

Two Haqqani Commanders Killed in Paktika Airstrike



Insurgent who Trained Suicide Bombers Arrested

KABUL - Security forces made the arrest after a clash broke out between them and the Taliban in Shancharak in Sar-e-Pul. Security officials in Sar-e-Pul have arrested a Taliban member responsible for teaching insurgents how to carry out suicide attacks, local officials said on Monday.

twoen security forces and the Taliban in Gozar village of Sancharak district on Sunday night. According to a spokesman for the provincial police chief, Zabihullah Amani, the "head trainer for Taliban suicide bombers" was arrested following the clash. "One Taliban was killed and four others were wounded in the clash," Amani ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Taliban Seize Several Villages, Checkpoints in Takhar



TALOQAN - A battle for the recapture of six check-posts in the Khwaja Ghar district of northern Takhar province has been launched while security forces are on the defensive in Khwaja Bahauddin town, an official said on Monday. Maj. Abdul Khalil Aseer, the provincial police chief, confirmed to Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban had captured eight villages and six check-posts on Sunday night in Khwaja Ghar. Three policemen were killed and as many wounded during the overnight firefight. "From the Dasht-i-Archi district of Kunduz, the rebels launched attacks on Pul-i-Momin, Gor Tepa and oth-

er areas," he said. The Taliban captured some areas in Khwaja Bahauddin and blocked the Bahauddin-Durqad road. He acknowledged three security personnel had been killed and as many injured in Khwaja Bahauddin. Naseem Khan, a resident of the area, said the Taliban had captured four check-posts from the security forces. The rebels also confirmed fighting in Khwaja Ghar, and did not comment on situation in Khwaja Bahauddin. The group's spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, claimed six local policemen were killed and four others injured while 12 check-posts were captured by the fighters in Khwaja Ghar. *(Pajhwok)*

KABUL - Two key Haqqani commanders and four other insurgents were killed in the early morning raid, the MoI said in a statement. At least six Haqqani insurgents including their two commanders were killed in an airstrike in south-eastern Paktika province on Sunday, the Interior Ministry (MoI) said in a statement on Monday. The airstrike took place about 5:00am local time on Sunday in Shaikhan area of Argon district of the province. "Abdul Aziz and Ghalchakai, two commanders of Haqqani network and four other insurgents were killed," the statement said. "The commanders were involved in terrorist activities in Paktika," it said. However, the statement did not provide further details. *(Tolonews)*



5 Killed, as many Detained in Nangarhar Night

JALALABAD - At least five people have been killed and five others arrested during an overnight operation by Afghan Special Forces in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Monday. Local authorities said Taliban militants were the target of the raid in Ghanikhel district, but area people claimed all the dead were ordinary poultry farm workers. Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the 02 Airfield Afghan Special Forces conducted the midnight operation in Siah Chob area.

The Special Forces exchanged gunfire with the men inside the targeted house. Five people were killed and five others were captured as a result of the operation, he added. Identities of those killed and arrested are being investigated. On the other hand, local residents said all the people killed in the raid were civilians. But there is still no information about those taken away by the Special Forces. One resident the dead were all civilians -- workers of a poultry farm. "Five people were killed on the farm, one of them a resident of the ...*(More on P4)...(19)*

Herat Education Officials Captured by Taliban

HERAT CITY - Two education department officials have been captured by Taliban in the Pashtun Zarghoon district of western Herat province, an official said on Monday.

The district's administrative chief, Nisar Ahmad Popal, told Pajhwok Afghan News Taliban seized Basheer Ahmad, supervisor of the Teacher Training College (TTC), and a teacher named Nisar Ahmad.

The officials were captured last night when they



were offering Traveeh at a mosque in the area. "Ten fighters entered the mosque and took away the officials," Popal said. He added a search had been launched by police but so far it was not clear where the men had been taken. However, Taliban spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahmadi rejected the claim and said they had not seized the education officials. *(Pajhwok)*

Afghanistan Expects Test Status at Upcoming ICC Meeting

KABUL - Afghanistan cricket team is set to gain long-awaited Test status from International Cricket Council (ICC) in the upcoming annual meeting in London this week.

