



7 Rebels Killed, 5 Wounded in Nangarhar Clash

JALALABAD - Seven Taliban have been killed and five others wounded as a result of clash and landmine blast in the Khogyani and Sherzad districts of eastern Nangarhar province, a military statement said on Saturday. Three militants were killed in clash with security forces on the outskirts of Khogyani district, read a statement from 201st Selab Military Corps. Security forces suf-

ferred no casualties in the clash, the statement said without giving further details. Separately, four Taliban have been killed and five others injured when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb in Hesarak Wadi area of Sherzad district, according to the statement. Weapons carried out by the Taliban in the vehicle were also destroyed in the roadside blast. A... (More on P4)... (12)

Kunduz Police Administrative Deputy Rescued a Year after Kidnapped by Taliban

KUNDUZ - The Kunduz police former administrative deputy chief Wahidullah Begzad was rescued from the Taliban captivity almost a year after he was taken hostage during an ambush by the Taliban insurgents. The provincial police commandment in a statement said Mr. Begzad was rescued during an operation of the security forces conducted in Imam Sahib district. The statement further added that Mr. Begzad was kept in Ismail village and was rescued as the Afghan forces

were busy conducting clearance operations against the Taliban insurgents. Begzad was kidnapped by the Taliban insurgents day after a senior Taliban leader was arrested by the Afghan security forces. He was travelling in Kunduz-Takhar highway in Imam Sahib district when the Taliban insurgents launched an ambush and took him away to an unknown location. The highway going through Kunduz is considered as one of the main highways in... (More on P4)... (13)

BP Commander Survives Taliban Attack in Faryab

MAIMANA - A Border Police (BP) commander survived a rocket attack that struck his vehicle and injured his two bodyguards in northwestern Faryab province, an official said on Saturday. Police chief Abdul Karim Yourish said security forces and uprising members pushed back a Taliban attack last night and overran Qala-i-Khan area of

Pashtunkot district. He confirmed a rocket struck a border commander's tank during the clash, injuring his two bodyguards. Another tank belonging to militants was destroyed during the clash. A local Taliban commander said their fighters captured a security forces' tank and torched it after taking weapons and ammunition. (Pajhwok)

Taliban Vehicle Hit Mine Planted by Own Fighters, Leaving 11 Dead, Wounded

KAUBL - A Taliban vehicle hit an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) planted by the fighters of the own group in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan, leaving at least eleven militants of the group dead or wounded. The 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan National Army in the East said the incident took in the vicinity of Sherzad district. The source further added that several Taliban insurgents were travelling in a pickup vehicle when it run over an IED already planted by the insurgents, leaving four of them dead and five others wounded. In the meantime, the provincial government media office in... (More on P4)... (11)



Suicide Attack Foiled in Lashkargah

LASHKARGAH - The Afghan security forces foiled a suicide attack plot by the anti-government armed militant groups in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan. The provincial government media office in a statement said a suicide bomber was arrested before he manage to carry out an attack in a busy part of Lashkargah city, the provincial capital of Helmand. The statement further added that the suicide bomber was arrested during an operation of the Afghan intelligence operatives from the vicinity of the 3rd police district of the city. The Afghan intelligence, National Directorate of Security (NDS), released a video of the suicide bomber as he admitted that he had plans to carry out a suicide attack in a busy part of the city. The suicide bomber who introduces himself as Hamidullah and claims that he was trained for a period of four months in a seminary in Chaman area of Pakistan after he was recruited by a Taliban commander. He says he was sent back to Lashkargah city after his training concluded but was arrested by the NDS operatives. Hamidullah urges the government to assist and release him as he admitted that he was brainwashed and that he is regretting to plan a suicide attack in Lashkargah city. (KP)

