



### 7 Taliban Militants, Policeman Killed in Paktia Clash

GARDEZ - Seven militants and one policeman were killed during a clash in southeastern Paktia province, police said on Monday. Deputy police chief Col. Nisar Ahmad Abdulrahimzai told Pajhwok Afghan News that Taliban militants ambushed a security forces convoy in Shekhan area of the capital, Gardez, late on Sunday night. One policeman was killed and another was wounded after coming under attack, but the security forces returned fire killing seven attackers and wounding eight more. Zabihullah

Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, confirmed the clash and said 13 security personnel had been killed and two others held by their fighters. He said a tank belonging to security forces was destroyed and nine weapons captured by the Taliban during the clash. On the other hand, Sardar Wali Tabasom, the governor's spokesman, said the Taliban stormed a security check-post in Shaikhan district on Monday morning. The security forces suffered no casualties but two schoolteachers were slightly wounded during the attack, he added. (Pajhwok)

### Taliban's Shadow Governor for Baghlan Arrested

KABUL - Mawlawi Ebadullah, the Taliban's shadow governor for Khost district in Baghlan was arrested by police while travelling to Kunduz. The Taliban's shadow district governor for Khost district of northern Baghlan province was arrested by police on Monday morning, local officials said. In addition, two other insurgents were also arrested. "Mawlawi Ebadullah, Tali-

ban's shadow district governor for Khost was arrested with his two men while they were travelling to Kunduz province," district governor, Khalil Rahimi told TOLONews. He believes that Ebadullah is a key member of the Taliban in the region and that his arrest will have "a positive impact on the security of the district." However, he did not further details. (Tolonews)

### U.S. Identifies Soldiers Killed by Afghanistan Servicemember

FORT CAMPBELL - The Defense Department says three U.S. soldiers who were fatally shot in Afghanistan were part of the 101st Airborne Division based at Fort Campbell, a sprawling Army post on the Kentucky-Tennessee line. A statement on Monday identified the soldiers as Sgt. Eric M. Houck, 25, of

Baltimore, Maryland; Sgt. William M. Bays, 29, of Barstow, California; and Cpl. Dillon C. Baldrige, 22, of Youngsville, North Carolina. Man, 2 sons allegedly killed in encounter with U.S. troops. The statement says the soldiers died June 10 in Nangarhar ... (More on P4)... (19)

# Taliban's Military Commission Chief Killed in Drone Strike

LASHKARGAH - A top Taliban leader was killed in an airstrike carried out in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan late on Sunday night, the security sources said Monday.

According to a statement released by the 215th Maiwand Corps of the Afghan National Army, the airstrike was carried out in the vicinity of Nad-e-Ali district.

The statement further added that the military commission chief of the group for southern Helmand province was killed in the airstrike.

According to the 215th Maiwand Corps, the Taliban leader killed in the airstrike has been identified as Mullah Abdul Bari who was involved in various attacks while ... (More on P4)... (18)



### Sar-I-Pul Man Brutally Kills Wife in Pickaxe Attack

SAR-I-PUL - A woman has been brutally killed by husband using a pickaxe in northern Sar-i-Pul province, the Women Affairs' Department said on Monday. The murderer has joined the Taliban.

Naseema Arzo, the women's affairs director, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident happened on Sunday afternoon in Nawabad Chashmai Shifa of the provincial capital, Sar-i-Pul city. She said a man atrociously killed her wife, 34, through hits of pickaxe before fleeing. "The incident occurred after the husband asked her wife—who was busy in household chores—to calm a crying 17-month-old baby. After the woman wasn't able reach the reach the child quickly, the violent man throws the child to the ground and kills his wife after beating her."

Arzo said the mother-in-law of the slain woman had confessed in initial investigations to the killing of her daughter in law by her son.