Afghanistan is the top nation in associate cricket along with Ireland. Afghans have defeated big teams since made international debut in 2009. They beat West Indies in 2016 World T20, followed by an ODI match win in



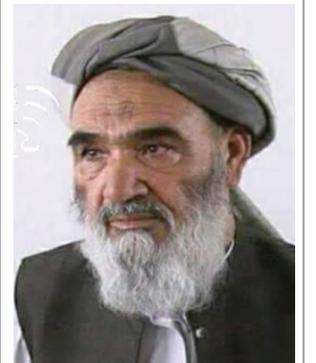
Saint Lucia days ago. They beat defeated Bangladesh twice in ODIs, first in Asia Cup 2014 and then in a bilateral series. More over the won ODI and T20I series against Zimbabwe. In March, they beat their close Associate rival Ireland in the Intercontinental Cup in ...*(More on P4)...(20)*

Chakhansur District Chief Gunned Down in Zaranj

ZARANJ - The administrative chief for the Chakhansur district of southwestern Nimroz province was shot dead by unidentified gunmen on Monday, an official said. Deputy provincial police chief, Col. Ahmad Khan, told Pajhwok Afghan News Mohammad Fazli was gunned down in Zaranj, the provincial capital, this morning.

"Fazli came under attack from two motorcyclists when he was heading from Zaranj to his office in Chakhansur district," the police officer said.

Khan suspected Taliban were behind the attack, saying a police team had reached the site for an investigation into the incident. No group has so far claimed responsibility. *(Pajhwok)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You might feel as if the wind has left your sails today and it's challenging to go anywhere at all. Ironically, your thoughts are running wild without concern about your current lack of motivation. You can visualize solutions to nearly any problem, but won't ever know if a strategy is effective unless you try it in the real world.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



It doesn't really matter that everything isn't going your way today because your positive attitude enables you to take life's hiccups in stride. The Moon's current visit to your mellow sign allows you to look on the bright side of things when others might already be frustrated or angry. Nevertheless, you have your point of no return and it's best for everyone if you don't get pushed past it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Pursuing a passion project today sounds like a lot more fun than performing your regular job duties. Your imagination has been set on fire and you want to share your colorful visions and creative ideas with others. Or, perhaps, you prefer to tap into this cosmic magic by getting lost absorbing someone else's artful creation. Fortunately, you are clever enough to fulfill your obligations while also traveling to fascinating places in your mind.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Your brain is tired of the endless stream of words and you wish you could find the switch to turn them off. The placid Taurus Moon entices you to slow the pace of your life and make time to smell the flowers. However, there's a perfect opportunity to check tasks off your to-do list, making it a serious mistake to escape just yet.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Success comes easily today; you don't have to work as hard in order to achieve a touch of fame and fortune. However, you're less intrigued by distinguishing yourself among your peers now than you are by learning more about your inner workings. Interacting with others contributes to everyone's wellbeing, so take every chance you get to start up a conversation with someone you don't know.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Your current idealism is not based upon rocket science or molecular biology; it's as simple and straightforward as you can imagine. You know what you like and what you don't. You're aware of what's working in your life now and you will do whatever is necessary to hold onto that aspect of your world. You may wish to make changes to improve certain situations but you're focused on preventing change where it's not needed.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You could turn the most mundane event into a romantic fantasy today because you see things through the filter of your dreams. Your mind is working overtime to imagine lovely possibilities that might have nothing to do with the real world as surreal Neptune supports sensual Venus. Fortunately, you can tell the difference between fact and fancy, even if you're disappointed with reality compared to what you see in your mind's eye.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your muse has stopped by for a visit today to encourage your artistic creativity in images or in words. You can spin a tale of love found or love lost - complete with magic and intrigue - that is fascinating to nearly everyone. However, the story will not write itself; it takes real work to actually sit down and put your thoughts in the proper order.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



