

Dozens of Rebels Dead in Fresh Bout of Violence

LASHKARGAH/GARDIZ/ASADABAD - At least 98 rebels have been killed and 30 others wounded during separate security incidents in southern Helmand, eastern Kunar and southeastern Paktia provinces, officials said Sunday. Col. Abdul Wadood Najrabi, commander of the 215th Maiwand Military Corps in Helmand, told Pajhwok Afghan News that militants have been fighting security forces in Mulazo and Katozo areas of



Sangin district from the past two days. He said 40 rebels including Pakistanis were killed and 19 others wounded during fierce fight. The bodies of some of the slain rebels were still lying in at the fighting scene. However, he said that Afghan security forces suffered no casualties. According to a statement from the 215th Military Corps, four rebels were killed and three others injured during a clearing operation in Musa Kala and... (More on P4)...(21)

ISIS Video Purportedly Shows Beheading of Afghan Taliban Member

KABUL - The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group has released a video which purportedly shows the beheading of a Taliban member in Afghanistan. The video which was reportedly released by Wilayat Khorasan, a new province was announced in Afghanistan-Pakistan by the terror group earlier this year. Snapshots of the video circulated online purportedly shows the execution of the victim who has been identified as Saad Imarati, who reportedly switched allegiances from ISIS back to the Taliban group in Afghanistan. Only some of the snapshots of the video were circulated online by some of the ISIS affiliates but the video itself has not been tracked down on the internet so far. The authenticity of the video has also not been ascertained so far. The footage is released amid reports that the terror group beheaded 10 Taliban militants in eastern Nangarhar province. ISIS



behead Taliban in Afghanistan. An informed official confirmed that 10 Taliban militants were beheaded in Achin district, confirming an earlier statement by the Afghan army. A statement released by 201st Se-lab Corps said the Taliban militants were on their way when they were ambushed by ISIS affiliated militants in Achin district. This comes as local officials in Spinghar district earlier said ISIS-affiliated militants have set on fire the houses of Taliban militants late on Tuesday afternoon... (More on P4)...(25)

Badakhshan PC Wants Acting Officials Replaced

FAIZABAD - The Badakhshan provincial council head on Sunday identified acting officials running government affairs, insecurity and lack of coordination among local departments as the main challenges facing the northeastern province. Provincial council members say the only delay in their work was when they went on strike for over 40 days to regain their oversight rights

on local departments. They have compiled a report on their activities since they started work in 14 sections, including monitoring and evaluation of local departments, support for security forces, collecting information about people's grievances and ways of addressing them. Abdullah Naji, the provincial council chairman, told Pajhwok Afghan News

travelling to far-flung districts and resolving people's problems, such as tribal and land disputes, was part of their agenda. Thanks to the council's efforts, he claimed, the price of one kilowatt of thermal power had been reduced from 45 to 28 afghanis. More than 5,000 people in Faizabad consume this electricity. Another 300 families use hydro power... (More on P4)...(22)

Kunar Air Strike Kills Taliban's Shadow Governor

ASADABAD - Taliban's shadow governor in eastern Kunar has been killed along with two of his commanders and 12 fighters, the Afghan National Directorate of Security (NDS) said in a statement on Sunday. According to the statement the Taliban's shadow governor in Kunar Omar Zadran and his two commanders, Mawolawi Asghar from Dangam district and Mawolawi Shahabuddin from Kunar were killed in the strike. These Taliban command-



ers were killed in a joint security operation, the NDS said. There were no reports of civilians casualties. Taliban has yet to comment about the air strike. (Tolnews)

2 Civilians Dead, 3 Hurt in Ghazni ANA Shelling

GHAZNI CITY - At least two civilians were killed and three others wounded in Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers mortar shelling in the Qarabagh district in southern Ghazni province, an official said on Sunday. Deputy Governor Mohammad Ali Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News fight took place between security forces and Taliban. A mortar shell believed to be fired by ANA left a woman and a man dead and two women and a child injured, he said. He said that investigations had been launched to know who fired the mortar shells. Ismatullah Jamradwal, provincial council member, told Pajhwok Afghan News two women were... (More on P4)...(26)