Dr. Mohammad Rostum Rajabi, the provincial hospital head, said the dead body of the woman was brought to the hospital with deep wounds at around 8pm on Sunday. He said initial investigation showed ... (More on P4)... (20)

### Tirinkot Airstrikes Leaves 10 Rebels Dead, Many Injured

TIRINKOT - At least 10 Taliban insurgents have been killed and another 15 wounded during airstrikes in the capital of central Uruzgan province, officials said on Monday.

A police official at the provincial police headquarters, 2nd Lt. Zainullah, told Pajhwok Afghan News in addition to foreign forces, recent airstrikes conducted by Afghan forces also had positive results.

He said about 10 Taliban had been killed and 15 others suffered injuries during



air raids carried out by Afghan air forces in eastern and northern areas of Tirinkot, the provincial capital, over the past two days. Zainullah said the wounded included a notorious Taliban commander Mullah Rahimullah, who was sent to Pakistan for treatment. According to him, a number of weapons and ammunition ... (More on P4)... (21)

### Rocket Attack Foiled, Senior Taliban Leader Arrested

KABUL - The Afghan security forces have foiled rocket attack on Kabul city by arresting a senior Taliban leader involved in planning and coordinating suicide attacks in the capital.

The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said the senior Taliban leader Qari Mohammadullah was arrested from the vicinity of the central Maidan Wardak province as he was planning a rocket attack on Kabul city.

"Today morning, a senior Taliban suicide attack organizer who was involved in planning and coordinating suicide attacks in Kabul city was arrested during an operation," a statement by MoI said. The statement further added "The operation was carried out by Afghan National Police in Marshal Valley, Maidan Wardak province."

"Afghan National Police seized various types of weapons, ammunition, explosives and 10 mortar rounds as well," MoI said, adding that "The Afghan National Defense and Security Forces have stepped up Counter-Terrorism operations to suppress the insurgency activities of the terror groups."

This comes as a suicide bomber belonging to the Haqqani terrorist ... (More on P4)... (22)

### Suicide Bombing Mastermind Arrested in Wardak: MoI

KABUL - A senior Taliban member, suspected of organizing attacks in Kabul city, has been arrested in a police raid, the ministry of interior said.

A senior Taliban member believed to be a suicide bombing mastermind in Kabul city was arrested during a police operation in central Wardak province, the Minister of Interior (MoI) said in a statement on Monday.

In addition, two other in-



surgents were also arrested. "The operation was carried out by Afghan National Police in Marshal Valley, in Maidan Wardak province," the statement said added that: "Afghan National Police seized various types of weapons, ammunition, explosives and 10 mortar rounds." (Tolonews)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



Everything seems to be happening at the same time now, preventing you from following up with critical fact-finding. However, you could end up creating more problems if you don't verify what you learn. Fortunately, you have an amazing ability to compress time and accomplish a huge amount of work when your back is up against the wall.

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



You might be in a very strange state of mind, questioning your ability to make a good decision. Luckily, your self-esteem receives a propitious blessing from Jupiter today, but it's not a free pass to success. You still need to put in a concerted effort to reap the rewards of your work. Although you may be unusually restless now, it's inadvisable to alter the basic routine of your life just yet.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



It may feel as if you can do no wrong today, but unseen danger could be lurking behind an intriguing opportunity. Ironically, you might be so optimistic that your confidence tricks you into taking on more challenges than necessary. Remember that you have limits just like everyone else and overstepping them can lead to trouble. Set personal boundaries and let others know what they are right away.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You don't want to work hard today, but you might not have the freedom to choose. Thankfully, each of your actions produces near-immediate positive effects. However, short-term success is no reason to think you're finished, so conserve some energy for the days ahead. Don't attempt to complete everything all at once. Spread the most demanding chores over the next few days for the best results.

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



Although you normally prefer a more independent approach, you are in perfect step with your coworkers today. Thankfully, you stand to gain a lot from your interactions with others if you take the time to ask the right questions and remain open to the advice you receive. Harness the power of your associates by thinking on a grand scale as you strive to reach your goals.

