

District Police Chief among 18 Dead in Daesh Attack

JALALABAD - Five policemen and 13 Daesh militants have been killed in an overnight clash in the Haska Mena district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News Shah Mahmood, police chief for the district, was



among five policemen killed in the attack. Six more policemen were wounded. But according to another source, eleven police officials were wounded. Six of the injured policemen are said to be in critical condition. Khogyani said 13 fighters of the Islamic State (IS) were killed in the attack. (Pajhwok)

2 Militant Commanders among 8 Taliban

GHAZNI CITY - Two militant commanders were among eight Taliban militants killed during an overnight clash with local police personnel in the Gilan district of southern Ghazni province, the provincial police headquarters said in a statement on Saturday. The statement said the rebels stormed Afghan Local Police (ALP) posts in the district, sparking a gun-battle that left eight attackers, including two commanders namely Mullah Hafiz and Mullah Nasir, dead. Another three attackers were wounded. The police statement said two corpses of the militants and two jerry cans filled with explosives were also confiscated by the security forces in the area. A resident of Gilan district, Khan Mohammad, confirmed the overnight night clash. He said they heard firing from heavy and light weapons, but had no information about casualties. The Taliban also confirmed the clash, with the group's spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, confirming the death of only one fighter and injuries to two others. He said the police had... (More on P4)... (15)

Taliban Commander among 15 Dead

PUL-E-KHUMRI - At least 15 people were killed in an airstrike by the Afghan Air Force in northern Baghlan province. According to a statement by 209th Shaheen Corps of the Afghan National Army said the airstrike was carried out in Surkh Kotal Dand Ghor area in northern Baghlan province. The statement further added that a commander of the Taliban group identified as Qari Ahmad was among those killed and at least 5 others were wounded. A 82mm mortar, 1 rocket launcher, 2 motorcycles were



also confiscated by the Afghan forces during the operations, 209th Shaheen Corps added. The statement also added that various villages were cleared from... (More on P4)... (16)

Man Gunned Down in Kabul; Police Launch Probe

KABUL - Unidentified gunmen have killed an individual in the limits of the 6th police district in the capital Kabul, an official said on Saturday. Col. Faridoon Obaidi, crime branch chief for 101st Asmae Police Zone, told Pajhwok Afghan News personal enmity might have led to the killing. Police have launched an investigation into the incident. The murder happened Friday night between Abbas Qali and Qala-i-Chatgar localities, Bari Khalili, a social media activist, wrote on his Facebook account. (Pajhwok)

Soldier Left Blind in Skirmish Calls for Govt's Support

PUL-E-KHUMRI - Agha Mohammad, a former Border Police Force member, who lost the sight in both his eyes during a battle against insurgents in Baghlan four years ago, says his life today is one constant struggle. He blames the interior ministry for not doing anything to help him. "I fought against terrorists for five years, but no security organization has asked about my situation and my life after I lost the sight in my eyes in a conflict against militants in Dand-e-Ghor district in Baghlan," he said.



Fawzia, Mohammad's wife said that after her husband lost his sight, she started working in order to provide for their six-member family. Mohammad's relatives meanwhile criticized government for not doing anything to help the former border police force member, saying that he lost his sight while... (More on P4)... (17)

8 Taliban, 3 Civilians Killed in Drone Strike

PUL-I-ALAM - A US drone strike killed eight Taliban insurgents and three civilians in the Azra district of central Logar province, an official and a public representative said on Saturday. Salim Saleh, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the drone targeted a vehicle carrying Taliban militants in Spandus area between Azara and Hesarak districts last night. He said 11 militants onboard the vehicle were killed and the vehicle and weapons were destroyed. But a member of the provin-



cial council and resident of Azra district, Abdul Wakil, told Pajhwok Afghan News the dead included three civilians. He said there were eight militants and three civilians on the vehicle and all of them were killed. He had no idea why the civilians were in the same vehicle. The Ministry of Defense also confirmed the incident. (Pajhwok)

11 Containers Full of Alcoholic Drinks Seized in Kabul

KABUL - Police confiscated 11 containers full of alcoholic drinks in central capital Kabul and separately seven men have been arrested in northern Balkh province for smuggling 16 kilograms of heroin, the Ministry of Interior said on Saturday.

