

11 Soldiers Dead, 12 Captured in Taliban Attack on ANA Base

TIRINKOT - Eleven Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have been killed and a dozen others captured by the Taliban in the Deh Rawood district of central Uruzgan province, officials said on Tuesday.

The casualties happened on Monday night when the militants launched a coordinated attack on an ANA base in Sokhti area, a former public representative told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Amanullah Hotaki, ex-provincial council head and resident of



the district, said 11 soldiers were killed and 12 others taken hostage by the insurgents. He added the assailants also seized weapons and other equipment.

Aminullah Khaleqi, the town's administrative head, confirmed the incident but provided no details about casualties. Gen. Mohammad Rassoul, commander of the ANA brigade in the province, also declined commenting on the incident. As usual, the Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Seize Demining Firm's Vehicles, Drivers

PUL-I-ALAM - Taliban insurgents seized several cars and two drivers of the Sterling Demining Company in the capital of central Logar province, an official said on Tuesday.

The governor's spokesman, Salim Saleh, told Pajhwok Afghan News the rebels took some deminers and two drivers of the company hostage in Al-Timor locality on the outskirts of Pul-i-Alam, the provincial capital, on Monday night.

The insurgents also took away some of the company's vehicles and also set alight some cars and other equipment, he said.

He said security forces had launched efforts to rescue the captives and recover the vehicles.

A deminer with the Sterling Company, wishing anonymity, told Pajhwok that the rebels took away nine vehicles and two drivers of the company during an attack on Monday night. He confirmed the insurgents set ablaze seven vehicles and took two others with them. There has been no word from the insurgents regarding the incident that comes two months after the militants seized 11 vehicles... (More on P4)... (12)

Zabihullah's Family Calls on Govt. to Take Revenge on Taliban

LASHKARGAH - Zabihullah Tamanna's family has called on government to take revenge on the Taliban for their son's death.

Tamanna was killed on Sunday in a Taliban ambush in Helmand along with an American photojournalist David Gilkey. They had been driving in a military convoy when they came under attack.

Tamanna's oldest son Mustafa said on Tuesday he is devastated over the loss of his father. "I don't want to cry in front of my mother and if I cry my mother will get mad. I need to console her," said Mustafa.

Zabihullah's body was



brought back from Helmand and handed over to his family at a special ceremony.

Along with his family, Zabihullah's friends and fellow journalists attended his funeral on Tuesday. "Today we lost another journalist and it is very painful but government and the international institutions must pay attention to the safety of journalists," said Zabihullah's relatives. Meanwhile... (More on P4)... (13)

12 Taliban Militants Killed During Clash with Khost Residents

DERI MILA - At least 12 Taliban insurgents were killed during a gun battle with the local residents in eastern Khost province of Afghanistan.

According to the local security officials, the Taliban insurgents were killed after attacking the residential houses in Zazai Maidan district.

The district security chief General Azizullah said the local residents responded to the Taliban attack in Deri Mila area with the support of the Afghan security forces. He said a local resident was killed and two others were wounded during the gun



battle with the militants. Gen. Azizullah further added that the Taliban insurgents have fled on the other side of Durand Line from where they are targeting the residential houses with rockets. The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the report so far.

Khost is among the relatively peaceful provinces in eastern Afghanistan but the Taliban insurgents and militants belonging to the insurgent groups are often carrying out insurance activities in a number of its districts. (KP)

3 Brothers Shot Dead, as many injured in Baghlan

PUL-I-KHUMRI - Local officials on Thursday said three brothers were killed and as many others wounded by a group of illegal gunmen in northern Baghlan province. Haji Mohammad Sher, a resident of Uliya village of Jalga district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the presence of illegal armed men in Baghlan, was increasing with each passing day.

"Armed supporters of an illegal commander named Inamullah killed three brothers and injured three others over a dispute on irrigation water in Uliya village on Monday evening. No one has yet asked the gunmen about the killings," he said.

Sher complained the irresponsible gunmen were extorting money from residents and posing a big threat to public... (More on P4)... (14)

Torkham Families Asked to Admit Kids into Afghan Schools

JALALABAD - Government officials on Tuesday urged families in Torkham border town and Momand Dara district of eastern Nangarhar province to admit their children studying in Pakistani schools into schools on this side of the border.

