

# 3 Rebels Dead in Clash; 9 Policemen Taken Hostage

BAMYAN/PUL-I-KHUMRI - Three Taliban commanders were killed in clash with security forces in central Bamyan province while nine policemen were taken hostage in northern Baghlan province by insurgents, officials said on Tuesday. Abdul Rahman Ahmadi, spokesman for the Bamyan governor, said well-armed militants launched coordinated attack on police check posts in Ashpeshta locality of Koh Mard district early Tuesday morning. Taliban have



suffered heavy casualties, he said. He however, had no exact details into fatalities. He told Pajhwok Afghan News the firefight lasted till 9:00 am this morning and the gun battle left three guards of military unit of coal project wounded. Abdul Hadi Saighani, Koh Mard district chief, said dozens of militants stormed police check post from different parts of Tala and Barfak districts of northern Baghlan province but security forces repulsed the attack....(More on P4)...(17)

## Population Dept. Official Among 3 Killed in Jawzjan

SHIBERGHAN - Unidentified gunmen killed three people, including director of population department, in northern Jawzjan province on Tuesday, an official said. Col. Abdul Manan Raufi, a senior police official, said Khairullah along with his son was on his way to home when assailants attacked them. Bashir Ahmad, a resident of the locality, said two motorcyclists opened fire on Khairullah who died on the spot. Last night nine employees of the "People in Need" NGO were kidnapped by unidentified gunmen in northern Balkh province. (Pajhwok)

## 4 Rebels Eliminated in Paktika Clash



SHARAN - Four Taliban have been killed and as many wounded in an overnight clash in southeastern Paktika province, an official said on Tuesday. Deputy Police Chief Nisar Ahmad Abdulzai said the firefight erupted when over a hundred Taliban fighters stormed Afghan Local Police (ALP) check posts on Monday night in the Yousufkhel district. He said Taliban left corpses of their fellow fighters and some weapons on the battle ground. One ALP official was killed and another wounded in the fighting. Separately, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel detained an individual in northern Baghlan province and recovered weapons from his possession. In southern Kandahar, the NDS officials arrested two militants with weapons and ammunition, the detainees confessed they had links with terrorists. (Pajhwok)

# 22 Taliban Militants Killed in Wardak, Uruzgan: MoI

KABUL - The Ministry of Interior (MoI) on Tuesday said 22 Taliban militants were killed and as many wounded during clashes with police in central Maudan Wardak and Uruzgan provinces. MoI spokesman Sediq Sidique told reporters in Kabul that two notorious drug smugglers were among 165 people arrested over the past 24 hours in connection with drug trade.



He said Taliban insurgents stormed Afghan Local Police (ALP) posts in the Chak district last night and the ensuing clash left 12 attackers dead and 22 others wounded. He said the ALP personnel escaped unhurt. A resident of the district, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash took place in the Norkhel area....(More on P4)...(18)

## Afghans Enjoy Growing Nightlife Culture in Mazar: Reports

MAZAR-E-SHARIF - The residents of northern Mazar-e-Sharif are turning to nightlife culture as families spend hours in the parks with their children where they sing and enjoy summer. Despite high security threats and fighting in the neighboring provinces, dozens of young men visit hookah bars while families enjoy evenings in the parks, guarded by scores of security personnel, according to a report by Reuters. "I usually come to this club in the evening after work with friends

to drink tea, coffee, smoke shisha and have fun," a 27-year-old businessman, Najibullah, was quoted as saying. The club owners, who enjoy their profitable businesses, look satisfied with the security. However, they say their businesses depend on a secure environment. "We receive around 400 to 500 customers in our club and the rush time is between 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.," a Karaoke club owner Roshan Ansari said. "This all depends... (More on P4)...(19)

# Army Sergeant Accused of Taking Bribes in Afghanistan

PADUCAH, Ky. - An Army sergeant from Fort Campbell has been accused of taking \$100,000 and a Rolex watch in bribes from vendors seeking contracts in Afghanistan. A document filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Paducah charges 43-year-old Ramiro Pena Jr. with conspiring to

commit bribery in 2008 and 2009. The U.S. attorney's office says Pena's supervisor in Afghanistan was Army Master Sgt. Jimmy W. Dennis of Clarksville, Tennessee, who pleaded guilty last year with another man for laundering about \$250,000 in bribes. Dennis was sentenced to 41

months. The prosecutor's office said that Dennis worked with Pena to procure supplies for the Humanitarian Aid Yard at Bagram airfield by issuing contracts to local Afghan vendors. The release said Dennis and Pena processed approximately 217 contracts worth about \$30.7 million. (AP)