In a statement the MoI's narcotics department said the 101st Asmai Police Zone counter narcotics personnel discovered and seized 11 alcoholic-drink laden containers in the jurisdiction of 9th police district of Kabul city. It said 89533 litres of alcoholic drinks were placed in the containers destined for sale in Kabul. No arrests were made in connection with the seizure and a probe has been launched to arrest the... (More on P4)... (18)

6 Insurgents Killed in Hesarak

JALALABAD - One Policeman and eight Taliban have been killed and two security personnel wounded during clashes and an airstrike in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News an unmanned aircraft struck a vehicle carrying insurgents in the Ghwagezai locality of Hesarak district. Six terrorists on board were killed in the overnight strike, the officials said, adding the militants came under attack as they passed through the locality. Separately, one boarder police man was killed and two others wounded in a car bombing and a clash in Pachiragam district. Ghulamullah, a shopkeeper, confirmed the car bombing and clash but did not give information about casualties. (Pajhwok)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You can visualize a straight path in front of you when it comes to reaching your goals today. However, forks in the road begin to appear as the day progresses until there are so many choices you don't know which direction to turn. Somewhere along the line you'll need to let go of your original itinerary. The multitude of distractions and don't really care where you end up as long as you're not bored along the way.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You are a bit disoriented today as your decisiveness fades and is replaced with a question mark. It's as if every road you travel suddenly comes to an end in the middle of nowhere. Although this uncertainty stimulates the flow of adrenaline, you nostalgically long for familiar ground. Instead of trying to firm up reality, accept the fact that there are times when you simply cannot see around the bend.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Although the pace of your life has already picked up in the past couple of weeks, you better hang onto your hat since you haven't seen anything yet. Interactive Mercury's shift into your sign now creates a quickening that will last all month. It's as if you are white-water canoeing and there is no way to avoid the rapids. Clinging to the shoreline is not a viable strategy, so paddle into the middle and go with the flow.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

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Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You may feel overly restricted by social commitments today, prompting you to hatch an escape plan. There's no time to develop a strategy; you need to act right away if you're going to reclaim your schedule. Thankfully, you're capable of thinking outside of the box, inspiring you to reinvent your day. Instead of limiting your focus to the present moment, extend your planning to include the next few weeks.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

There are conflicting paths to follow now as your personal needs lead you one way and other people's expectations pull another. Normally, you would analyze the current situation until you were able to make a choice as to which direction makes the most sense. However, you're quite content to pursue a dual track today without feeling any conflict at all. Relish the luxury of operating in two realities simultaneously until you are stretched too thin.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You are coming to the end of an emotional cycle and are eagerly anticipating moving into new territory now. However, there may be plenty of work to finish before you are freed from the past. In the meantime, savor the fleeting glimpses of your destiny as it appears in bits and pieces. There's not much time left to wrap up loose ends, so get busy while you still have the chance.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

The gift of gab is yours today, allowing you to talk about your feelings in ways that are normally uncomfortable. Instead of being consumed by your passions now, you can stand back far enough to gain a wider perspective. Your current emotional detachment is a refreshing change of pace for you and your immediate circle of friends and family.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Although you feel particularly nurturing toward friends and relatives today, your actions might not support your desires. In fact, you could come across as cool and detached rather than warm and fuzzy. However, your affection isn't necessarily expressed by sheltering others from the world. Instead, you prefer to encourage people to engage the potential of life as an exhilarating adventure.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