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



You're not thrilled about having to deal with so much extraneous information today. In your perfect world, you can envision a life with less data and more facts. Unfortunately, you may feel as if you're being overwhelmed with noisy static that is difficult to analyze. Nevertheless, don't stress about the wrong things. Be open to whatever you hear, but wait a few days before you try to put it all into proper perspective.

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



It's as if you are riding on a freight train of words today, without knowing where it might stop. Interpersonal communication takes up much of your time, yet it's about to become even more important. You could receive some sort of good news, but it's tricky to discern it from all the other incoming emails, telephone calls and conversations.

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



You continue to ride an emotional roller coaster, taking your feelings to new lows and thrilling heights. Although today will likely be on the upswing, too much optimism could make you uneasy because you're not willing to blindly trust your positive feelings. If you're worried that something else is coming around the next corner, you're probably correct.

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



An uplifting comment from a friend or coworker encourages you to develop a passionate idea into a real plan. In fact, someone might deliver the confidence boost you need today as Mercury the Messenger trines your key planet Jupiter. It's self-empowering when your behavior inspires others to accomplish greatness. Proudly dream your dream out loud, for anything you believe can become part of your future.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Stretching beyond your normal limits is an opportunity to learn things about yourself and your work in new ways. You are eager to experience the rush of adrenaline that comes from expanding your horizons by doing things differently. Just keep a bit of your infamous Capricorn caution in reserve so you don't go too far, too fast.

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



Brilliant ideas come to you as lightning bolts of energy today. It's as if the ceiling of your mind has been removed and your thoughts are free to mingle with the stars. However, there's a price to pay if you don't know when to stop dreaming. The source of your trouble now is your over-extension. Larger-than-life aspirations give you a feeling of power for a short time, but might not pay off in the long run.

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



You accept the notion that establishing stability in your life is prudent, but new temptations make it tricky to stay on task. Your hopes are stirred by possibilities in front of you, but your thinking might not be clear enough today to foresee the hazards ahead. Although the opportunities may be real, proceed with caution.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-65.

Across and Down crossword clues. Across: 1. Colorful (Scottish), 5. Ringlets, 10. Not fast, 14. Relating to aircraft, 15. Disney mermaid, 16. Adhesive strip, 17. Den, 18. Mediterranean woody annual plant, 20. Stretchable, 22. Celebrated, 23. S, 24. Rips, 25. Inebriation, 32. Relieves, 33. Creepy, 34. Caviar, 37. Matured, 38. Mountain lakes, 39. Opera star, 40. Not near, 41. Cut, 42. Entry permits, 43. Compulsively, 45. Very slow in tempo, 49. Letter after sigma, 50. Eternal, 53. Peak, 57. Pigmentation, 59. Mentor, 60. Historical periods, 61. Coming and \_\_\_\_, 62. Wanes, 63. Articulates, 64. Secret agents, 65. Short run. Down: 1. Cotton bundle, 2. Genuine, 3. Operatic solo, 4. Exasperated, 5. A loose shirt, 6. Relating to urine, 7. 18-wheeler, 8. Focusing glass, 9. Notch, 10. Cubic meter, 11. Language of ancient Rome, 12. Chose, 13. Noxious plants, 19. Like the Vikings, 21. Sounds of disapproval, 25. Unable to hear, 26. Indian music, 27. End \_\_\_\_, 28. Approaches, 29. Audacity, 30. Anagram of "Sneer", 31. Female sib, 34. Ascend, 35. Egg-shaped, 36. Not difficult, 38. Bar bill, 39. Revealed, 41. One who murmurs lovingly, 42. Ampule, 44. Insect wounds, 45. Shoe-strings, 46. Ancient Greek marketplace, 47. Pass-the-baton race, 48. Glossiness, 51. Droops, 52. Cease, 53. Sharpen, 54. Brass instrument, 55. Spheres, 56. Shove, 58. 3 in Roman numerals,

Yesterday's Solution crossword grid with words like HALT, SODA, CROP, etc.

Word search grid with words like STAKE, VDI, CICLE, HILLS, SNFROZEN, etc.