# Nangarhar Clash Leaves 12 Rebels Dead

JALALABAD - Twelve insurgents have been killed in a fierce gun battle when militants mounted attack on Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers in the Ghani Khel district in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Tuesday. Nauman Hatafi, spokesman of 201 Selab Military corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News



that the firefight erupted when insurgents stormed ANA soldiers in Basit gas station area in the district. He said that no-

torious rebels' commanders Qari Gauhar and Qari Zairwar were among the dead....(More on P4)...(20)

# Two Terrorists Arrested in Kandahar

KANDHAR - Two terrorists have been arrested red handed with explosive materials in restive Kandahar province. Both terrorists are from the same province. They are identified as Abdul Hai S/O Baz Mohammad a resident of Nadi village of Zherai District and Hizbullah S/O Ezatullah an original resident of Arghandab

District but currently residing in Kandahar city. Local officials say the terrorists were involved in destructive activities in provincial capital and districts. Six hand grenades, wire used for blasting explosives and other terrorist materials were recovered from the possession of the terrorists who have also confessed to their crimes. (KP)

# Unknown Gunmen Kidnap School Principal in Herat

HERAT - Unidentified gunmen have abducted the vice-principal of a Meer Sadat High School in western Herat province. The incident occurred in Shindand District yesterday and the motive behind the abduction is yet unknown. Abdul Wakil, police chief of Shindand District said they are investigating the case

but no arrests were made by the time this report was filed. Shindand, one of the largest districts in Herat province is witnessing severe insecurity most recently. President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani on his recent visit to Herat said that for better administration he is going to divide the district into more districts. (KP)

# US Drone Strike Kills 4 Militants in Pakistan: Officials

PESHAWAR - A US drone strike Monday killed at least four militants in Pakistan's restive tribal region near the Afghan border, officials said. The strike took place in the Shawal area of North Waziristan, where the Pakistani military has been battling militants linked to the Taliban and Al-

Qaeda since June. "A US drone fired two missiles at a militant compound in Shawal area killing at least four militants," a senior security official based in Pakistan's northwestern Peshawar, told AFP, asking that he not be named. Another security official, who is stationed in the area where the drone hit, put....(More on P4)...(21)

# Policeman Involved in Colleagues Killing Held

PUL-I-ALAM - A policeman allegedly involved in the killing of his six colleagues has been detained in central Logar province, an official said on Tuesday. Sher Dawood Aryan, police chief of criminal department, told Pajhwok Afghan News Hazrat Mohammad, the former policeman, poisoned his six companions and then shot them dead at Chiltan police check post in Baraki Barak district. Later, Hazrat Mohammad took all ammunition and weapons and joined Taliban, he added. Aryan said: "Hazrat Mohammad left to Iran soon after the incident and came back three days ago. We arrested him last night since." Hazrat Mohammad confessed to committing the crime and his case would be sent to justice organs for further proceedings, he said. Mohammad Rahim Amin, the district chief, confirmed Hazrat Mohammad's arrest and said that he had brutally killed his colleagues. Separately, Aryan said police arrested a person with Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) who wanted to blow up police vehicles. (Pajhwok)

## Outlook Horoscope

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

It's important for you to know that your work has meaning as you seek something intangible that goes beyond recognition and acknowledgment. Nevertheless, you're not prepared to give up the stability that your current job provides. Luckily, there's no reason to add unnecessary stress by making dramatic changes now, even if you are feeling somewhat frustrated in your position.

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

Your nerves could begin to wear thin if you have been sustaining intense excitement for a prolonged period. Nevertheless, you aren't ready yet to settle down and restore tranquility to your life. Although rest and relaxation usually sounds like a wonderful idea to you peaceful Bulls, you probably won't have much of a chance to kick back today.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You wish you could take the day off to play, but you might not be able to shake the guilt if others are expecting you to act in a responsible manner. You might camouflage your anxiety with a smile, but you won't likely have the patience to hide your ambivalence about work for long. Nevertheless, your journey to find the truth demands a long-term commitment, so don't expect to have a sudden epiphany today and move on.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You won't let anyone talk you out of your point of view today, even if you secretly realize that compromise is a more productive strategy. Your current resistance is prompted by your fear of acquiescing control to someone you don't trust. Thankfully, you grow more receptive to alternative perspectives after the Moon takes up residence in your 7th House of Others this evening.

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

You're quite animated in your self-expression today, but it's challenging to hit the target with your words. It's as if everything you say is slightly out of focus, and trying harder doesn't seem to sharpen your message. Instead of narrowing your perceptions to gain clarity, pretend you're looking at the world through a wide-angle lens.

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

People might wish you were more optimistic and outgoing these days, but you're not responsible for anyone else's emotional discomfort. If you are feeling reclusive today, just ask those closest to you to respect your desire to be left alone to your own devices. However, it is wise to keep one foot in reality now, even if the other one wants to escape. Remember, walking the fine line between the inner and outer worlds offers the widest variety of options.

