

# 46 Militants Killed During Past 24 Hours, Claims MoD

KABUL - The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Friday claimed 46 militants were killed in a dozen provinces during security forces operations during the past 24 hours. In a statement, the ministry said the operations were conducted in Nangarhar, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul, Badakhshan, Ghor, Khost, Baghlan, Jawzjan, Faryab, Kunduz and Helmand provinces. "These operations over the past 24 hours were carried out in various districts of the country," the statement said, claiming 46 militants were killed and dozens of others wounded. It said the dead militants included commanders. (Pajhwok)



## Ex-Drug Addict Runs Recovery Centre in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - A former drug addict has established a treatment centre for drug addicts in the capital of southern Helmand province, the world's leading opium producing region. Abdul Rahim, who himself used drugs for 10 years, told Pajhwok Afghan News 140 addicts were currently being treated at the centre funded by Haji Wali Barakzai, a trader who had been addicted to heroin for 10 years. Rahim said all expenses of the 'treatment' facility were paid by Barakzai, who launched the facility by collecting 250 addicts from the streets of Lashkargah. Of them, some have been discharged after 'treatment' and 140



are still being treated, said Rahim, adding the treatment of drug addicts has been launched by ex-addicts in unison. "Such treatment centres also exist in Farah and Herat provinces, the expenses of which are paid by another trader ... (More on P4)...(20)

## 14 Militants Dead, 19 Injured in Khogyani Clash

JALALABAD - Fourteen Taliban militants have been killed and 19 others wounded during clashes with Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel in the Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Friday. The clashes in Mumli area of the district erupted after militants stormed ALP posts on Thursday, the governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, said. He said the dead militants included two key commanders. He said the insurgents suffered casualties after other security forces quickly reached the scene. He said one ALP personnel was killed and three others wounded



during the coordinated attack by militants. A resident of the Mumli area, Abdullah, confirmed the clash and said both sides had suffered casualties, but had no figures. The Taliban also confirmed the clash on their website and claimed killing 15 security personnel and injuring 18 others. (Pajhwok)

## Pakistani, Afghan Taliban Clash in Kunar, 7 Dead

ASADABAD - Six Pakistani and one Afghan Taliban fighters were killed during a clash between them in the Sirkani district of eastern Kunar province, the provincial police chief said on Friday. Brig. Gen. Abdul Habib Syedkheli told Pajhwok Afghan News that the clash between the Taliban and Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan militants broke out on Thursday afternoon in Gulab Pari area of the district. He said six TTP gunmen were killed and another three wounded during the firefight that left one Taliban fighter dead and two others injured. The police chief said now the clash had ended and the area was calm. The area



residents buried the dead on Friday afternoon. The Taliban have so far said nothing about the incident. (Pajhwok)

## 5.4-Magnitude Earthquake Reported in Afghanistan with Epicenter in Badakhshan

FAIZABAD - A relatively powerful earthquake jolted capital Kabul and the surrounding areas of the city later this afternoon. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported a magnitude 5.4 earthquake in North-west of Badakhshan province of Afghanistan. According to USGS the earthquake started 45km Northwest of Alaqahdariye Kiran wa Munjan district with the location recorded 36.434°N 70.670°E having a depth of 213.1 km. There are no reports regarding the casualties or destruction as a result of the quake so far. This comes as a mild earthquake jolted Kabul city on 15th of June with epicenter of the quake reported in northeastern Badakhshan province of Afghanistan. The ... (More on P4)...(21)

## 7 Taliban Militants Killed in Nangarhar Drone Strike



JALALABAD - Seven Taliban militants were killed and three others wounded in a NATO drone strike in the Lalpura district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Friday. The governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News the drone carried out two strikes in the district last night, killing seven militants and injuring three others. The drone strikes took place in Rahmati and Marsing areas, also destroying a car, a motorcycle and other equipment belonging ... (More on P4)...(23)

