

70 ANSF Members under Siege Rescued in Faryab

FARYAB - Seventy security force members that were under siege by insurgents for 13 days have been rescued in a military operation. The operation was conducted in Almar district of the province early Sunday and in addition to the troops being rescued, about 30 villages were cleared of insurgents, provincial police chief Sayed Aqa Adrabi



said. He said that the insurgents sustained major casualties in the operation but there is no exact information about the numbers. However, he said that there were no security forces or civilian casualties in the operation. Almar is one of the insecure districts in Faryab - despite many military operations. (Tolonews)

'I Cried so Much when Separated from Schoolmates': Attiqullah



KANDAHAR - Attiqullah was two-years-old when his father was killed in a group Taliban attack, including a truck bombing, on the central jail in southern Kandahar province nine years ago. Wearing dirty clothes, exhausted and covered with sweat in hot weather, Attiqullah, now 11-years-old, works at a mechanic shop in Kandahar City. The boy says he knows it is a time in his life he should be playing, going to school and enjoying time at home with siblings, but the death of his father forced him to work and feed his two small sisters and the mother. The attack on the main prison ... (More on P4)... (12)

Kunduz Residents Rile Against Power Outages, Low Voltage

KUNDUZ CITY - A number of residents of northeastern Kunduz province on Sunday complained of electricity load-shedding and low voltage during the holy month of Ramadan. A provincial council member, Amaruuddin Wali, told Pajhwok Afghan News residential buildings were provided electricity for extra hours during the holy month, but it was useless due to low voltage. "The reason for low voltage is that the Breshna Shirkat (power utility) supplies more power to ice factories during Ramadan," he added. Although the twin issues of low voltage and load-



shedding had been shared with the Breshna Shirkat, no corrective steps had been taken so far, the public representative lamented. He asked the power utility to resolve ... (More on P4)... (13)

Would-Be Suicide Bomber Detained in Samangan

AIBAK - A would-be suicide bomber was arrested before he reached his target in Aibak, the capital of northern Samangan province, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said on Sunday. A statement from the intelligence service said the man named Lal Mohammad, alias Ashiqullah, was captured before he could detonate his explosives-rigged motorcycle. It added the bomber had been directed by Taliban commander Talha to carry out the attack. The NDS, however, did not give any date for the arrest. (Pajhwok)

Problems in Fruit Exports Via Pakistan Worry Kandahar Traders

KANDAHAR CITY - With the harvest season fast approaching, traders in southern Kandahar province have expressed concern over hurdles to fruit exports to neighbouring Pakistan. Fresh fruit traders in Kandahar complain farmers and merchants suffer losses because of numerous problems in exporting their produce to India through Pakistan. Frequent closures of the border by Pakistani forces, late issuance of visas, fleeing of Afghan traders and a number of other issues are



hampering fruit exports from the southern province. Fresh Fruits' Traders Association head, Haji Nana Agha, told Pajhwok Afghan News melons, water-

3 Sisters Shot Dead in Logar, Allegedly by Taliban Militants

KHARWAR - The Taliban militants have allegedly shot dead three sisters in the central Logar province of Afghanistan, local officials said Sunday. The officials further added that the women were shot dead in Kharwar district of Logar as they were returning to their home. Provincial governor's spokesman Salim Saleh said four women had gone to a hill in a village and three of them were captured by the militants as they were returning from the area. He said one of the women managed to flee the area which is totally under the control of the Taliban militants.



