

8 Afghan Soldiers, 40 Militants Killed Amid Soaring Violence

KABUL - At least 8 soldiers of the Afghan National Army (ANA) forces lost their lives in the latest counterterrorism operations that led to the killing of at least 40 militants. "The Afghan National Army (ANA) forces are prepared for all kinds of devotion and with all force to maintain security and comfort for the people of Afghanistan," a statement by MoD said, adding that 8 Afghan soldiers were martyred during counterterrorism operations against the internal and foreign terrorists. The statement further added around 40 militants were killed and 18 others were wounded during the coun-



terterrorism operations conducted in Kunar, Paktia, Paktika, Ghazni, Khost, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, Herat, Farah, Baghlan, Balkh, Jawzjan, Kunduz and Helmand provinces. MoD in its statement further added that 15 of the militants were killed during the air and ground operations in Ziruk district of Paktika province and at least 11 others were killed in Shwali Kot district of Kandahar. At least 6 militants were killed during the separate operations in Giru and Qarabagh districts of Ghazni province and at least 9 others were ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

14-Year-Old Suicide Attacker Detained in Kandahar Province

KABUL - A 14-year-old boy has been detained by Afghan Border Police forces before he managed to carry out a suicide attack on senior government officials in southern Kandahar province. The local government officials said the boy was encouraged to target the district police chief of Maiwand or the administrative chief of the district, reports Khamma Press. Zia Durani, Provincial police spokesman Ahmad confirmed that the boy was arrested by the Afghan Border Police forces before he manage to carry out the attack. The provincial government media office, in a statement said that the boy is originally a resident of Panjwai district and was encouraged for the attack by the terrorist groups by paying him 20,000 Pakistani Rupees. The arrest comes as many Afghan children have regularly been recruited by the ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

7 Haqqani Network Militants Arrested in Paktia

PAKTIA - A group of 7 Haqqani network terrorists were arrested by the Afghan intelligence operatives on Wednesday, officials said. The Afghan Intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), said the terrorists were arrested during an operation conducted in Gardez city. According to NDS, the group was involved in major terrorist attacks including Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks in this province. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. Haqqani network was formed in the late 1970s by Jalaluddin Haqqani. The group is allied with al-Qaida and the Afghan Taliban and cooperates with other terrorist organizations in the region. The network is accused of staging numerous cross-border attacks from their base in North Waziristan, including the 19-hour siege at the US Embassy in Kabul in September 2011. A suicide bomber belonging to Haqqani terrorist network was shot dead by the Afghan intelligence operatives before he manage to carry out an attack in Kabul city last week. *(KP)*

District Police Chief Killed in Mazar

MAZAR-E-SHARIF - A district police chief was killed and two of his bodyguards injured as a roadside bomb struck a police van in northern Afghanistan's Balkh province on Wednesday, a local official Mir Wais Rabi said. "The body of Sholgara district police chief Bismillah Khan along with two of his injured bodyguards have been taken to hospital in Mazar-e-Sharif city on this morning," Rabi told Xinhua. According to the official, Bismillah Khan lost his life in a roadside bomb



blast and two of his bodyguards sustained injuries on the way to Mazar-e-Sharif city to attend a security meeting. Meanwhile, another official, on condition of ano-

nymity, said the roadside bomb, planted by Taliban militants, struck police vehicle at 10:30 a.m. local time, killing one police officer and injuring three others. *(Xinhua)*

ALP Commander among 3 Killed in Nangarhar Explosion

KABUL - A key leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group has been killed in an airstrike in Afghanistan's Maidan Wardak province, located west of capital Kabul city. According to the defense officials, the ISIS leader has been identified as Mujahid, reports the Khaama Press. Mujahid was killed along with one of his bodyguards. However, the officials did not elaborate regarding the airstrike and whether it was carried out by the Afghan Air Force or the U.S. Forces. It is the first time a key leader of the group has reportedly been killed near Kabul. *(ANI)*