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

You have grand expectations about what you want to accomplish today, but it's difficult to get much of anything done. You are hesitant to say what's on your mind because your ideas are so outrageous now that you think no one will take you seriously. Forget about trying to convince others you are up to something revolutionary; just reveal your plans in a casual manner.

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

You aren't one to avoid conflict when you believe your values are being attacked, prompting you to contemplate what's really worth fighting for today. You may unconsciously create a scenario where you are at odds with others just so you can prove your superiority. Take the high road by consciously choosing compromise over confrontation in order to minimize the negativity.

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

Monetary concerns, possibly involving a partner who spends more than you do, can put the brakes on an upcoming vacation. But don't make any major changes to your calendar yet, even if you're having second thoughts today. You will quite likely regret it next week if you cancel your trip now. Waiting out the storm makes more sense than turning your whole life upside down in a moment of emotional overload.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

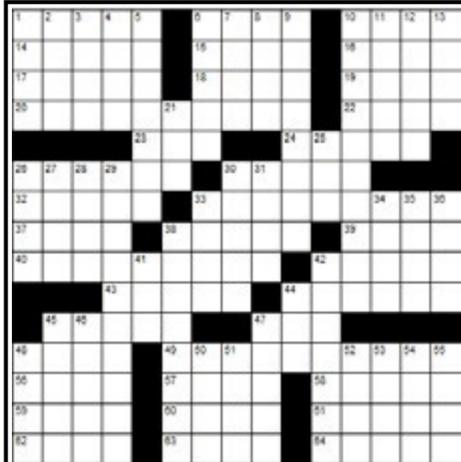
You need to honor your feelings today or you could stir up unnecessary drama later this evening when the Moon moves into your goal-oriented sign. Practice quieting your mind so you can hear your inner voice of intuition. Luckily, your psychic sense will steer you in the right direction now, unless you choose to override it with endless calculations of analysis and logic.

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

Your subconscious may be trying to tell you something you must hear today, but it's a lot less stressful in the moment to just ignore the message. You might overcompensate for your doubts by attempting to convince others of your worth. But pushing too hard to impress everyone only leaves you feeling overextended and exhausted.

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

Making a positive lasting impression on your boss is your main concern. However, completing your chores in a timely manner won't help you clarify your long-term aspirations. It isn't that you are lost and confused; you simply have too much on your plate and could use an objective point of view as you reset your priorities for the weeks ahead. Surrounding yourself with supportive allies helps you to believe in yourself.



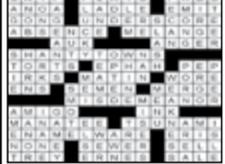
### Across

- 1. Doctrine, 6. Tall woody plant, 10. Deviate, 14. Birdlike, 15. Alert, 16. Type of sword, 17. Skin layer, 18. Dwarf buffalo, 19. Madly in love, 20. Hostility, 22. Historical periods, 23. Carpet, 24. In base 8, 26. Cool guy in the 50's, 30. Stripes, 32. Perpendicular to the keel, 33. A practice session, 37. Wander, 38. Pierced, 39. Ancient Peruvian, 40. Followers, 42. Scottish for "Child", 43. Pee, 44. Leased, 45. A shoulder firearm, 47. It is (poetic), 48. Six-stringed instrument, 49. Buxom, 56. Greek letter, 57. Wild goat, 58. Foreword, 59. Male deer, 60. No, 61. French farewell, 62. Being, 63. Obtains, 64. Neighborhood.

### Down

- 1. Early 20th-century art movement, 2. Baking appliance, 3. Encircle, 4. Mother, 5. A word with the same set of letters, 6. Exaggerated nasality in speech, 7. Hindu princess, 8. God of love, 9. Bewitched, 10. He eats no meat, 11. 3-banded armadillo, 12. Kingly, 13. Not nays, 21. Not in, 25. Spy agency, 26. Rabbit, 27. Black, in poetry, 28. Kind of moss, 29. Disguise, 30. Twilled fabric, 31. You (archaic), 33. A soft sheepskin leather, 34. Hissy fit, 35. Unit of land, 36. Territory, 38. Mourning, 41. Website address, 42. Inhumane, 44. Tear, 45. Violent disturbances, 46. Scintillas, 47. Tuxedos, 48. Workbench attachment, 50. Double-reed woodwind, 51. Past tense of Leap, 52. Annul, 53. Ear-related, 54. Component of urine, 55. Essence.

### Yesterday's Solution



ahead, altar, appearance, aspect, behind, bliss, cafe, cans, chimes, clean, count, development, except, finish, happen, heart, increase, mouth, neon, obedient, often, peach, pens, purse, rescue, rues, sneak, stare, tense, tongue, town, trice, truthful, tune, vans, weave, wraith, writes, yearn.