3 Taliban Killed in Clash over Ushr in Baghlan

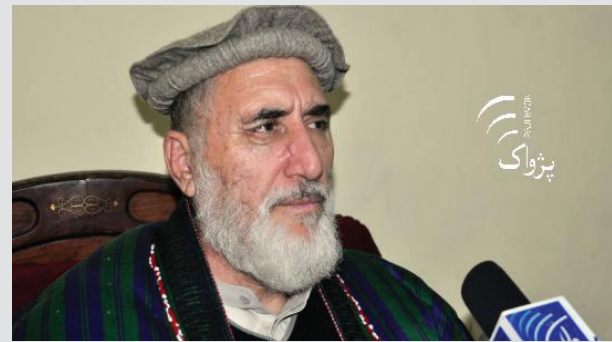
PUL-I-KHUMRI - At least three Taliban were killed and two others wounded in a clash with uprising members over Ushr (Islamic tax) collection in the Khost district of northern Baghlan province, an official said on Saturday. Mohamamd Zaman, an uprising commander in the district, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants usually harassed people to support them against the local security forces with Zakat an Ushr. "In the latest instance, we



received a report that Taliban were collecting Ushr from people in Khost. We took urgent action and prevented the militants from receiving the Islamic tax," he said. He added Taliban commander Ibadullah was among the three militants killed and two others were wounded in the clash. Zaman assured Khost residents they would not allow illegal gunmen and... (More on P4)... (14)

Security Forces in Need of Moral Support: Sabawoon

KABUL - The Hezb-i-Islami Muttahid Afghanistan (HIMA) party on Saturday said the security forces needed moral support in the current situation in the country. HIMA leader Wahidullah Sabawoon, in an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, said all Afghans were in sorrow due to recent security incidents in the country. "The people killed in these incidents were not from one



tribe or one region, but they belonged to every tribe and all of the country. But our shock and mourning is one," he remarked. Afghanistan was passing... (More on P4)... (15)

Haqqani Network Suicide Bomber Arrested before Attacking Kabul City

KABUL - A suicide bomber belonging to the Haqqani terrorist network was arrested by the security forces in central Maidan Wardak province before he manage to carry out an attack in Kabul city. The provincial police commandment said a suicide bomber identified as Qari Ehsanullah was arrested from the vicinity of Jalrez district by the security forces. Qari Ehsan has admitted that he was appointed for the attack by a Haqqani network commander Mawlavi Abdul Rahman to carry out an attack in an unspecified location of Kabul city. The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as capital Kabul witnessed a series of deadly attacks and violence last week, leaving more than 150 people dead and hundreds more wounded. The first incident in the city took place last Wednesday, the 31st of May, after a vehicle packed with explosives was detonated leaving more than 150 people dead and over 400 others wounded. A coordinated suicide attack also rocked Kabul city on Saturday as scores of people had gathered in the funeral ceremony of Salim Izadyar, the son of the deputy house speaker of the Afghan Senate House, who was killed during the protests last Friday. (KP)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

It feels as if you can do nearly anything you want as long as you take some time to prepare for your mission. Although you're often the one who champions spontaneity, now you prefer to put everything in order before you start a new project. However, keeping your actions consistent with your intentions can be an uphill battle today, especially if someone shows up with an intriguing opportunity.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

Keeping your mind focused on the present moment is challenging because there are so many possibilities luring you into the future. Unfortunately, you might not be able to draw a line between concrete plans and sweet fantasies while your key planet Venus secretly covets with dreamy Neptune. What seems like an intriguing thought at first could turn into an obsession.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may be resisting the demands being placed on you by others today, even if you agree with what they want. You hope to slide by without being on anyone's radar screen simply because you don't like your every move being watched. You prefer being free enough to make choices in the moment based upon your current likes and dislikes. Although your ideal day sounds like an unrealistic pipe dream, you just might be able to pull it off now.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Some people have very specific ideas about what you should be doing with your time. But you don't need to explain everything you do today. You may even choose to keep your most important plans private. Ironically, if someone witnesses your actions now, they might misinterpret your intentions.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Your larger-than-life approach could be difficult for others to support. It seems as if people want to temper your extreme ideas because they're worried about you taking things too far. On the other hand, you have no interest in turning down the amplitude on your exuberance. Unfortunately, you can inadvertently anger people with your unwillingness to negotiate.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You've got a game plan today and aren't shy about telling everyone about it. However, you might change your mind several times during the day, confusing those around you. The more questions they ask to gain clarity, the more nebulous your answers become. Don't continue the dance if it feels as if an interaction is escalating into a standoff. Sometimes, knowing when to walk away from a conversation is an invaluable skill.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You might want to be left to your own devices more than anything else today. Although you Libras are known as people who like people, sometimes you still need to recharge in silence. Nevertheless, you could be swept up by someone's invitation, only to regret saying yes. It's perfectly acceptable to accompany a friend or relative as long as you're not playing the role of a martyr.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You are rather optimistic about reaching your goals today; you can imagine your plan unfolding exactly according to your vision. However, when reality deviates from your fantasy, you may be unwilling to compromise. Your obstinacy sets the stage for an emotional drama with someone close to you, whether or not he or she has anything to do with your current frustration.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are a sight to behold when your thoughts carry you into lofty philosophical realms. It's easy to justify nearly anything you want now because there are no logical arguments to counter your bombastic style. However, you could become a victim of your own circumstances as your flamboyance backfires on you. It's hard for others to fathom how quickly you can become so self-critical.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