Two Explosions Left Two Civilians Killed, Three Wounded

KANHDAHAR - Two landmine explosions claimed the lives of two civilians and left three others wounded in Khakriz District of southern Kandahar province this morning. Officials say both explosions took place in Khalil Bagh area, one landmine exploded on a civilian vehicle while the other one went off at a passer-by. Samim Khpalwak, spokesman for the governor of Kandahar province said that a woman lost life and three others sustained injuries in the first explosion. Khpalwak added that the wounded women are in stable condition. The women were heading to a local shrine "Shah Agha Zyarat" when their Town Ace vehicle ran over the planted bomb. (KP)

Mothers Deserve to be Respected, Honored: Haidari

KABUL - On the eve of International Mothers Day, Dr. Alia Haidari, a midwife has said that mother is like rare fruit and a divine gift. In her exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, Haidari said all human beings irrespective of their age need love of their mothers. Serving for 22 years as midwife in different hospitals in



capital Kabul, she was proud of her job and serving mothers. Haidari, the mother of

three children, wished to train her sons and daughters to serve community. "Children must respect their mothers," she stressed. Underlining mothers' role in building families and communities, Haidari said: "An educated mother can lead to an educated family." She also asked mothers not to ... (More on P4)...(23)

14 Rebels Eliminated in Sar-I-Pul Clashes

SAR-I-PUL - After killing as many as 33 rebels, Afghan security forces recaptured areas in Sayad district of northern Sar-i-Pul province, an official said Sunday. Provincial police chief said that Aqso and Mirzawlang areas of the district had been fallen to Taliban last Friday and the road to Kohistanat district

was blocked by rebels. But police chief Noor Habib Gulbahari said the areas under the Taliban control were recaptured by security forces today. The bodies of five militants were still lying on the fighting scene, he said without giving more information. However, an Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander Moman Raees said that 14 insurgents were killed and 19 others wounded as a result of clashes for control of the areas. He said one ALP member was also killed and two others wounded during the firefight. Taliban did not comment on the incident as of yet. (Pajhwok)

17 Rebels, 2 Security Personnel Dead in Logar Firefight

PUL-I-ALAM - Fierce fighting between security forces and Taliban claimed lives of 17 militants and two security personnel on Sunday in Azra district of central Logar province, an official said on Sunday. Mohammad Dawood Ahmadi, provincial police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the gun battle



took place when hundreds of heavily-armed militants stormed the district offices

at around 2: 00 am. The firefight lasted for nine hours in which 17 Taliban and two security forces were killed and 21 insurgents and three security forces injured in the fight, Ahmadi said, adding that civilians remained unhurt while security forces got complete control over the area... (More on P4)...(24)

ANA Commander Killed in Taliban Ambush

KABUL - Shoab Bakhshi Battalion commander of the First Brigade of the National Army in Ghor province along with two soldiers have been killed and ten others wounded in a Taliban ambush Saturday evening in Ghor province, officials said Sunday. Ghor provincial police chief Ghulam Mustafa Muhssini while confirming the incident said that the incident occurred in Pasa-



band district of the province when they were patrolling the district. (Tolnews)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You aren't likely to take on for an answer today, but you might have to think on your feet and do some fast talking to receive the approval you seek. You could grow frustrated if you are swept up by interpersonal politics that are beyond your control. But don't quit too soon, since gentle persistence will probably bring you what you want.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You need more time to integrate all the information at your disposal but it's difficult to think while more data is still coming in. In fact, one distraction after another keeps you hopping today. Thankfully, the intensity begins to settle down as tomorrow's New Moon approaches, giving you enough peace and quiet to actually hear your own thoughts.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

If you think your needs will go unmet today, it's probably because your moods are shifting so rapidly while the Moon is camped out in your fickle sign. You may receive exactly what you want, only to have your desires morph into something else. Thankfully, your friends and associates are fairly easygoing now about your restlessness, so there's no reason to hide your feelings.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You might believe you have to keep something private. However, once you start telling your story, your need for secrecy is unexpectedly overshadowed by a strong desire for transparency. Your growing excitement about being validated by your peers can have you sharing your feelings before you even have a chance to consider the consequences.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