The victims have been reported to be between the age of 18 to 20 year old and the local officials are saying they had no issue with anyone. The Taliban militants have not commented regarding the report so far. Incidents involving violence against women are not new as numerous incidents are reported usually in various provinces of the country ... (More on P4)... (15)

15 Insurgents Killed in Kunduz Operation

KUNDUZ CITY - At least 15 insurgents were killed in a military operation in northern Kunduz province, 20th Pamir Army Division said in a statement on Sunday. In addition, 15 other insurgents were arrested. The operation was launched in Kunduz city in a bid to prevent insurgent activities in the province. There were no civilian casualties during the operation, according to the statement. However, the statement did not provide details over casualties of the security forces during the operation. The operation comes after insurgents recently abducted at least 200 hundred bus passengers on the outskirts of the city. Most were released but at least 12 were killed after being accused of working for government security organizations. (Tolonews)



People distribute food as they break their fast during the Ramadan at a mosque in Kandahar province. (Xinhua/Sanaullah Seiam)

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. Thankfully, you enjoy 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)

It appears as if the last vestiges of social stability are being peeled away today, freeing you to create new dreams that will lead you into the future. Whether or not your relationship dynamics change with the shifting tide, there is little to prevent you from pursuing fantasies that are a departure from your current reality.

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)

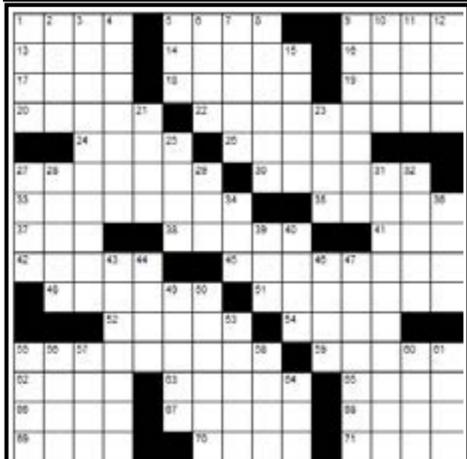
You are the most confident about your future when you have a concrete plan in hand. You like to work with well-established priorities and an ambitious strategy to reach your goals. However, previous commitments limit your choices now and you're ready to do something about it in order to free yourself 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.



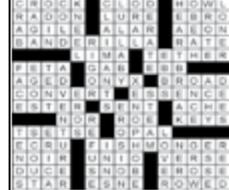
Across

1. Was indebted, 5. Hindu Mr., 9. A pouch in some birds, 13. Hindu princess, 14. Graphic symbols, 16. Expect and wish, 17. Offers, 18. Triangular formation,, 19. Lack of difficulty, 20. Ancient Greek unit of length, 22. Drooled, 24. Apprehends, 26. Mixture of rain and snow, 27. Readable, 30. Fears, 33. Implements, 35. Motif, 37. Needlefish, 38. Secret schemes, 41. Tear, 42. Velocity, 45. Put up with, 48. Trim, 51. Otagia, 52. Menacing look, 54. Dry riverbed, 55. Exuberant, 59. Egyptian peninsula, 62. French for Finished or Done, 63. Locale, 65. Serene, 66. Antiaircraft gun, 67. Habituate, 68. At the peak of, 69. Swing around, 70. Drop down, 71. Dregs

Down

1. Spheres, 2. Pause, 3. Imperilled, 4. Scorn, 5. Offer, 6. Cards with 1 symbol, 7. Cotton seed structures, 8. Countless, 9. Long-legged spotted cat, 10. Lion sound, 11. Church alcove, 12. Noxious plant, 15. Cavalry weapon, 21. Wanes, 23. Red vegetable, 25. Faux pas, 27. Totes, 28. French for "Storehouse", 29. L, 31. Displace, 32. Metalworker, 34. Drunkard, 36. Type of sword, 39. Foot digit, 40. Shredded cabbage, 43. Ovular, 44. Pickle flavoring, 46. Historical periods, 47. Revolutionary, 49. Unsophisticated, 50. Putting surfaces, 53. Boredom, 55. F F F, 56. Tab, 57. Two-toed sloth, 58. Change direction, 60. ___ vera, 61. Rapsallions, 64. Startled cry.

Yesterday's Solution



bbey, abuse, bare, cockles, cryptic, cuttlefish, dross, embrocate, forest, furniture, glimpse, globe, idiot, instant, lore, nerve, oyster, point, potentate, rainy, short, showers, speed, spring, stale, storm, suspect, syrup, teen, tooth, waste, whelk.