Nearly 150 children from Torkham and Momand Dara district go to Pakistani schools by crossing the border known as Durand Line. Recent restrictions on cross border movement unilaterally imposed by Pakistan have possibly affected these Afghan children who are currently on summer vacations



from their schools in Pakistan. Nangarhar deputy governor Mohammad Hanif Gardiwal told Pajhwok Afghan News the number of children going to school across the border had significantly decreased in the recent past. "We call on these families to admit their children into local schools." Nangarhar education department spokesman... (More on P4)... (15)

Aerial Firing Causing Psychological Problems to Khostis

KHOST CITY - Residents of the capital of southeastern Khost province say aerial firing at wedding ceremonies and other celebrations have put them at risk of psychological problems and

urge the provincial authorities to take strong measures against the perpetrators. Security forces sometimes announce firing into the air is banned, but residents of Khost City say the trend continues due to the government's non-serious reaction.

Yousaf Shah, a resident of Khost City, told Pajhwok Afghan News he had feared a terrorist attack every time hearing... (More on P4)... (16)

Key Taliban Group Member Killed in Faryab Province

A key Taliban group member has been killed during a gun battle with the Afghan security forces in northern Faryab province of Afghanistan. The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said the key

Taliban group member was killed after attacking the security posts in this province late on Monday night. "Afghan National Police repels an armed Taliban attack in Faryab province, last night," a statement by MoI said, adding that five armed Taliban were killed including a senior commander of armed Taliban named Mullah Kamal... (More on P4)... (17)

7 Taliban Militants Killed in Parwan Infighting

CHARIKAR - At least seven Taliban insurgents have been killed during a clash between two rival factions in the Siah Gard district of central Parwan province, police said on Tuesday.

Parwan police chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Zaman Mamozay told Pajhwok Afghan News two Taliban fighters were held captive by a rival group over disobedience in Dara Khushki locality. When the second group tried to set their comrades free, the rival faction opened fire and killed three of them, Mamozay said.

Then the second group's reinforcements arrived at the scene and killed four rivals, increasing the death toll from the infighting to seven, the police chief said.

The Taliban have so far said nothing regarding the infighting, and residents of the area could not be reached for comment. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



Although you may be a bit disconnected from your feelings this morning, the flame of enthusiasm is burning brightly in your heart. Your spirit quickly gains altitude and soars over the mundane annoyances that could bring you down if you let them. But you're so eager to get started that you might initiate action before you have everything in order.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



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Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You're acutely aware of the strong emotional bonds between you and your friends today, challenging you to remain objective in your interactions. Unfortunately, basing your decisions on your attractions and desires is not nearly as stable as sticking to logic. No matter what you choose, observe how your perspective shifts throughout the day. Your feelings continue to change, but the facts do not.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your personal possessions give you a sense of security today and you relish in the certainty of their accessibility. But holding on to an abundance of mementos is like carrying extra weight and only slows your growth. Hoarding tools you no longer use makes it more difficult to find the ones necessary to complete a task. But don't get rid of anything just to please someone else now.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Nearly everything you say and do becomes a scene in your movie today with you shining in the leading role. Your impassioned receptivity enables you to intuitively connect with your audience. But you can be so focused on others now that the generous Leo Moon allows your inner voice to be drowned out by everyone else's. Nevertheless, you still crave your time in the spotlight. In the final analysis, you agree with Shakespeare when

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You believe you're open to changing your plans today as long as you remain in control of the agenda. But you might not see what's coming around the bend because you're concentrating on completing a current task. Rather than practicing flexibility, your immediate reaction is to contract so you're not pulled off center. Unfortunately, this defensive tactic won't work.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your natural ability to gracefully interact with others serves you well today as you work to strengthen your network of supporters. Thankfully, your friends and associates are quite receptive to your overtures now and are more than willing to work or play with you. But don't take anyone's participation for granted, for you might not be the main attraction in everyone else's life.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You respond quite favorably to people who are nurturing toward you today. Rather than putting up walls and acting in a defensive manner, you're reminded of how nice it is when you feel loved and cherished. However, you might be so eager to show your appreciation that you shift your priorities to meet someone else's expectations. Nevertheless, you will be more successful in the long run if you stay true to your nature.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your world view is strongly colored by your emotions today. You'll jump on someone's bandwagon if your passion is stirred by their opinions, whether they are based upon fact or not. Your attitude is of the utmost importance as you look ahead to your future. There is no time to entertain doubts when your destiny is calling; think big and do whatever it takes to reach your goals. If you believe in your dreams, others will do the same.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You need to be able to compartmentalize your personal preferences today when making decisions that can affect someone else. In fact, you may be called upon to manage shared assets or even take responsibility for other people at home or in the community now. In any case, your behavior sets the tone as you lead by example. Rehearsal is over; your show is about to begin and everyone is anticipating your impressive performance.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