IFJ Asks Kabul for Explanation over Journalist's Detention

KABUL - The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) has voiced its concern at the three-day detention of an Afghan reporter working for the BBC. Naimatullah Karyab was arrested by Afghan special forces in Jalalabad on May 28 and handed over to the National Directorate of Security Agency (NDS). During the detention, he was searched and his communication equipment seized. Mistaken for another person with same



name, he was freed three days later. A statement from the IFJ said: "The detention of Naimatullah Karyab without valid reasons is a press freedom violation

that weakens the Afghan media's ability to report in fearless manner." While expressing its serious concern over the detention, the international ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

2 Key Commanders of the Taliban Group Arrested in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - The Afghan security forces have arrested two key leaders of the Taliban group in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan. The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said "Yesterday evening, Afghan National Police and Afghan National Army conducted a joint security operation to clear some of the areas from terrorists and enemies of peace and stability of Afghanistan." "The operation was conducted in Char Kocha Darbar village, Greshk District

of southern Helmand province, as a result eight armed Taliban were killed and 11 other armed Taliban were arrested including two key commanders of armed Taliban named Mullah Janan and Mullah Ghami," a statement by MoI said. The statement further added that the clearance operation still continues against armed Taliban in mentioned area. The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as the Afghan ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

School Teacher Gunned Down in Logar

PUL-I-ALAM - Unidentified gunmen shot dead a teacher in Pul-i-Alam, the capital of central Logar province on Wednesday, an official said. Mohammad Shahpor Arab, Education Department Spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place before noon when unknown assailants shot dead the teacher of Kamankhelo Intermediate School. "The armed men forced their way into the school and took Abdul Fatah out and sprayed bullet at him," he said. Arab said the slain Abdul Fatah taught girls Islamic subjects from the past two years. No one has been detained so far in connection to the murder of school teacher. *(Pajhwok)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You're not worried about facing a little opposition today; in fact, you're looking forward to it. There's nothing like the heat of battle to get the adrenaline flowing for a combative Aries. Exercising self-restraint on your part is highly unlikely when the Moon collides with explosive Uranus in your sign. However, you may be fighting imaginary windmills in the absence of a real enemy.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You may question your own values today, especially if you encounter someone who shocks you with an entirely new perspective on your life. At first, you might be quite resistant to such a different approach, but the more you hear, the more intriguing it becomes. Since you're not one to change your mind easily, it's rather disquieting to entertain the notion that your faulty assumptions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It's disconcerting when the winds of fate shift directions without notice. Although you're aware of the abrupt change, you're not willing to trust your senses just yet. Additionally, you wonder if your situation is stabilizing or if this is just another cosmic whim. Instead of panicking because you don't know what to do, stay conscious of the present moment without trying to solidify your plans.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your sudden reversal on a previous decision could surprise others at work today, but your behavior isn't nearly as shocking as it seems. It is becoming increasingly obvious that your path is not leading you into the future you desired. It's as if old dreams found new life, causing you to obsess about them. But bluntly announcing your plans may be unnecessarily dramatic and counterproductive.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You're quite sure that you're on the road to success no matter how many times you alter your course today. However, there may be a touch of denial that fuels your brash confidence. Instead of waiting until circumstances wear you down, demonstrate your strength by revealing your uncertainty to your allies. There is a fine line between inspiration and delusion.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You take pride in your ability to analyze the facts and astutely discern which information is most useful. However, you can't rely on your favorite tools today if you open your toolbox and they're nowhere to be found. It's alleged that Albert Einstein once wrote on a blackboard, "Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts." As the Sun squares surreal Neptune now.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

