, 56. Poems, 57. Flutter, 58. Hurried, 60. Departed, 61. Close, 64. South southeast,

Yesterday's Solution



always, arrange, bloat, boots, brook, canvass, crown, delightful, done, grass, grease, history, hooks, instant, less, list, lose, nervous, peels, phone, rise, roar, sell, severe, situation, sneak, sparks, stark, struggle, substance, tennis, toxin, usually, weird, wire, worth, wring, yodel.

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