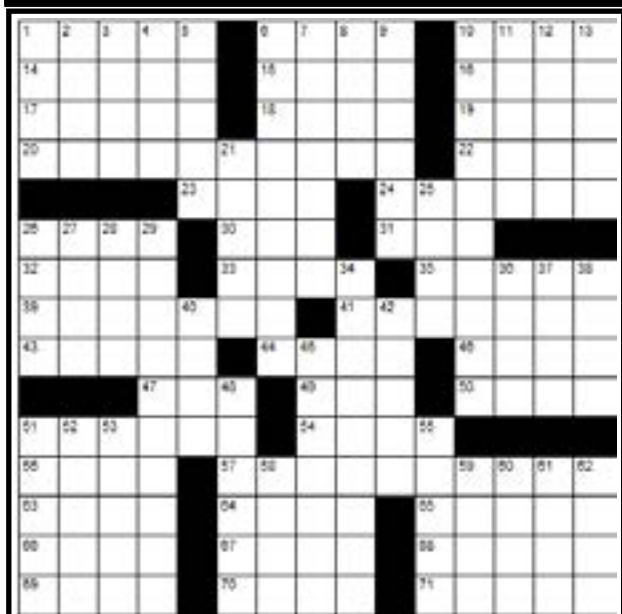
You are the most confident about your future when you have a concrete plan in hand. You like to work with well-established priorities and an ambitious strategy to reach your goals. However, previous commitments limit your choices now and you're ready to do something about it in order to free yourself from the restraints. Nevertheless, an impulsive reaction to frustration won't further your cause.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You are enthusiastic about your ability to alter your life's direction, even if there's not much you can do about it today. It may feel as if your mind is free but your hands are tied. Instead of fighting against the limitations imposed by your current schedule, accept whatever challenges you encounter in stride. Use this time to visualize the changes around the next corner.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Relationship dynamics can be a conundrum today because you long for security while simultaneously needing your independence. Happily, it's possible to have the best of both worlds. But you might be better off following the course of least resistance until there's a solid foundation in place. Starting a conversation from an emotionally neutral position minimizes the likelihood of conflict.



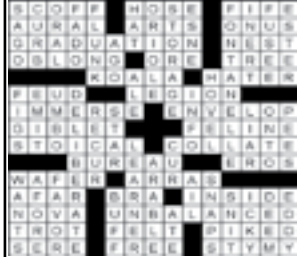
Across

- 1. Earthenware jar, 6. LummoX, 10. Yowl, 14. A radioactive gaseous element, 15. Attraction, 16. River of Spain, 17. Spry, 18. Winglike, 19. Many millennia, 20. A decorated dart, 22. Be worthy of, 23. City in Peru, 24. Leash, 26. Greek cheese, 30. Chitchat, 31. Diminish, 32. Matured, 33. Chalcedony, 35. Wide, 39. Win over, 41. Gist, 43. Fruity-smelling compound, 44. Dispatched, 46. Pang, 47. Neither ___, 49. Caviar, 50. Lock openers, 51. Sleeping sickness carrier, 54. Iridescent gem, 56. Beige, 57. Fish seller, 63. French for "Black", 64. Pearly-shelled mussel, 65. Line of a poem, 66. Leader, 67. Prig, 68. Jagged, 69. Celebrity, 70. Feudal worker, 71. Propelled with oars

Down

- 1. Fourth sign of the zodiac, 2. Indian music, 3. Norse god, 4. Frigid, 5. Drop to one's knees, 6. Applicants, 7. Cradlesong, 8. By mouth, 9. Lower the capability, 10. Grief, 11. A religion based on sorcery, 12. Scribbled, 13. Hermit, 21. Severity, 25. Wanes, 26. Visage, 27. Prima donna problems, 28. Canvas dwelling, 29. Daredevil, 34. He fears foreigners, 36. A single time, 37. Sore, 38. D D D D, 40. God of love, 42. Water vapor, 45. Ablation, 48. Decline, 51. Looks after, 52. Pathfinder, 53. Genus of heath, 55. Admirer, 58. Hotels, 59. Roman emperor, 60. Get bigger, 61. Being, 62. Marsh plant

Yesterday's Solution



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