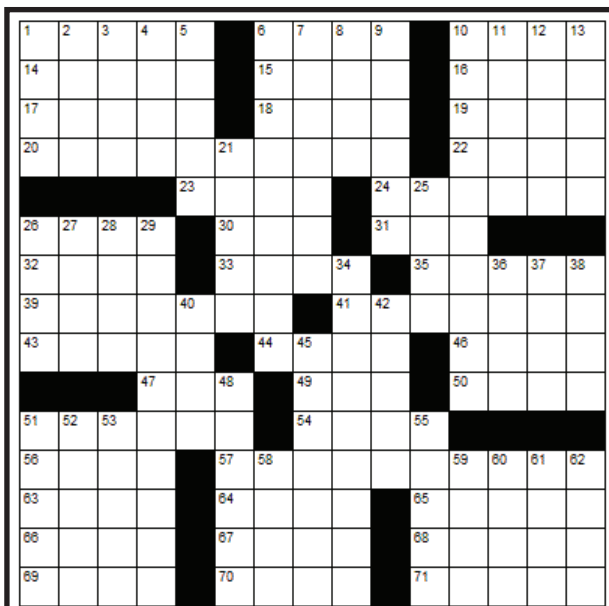
You're like a laser beam with an unwavering singular focus. You might start out as if it was any other day, but you grow more and more obsessive about reaching your goals as the evening approaches. Your singleness of mind can be a gift unless you take yourself too seriously. Your current practice is to keep your sites aimed at your destination while also being open to altering your course as circumstances change.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You're keeping your feelings wrapped up and out of sight today. Perhaps you're worried that others might take advantage of your weakness if they know your secrets. But vulnerability is a mixed bag. Revealing the hidden soft white underbelly of your inner world is always a gamble, but one that can be well worth it if you pick the right audience.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

here's nothing iffy about your future now. You close your eyes and see it stretch out in your mind -- as real as anything in the three-dimensional world. Don't be afraid to dream big, for today's visions are the scaffolding that you will be building your life on. Hold onto your fantasies until they manifest. Nevertheless, you must realize that turning thoughts into reality isn't just a mental exercise.



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Down
1. Seedcases, 2. Baking appliance, 3. Car, 4. A ball of yarn, 5. Seasonings, 6. Thin person, 7. Blossoms, 8. Not aft, 9. A level in a building, 10. Impasse, 11. A Canadian winter hat, 12. Borders on, 13. Monster, 21. Hawaiian veranda, 25. Not more, 26. Expect and wish, 27. On the road, 28. German for "Mister", 29. Acculturate, 34. Assessed, 36. Double-reed woodwind, 37. Wings, 38. 10.10.10.10, 40. A noble gas, 42. Stagnated, 45. An apparition, 48. Small lynx, 51. Gorillalike, 52. Soup server, 53. Tired to the point of exhaustion, 55. Skeddaddles, 58. Govern, 59. Attraction, 60. Norse god, 61. Fastened, 62. Boxes for bricks,

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