One of your greatest strengths is your unwavering ability to project hope into the future. It's not just that you see brighter days in front of you; you're willing to jump in and do whatever it takes to make your dreams come true. Luckily, the cosmos is offering you a rare planetary combination of unfettered imagination and common sense. If you can envision it today, you can make it real.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You excel at knowing when to seize an opportunity because you are always calculating the odds of success. Luckily, the chances of reaching your goal are excellent today as long as you honor your priorities. Although you will do better at nearly anything if you speak from your heart, don't overcomplicate interpersonal dynamics with emotional drama.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

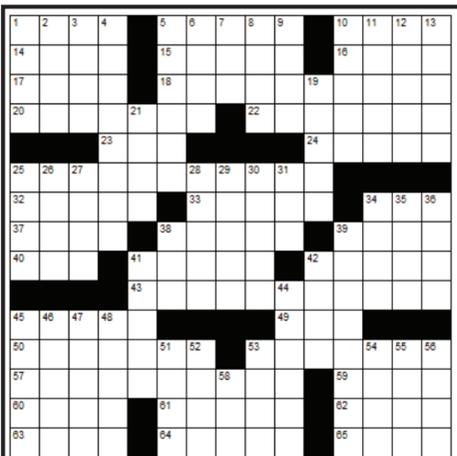


You wish you could relax in a familiar safe space today, but your dreams are calling and you're driven to answer. Some might say your goals are unrealistic but you have little doubt that you can reach them if you are persistent. Nevertheless, creating your future requires you to build a solid foundation first. Starting small is a smart strategy that enables you

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



You seem to live in a world that is fed by your dreams and everything currently appears more real than ever. Every single thought that bubbles into awareness creates a new reality for you to explore. Even a tiny ripple of an emotion can cascade into a fresh adventure in your life now, so it's crucial to steer your thinking in positive directions. But don't waste a moment today for it's a whole new chapter tomorrow.



Across

- 1. Dispatched, 5. Community spirit, 10. Relating to aircraft, 14. Gloat, 15. Vortex, 16. Seize, 17. Against, 18. A shallow drum, 20. Sewing tools, 22. Chooses, 23. Fitting, 24. Make fun of, 25. Drill instructor, 32. Artist's workstand, 33. African antelope, 34. Diminish, 37. Gentle, 39. Angel's headwear, 40. In song, the loneliest number, 41. Solder, 42. Stupefy, 43. Last straightaway, 45. A kind of macaw, 49. Disencumber, 50. The easing of tensions, 53. Disregard, 57. Responsibility, 59. Beige, 60. Legume, 61. Fanatical, 62. Stigma, 63. If not, 64. Tale, 65. Stitched,

Down

- 1. Glance over, 2. Sea eagle, 3. Memo, 4. Twirled thumbs, 5. High regard, 6. It was (contraction), 7. Not her, 8. Spheres, 9. Blackthorn, 10. Grant, 11. Genus of health, 12. Harangues, 13. Overweight, 19. Extreme, 21. Quiet time, 25. Audition tape, 26. Shower, 27. Small island, 28. Perpendicular to the keel, 29. Take by force, 30. Prongs, 31. Eastern Standard Time, 34. Where the sun rises, 35. Coalition, 36. The two together, 38. To and ____, 39. Reckless, 41. Indian hemp, 42. Naval jail, 44. Chic, 45. Pueblo brick, 46. Renegade, 47. Collection of maps, 48. French for "Queen", 51. Sailors, 52. French for "State", 53. French for "Black", 54. Behold, in old Rome, 55. A pouch in some birds, 56. Change direction, 58. Nigerian tribesman,

Yesterday's Solution



- ante, arbor, arena, attire, auction, bacon, believe, chasm, cleft, coast, crack, dress, glove, goodness, horde, imagine, interval, investments, lease, matrix, nerve, nonsense, pitch, purchase, races, seer, squad, stand, style, tags, track, trash