Relationships may be the source of angst today because people seem to care more about their own agendas than the good of all. Sometimes it's necessary to reestablish your priorities and put your needs at the top of the list. However, you just want others to stop and consider the impact of their behavior before it's too late. Unfortunately, assuming a holier-than-thou position fosters anger rather than cooperation.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Mixed signals from coworkers cast long shadows, making it difficult to see the truth in a clear light. You might not be able to keep up with all the changes on the job while the Moon conspires with unpredictable Uranus in your 6th House of Work. You may even feel as if the whole world's gone mad. You're willing to let go of your preconceived agenda today.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are genuinely surprised when you realize that you read the current situation incorrectly. Abe Lincoln said, "If you look for the bad in people expecting to find it, you surely will." But your desire to see the best in others could prompt you to make assumptions that turn out to be false. Your coworkers might envy your ability to convert your positive thoughts into something concrete.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Unlike some of your peers, you grow uneasy when everything starts coming up roses. It's not that you're a pessimist; you prefer being called a realist. Nevertheless, it seems as if you're walking a tightrope now as you balance the pros and cons of your current trajectory with an abyss of uncertainty on either side. The stress is created by your fear of the fall.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You might capitalize on unexpected changes today because your razor-sharp mind appears to have a direct connection with your lightning-fast tongue. But just because you can outtalk nearly anyone doesn't mean that you're speaking the truth. Unfortunately, you are so convincing now that you'll believe whatever you say right along with everyone else.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

People find you nearly impossible to read today because your words and your actions don't seem to match. It's not that you're being duplicitous; it's just that your inner life is richer and more complex now than anyone can imagine, and they can't solve the enigma of you. Fortunately, you don't need to explain yourself. Dwelling in the realms of paradoxical mysteries seems like home to you, even if others don't understand.



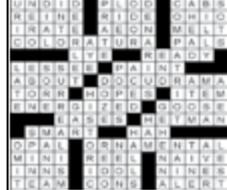
Across

- 1. Abundant, 5. A high-pitched woodwind, 10. Unable to hear, 14. Ailments, 15. Unit of luminous flux, 16. Angle of a leafstalk, 17. Mollycoddle, 19. Conceal, 20. Pelt, 21. A low-mass chargeless particle, 22. Nuzzled, 23. Besmirched, 25. In progress, 27. Nourished, 28. Hideousness, 31. Beguile, 34. Contemptuous look, 35. Born as, 36. Start over, 37. France's longest river, 38. Leave in a hurry, 39. French for "Water", 40. River muds, 41. Gadabouts, 42. Mark of omission, 44. Barbarian, 45. Suit, 46. A communication, 50. Chordophones, 52. Submarine, 54. Lenient, 55. Dwarf buffalo, 56. Advocate, 58. A crumbling earthy deposit, 59. Compacted, 60. Affirm, 61. Kitty-cat, 62. Daisylike.

Down

- 1. Jazz ostinatos, 2. A part of the small intestine, 3. Emergency signal, 4. Eastern Standard Time, 5. Bent, 6. Sensational, 7. Part of an ear, 8. Adolescents, 9. Terminate, 10. A type of evergreen tree, 11. Being, 12. Assistant, 13. Skeddaddled, 18. Seraglio, 22. French for "Black", 24. Hairdo, 26. Run away, 28. Pieces, 29. Char, 30. Collections, 31. Algonquian Indian, 32. Make well, 33. Flatterers, 34. Solitary places, 37. Speech disorder, 38. Male offspring, 40. Resorts, 41. Zest, 43. Highest goals, 44. Doctor, 46. Antlered animal, 47. Not dead, 48. Oxygen and helium, for example, 49. Spare, 50. Lantern, 51. Two-toed sloth, 53. Not straight, 56. Actress Lupino, 57. A leg (slang).

Yesterday's Solution



aberration, abnormal, acquisition, brand, bruise, comestible, dais, diner, dining, eatery, edible, extend, extract, fault, feat, fern, friend, gain, grab, hermit, interest, invest, note, operate, priest, queer, rare, recant, regale, since, slang, stall, stream, surface, tablet.