You can't hold your tongue once your focus shifts from listening to actively participating in a discussion. You may have valid concerns for your recent trepidation, but progress on several fronts today wins out over your resistance. Any reasons you might have to remain silent are obliterated by the chatty Gemini Moon moving through your 11th House of Social Networking.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Although you're quite capable of building a case for what you want today, a logical presentation doesn't assure that you will make noticeable progress right away. Nevertheless, this isn't a sensible time to back down, since your words have more momentum these days than you realize. Facing external resistance might actually be the result of projecting your own internal fears.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

You're quick to take center stage, especially if you're offered a chance to tell others about your adventurous plans. Your typically gracious approach may be lost as you face the fear of being misunderstood by a coworker or a friend. You might think that raising your volume will compensate for your current insecurity. However, this impulsive strategy could backfire by prompting people to hastily withdraw.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

People may become anxious if they're uncomfortable handling intense emotions, leaving you uncertain about sharing what's going on in your heart. Unfortunately, suppressing what you want to say could only make matters worse. However, the interactive Gemini Moon provokes you to take a risk and express your feelings without expecting anything in return.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

Intriguing people enter your life now, making it impossible to turn down an invitation to learn something new. But connections with others aren't as stable as you think while the changeable Gemini Moon illuminates your 7th House of Relationships, filling the day with one noisy interaction after another. Luckily, you're not required to discover the meaning of life today; all you need to do is soak in as much information as possible.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

You might not be able to shut off your over-analytical thinking today, even if a constant flow of ingenious thoughts are spinning around inside your head. Your pragmatic approach to life prefers one solid thought to lots of ephemeral ones. Nevertheless, it may be fine to let go of your current expectations if you don't need to produce anything tangible now.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You really don't have to demonstrate your cleverness since those who know you already recognize your intelligence. Rather than overstating your case, just show up and be real. There's no reason to use words to prove your point because your brilliance shines through your actions as physical Mars aligns with the radiant Sun in your 5th House of Self-Expression.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

You could find yourself exploring new feelings today, but you're more content with just getting your feet wet now than jumping into deeper waters. It's quite natural to skip over the top of several complex issues while four planets in light-footed Gemini tap dance through your 4th House of Emotional Security. Consider your current inquiry as an initial test drive only.

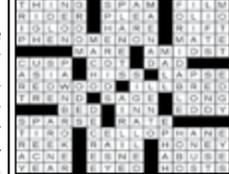
Across

1. WW1 plane, 5. Greek territorial unit, 9. Powdery dirt, 13. Forearm bone, 14. In the midst of, 16. Within, 17. A Maori club, 18. Repeat, 19. Poems, 20. Trims, 22. They come from eyes, 24. Not we, 26. Crown, 27. Honorable, 30. Andean animals, 33. A unit of radiation exposure, 35. Non-glossy photos, 37. Autonomic nervous system, 38. Potato state, 41. Letter after sigma, 42. Piques, 45. Maneuver, 48. Literary compositions, 51. Joined in matrimony, 52. Pieces, 54. Low-fat, 55. Mumbled, 59. Investment, 62. Constellation bear, 63. Paths, 65. Wild goat, 66. Appear, 67. Eats, 68. Run away, 69. Indian dress, 70. What a person is called, 71. Cravings.

Down

1. Dines, 2. Scheme, 3. Exact opposite, 4. Eldest son of the King of France, 5. Father, 6. Send forth, 7. Sacred song, 8. Necessitate, 9. Panorama, 10. Annul, 11. Stair, 12. Throw, 15. Small goat antelope, 21. Religious offshoot, 23. Apothecary's weight, 25. A sharply directional antenna, 27. Historical periods, 28. 1000 kilograms, 29. Directed, 31. Possible, 32. Condition, 34. Indian bread, 36. Sought damages, 39. An unskilled actor, 40. Egg-shaped, 43. Killer wave, 44. Found on most beaches, 46. Angers, 47. Pander, 49. Submit, 50. Exert vigorously, 53. Ringworm cassia, 55. Rumble, 56. District, 57. End ___, 58. Consider, 60. Avid, 64. South southeast.

Yesterday's Solution



actor, alert, awards, brood, class, credit, cult, early, effects, errs, examination, exclusive, fitness, focus, glamor, gong, guide, heal, hire, magic, meet, mouth, package, ruler, scheme, screen, severe, shag, sports, storm, strait, strange, teach, tennis, thirst, upset, viewer, wilt.