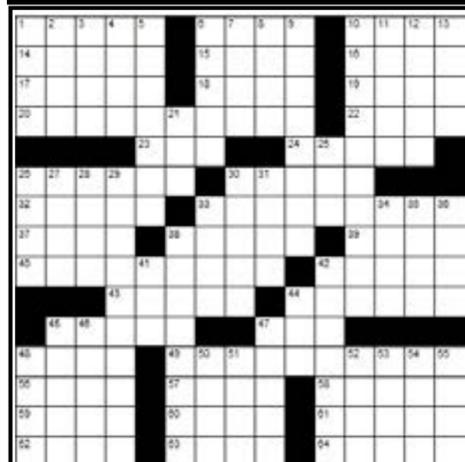


Although you're often uncomfortable with the messiness of human emotion, you're oddly drawn to those who openly express their needs to you today. Perhaps, your uncharacteristic magnetism with demonstrative people fills the gap left by your intellectual approach. You're eager to improve your understanding of your own subjective reactions, so observing the likes and dislikes of someone else becomes part of your research.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Sticking to a rigid schedule is nearly impossible today. You're more likely to change your behavior based upon what you're feeling in the moment. Once minute, you could be so excited about a current project that you're ready to tackle any obstacle. But your productivity falters if you feel sad or dejected. Honestly, your life is too unpredictable now to live and die by the clock. Accordingly, it's more important than ever to do what you love and keep looking up.



Across

1. Blacksmith's block, 6. Frozen, 10. Rapsallions, 14. Poverty-stricken, 15. Wash, 16. No more than, 17. Proprietor, 18. Colored part of an eye, 19. Ship's front, 20. Possible, 22. Austrian peaks, 23. Atlantic food fish, 24. Parts portrayed, 26. Type of winter squash, 30. Install (2 words), 32. Bay window, 33. "Animal, _____ or mineral", 37. Foundry, 38. Style of interior furnishings, 39. Found over each eye, 40. Reformers, 42. Emergency signal, 43. Throws away, 44. Spectator, 45. A thin soup, 47. A very long period, 48. Radar signal, 49. Obese, 56. Deliver a tirade, 57. Close, 58. French for "Sister", 59. Being 60. Monster, 61. Trough, 62. Caribou, 63. South African monetary unit, 64. Not late

Down

1. Dwarf buffalo, 2. Colorful salamander, 3. Blow off steam, 4. Bright thought, 5. Melodious, 6. Homeric epic, 7. Anagram of "Crab", 8. Wicked, 9. Draft evader, 10. Intangible, 11. European blackbird, 12. Shores up, 13. Stitches, 21. At this time, 25. Not in, 26. Unwakeupable state, 27. Relating to urine, 28. Sediment, 29. Chopper, 30. Religious splinter groups, 31. Prima donna problems, 33. Sleeveless garment, 34. Colorful (Scottish), 35. Old stories, 36. Pitcher, 38. A state of shame, 41. Big wine holder, 42. Diplomacy, 44. Solemn promise, 45. Nonchalantly unconcerned, 46. Washing machine cycle, 47. Made a mistake, 48. Engendered, 50. Lyra's brightest star, 51. Acquire deservedly, 52. Hawkeye State, 53. Equipment, 54. Body of a ship, 55. 3

Yesterday's Solution

aside, birth, brother, cite, dips, episode, errs, excuse, exile, fare, fate, father, fence, fire, green, idiom, interlude, lash, lest, lout, mother, outcast, parent, parish, parson, patron, quarter, remit, royal, seas, section, sedative, seen, shave, shirt, sire, squares, stadium, stiff