## Casualties as Security Forces, Taliban Clash in Ghor

FEROZKOH - Afghan security forces and Taliban militants clashed overnight in the Pasaband district of western Ghor province, with both sides suffering casualties, police said on Friday. Ghor police chief Brig. Gen. Mustafa Muhseni told Pajhwok Afghan News the rebels also captured some security posts during the last night clashes that left three policemen injured and one rebel fighter dead. A public order police-



man, who was injured in the clash, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "We were informed that the Taliban will attack our posts. It was 10pm when the attack began." He said the national police instead of fighting abandoned their posts. "There were 15

public order police personnel in our post and seven of them were injured," he said. A security official, Asadullah, from the scene told Pajhwok Afghan News that the clash was still ongoing. He said the Afghan Air Force helicopter gunships were pounding Taliban positions and the rebels were now fleeing. Doctors at the civil hospital in Ghor said the injured security personnel were in a stable condition. The Taliban have said ... (More on P4)...(19)

## 3 Civilians Killed, 12 Injured in Daesh Firing: Official

JALALBAD - Islamic State militants entered people's homes and killed three and injured a dozen more civilians during an hour-long clash with security forces in eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Friday. The clash between security forces and Daesh

militants broke out on Thursday night in Seh Pai area of Kot district and ended on Friday morning, the governor's spokesman, Attaullah Khogyani, told Pajhwok Afghan News. He said security forces were now in control of the area. He said the ... (More on P4)...(22)

### Outlook Horoscope

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

You may surprise those closest to you by expressing your desire to disappear into the shadows now. You don't feel very ambitious and you prefer spending more time day-dreaming than interacting with others. The lack of wind in your sails might be disconcerting at first, but you finally get the cosmic message and realize that it's okay to just drift in your imagination for a while. Thankfully, today's dreams can become tomorrow's reality.

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

You're highly sensitized to the needs of others today, but you still might put your agenda ahead of everyone else's. You may be clinging to an unrealistic fantasy and refuse to let it go even when you're confronted by the facts. However, playing the avoidance game in the face of the truth is not a sensible strategy.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You don't mind performing on center stage today, especially if your act reveals another side of your personality. You can often juggle words effortlessly to misdirect someone's attention while your mischievous antics distract others from the not-so-obvious truth. However, you have an opportunity to give people a rare glimpse into a part of yourself that you normally keep hidden. No one else is hold-

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Your philosophical approach can be rather detached from your feelings today. It's all too easy to base your opinions on unsubstantiated beliefs rather than a solid foundation of facts. If you find yourself doggedly arguing against someone else's point of view, step back and check the validity of your information.

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

You may be misleading yourself today, without even realizing that you're the source of your own confusion. Normally, exploring the margins of reality can reveal the truth. However, moving out of the three-dimensional world is not advised since there's no straightforward way to integrate extrasensory experiences now.

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

Trusting people can be quite a challenge, especially if a close friend is behaving in an unusual manner today. It's not that folks are unreliable now; it's just that they seem more emotionally distant because their attention is on other matters. But trying to rein others in is a mistake; they will only resist by showing you their stubborn sides, instead. A smarter strategy is to concentrate on your own path rather than anyone else's.

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

There is plenty to do today, but you could easily blow off your regular responsibilities in order to pursue more pleasurable activities. Unfortunately, you might declare a premature ending to a friendly encounter because you know you should get back to work. Acknowledge the breath-like process of inhalation and exhalation in your daily routine.

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

You are driven by your imagination today and see no obstacles on your path to making your dreams come true. However, the harsh reality of a lack of time or money can change your trajectory rather unexpectedly. Fortunately, even a cash shortage won't prevent you from reaching your goals if you budget your resources carefully before you start.

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

You might not be able to control what's happening on the home front today. Part of the problem is you're likely to misinterpret the facts. Ironically, you can observe the exact same circumstances as someone else, yet tell an entirely different story. Rather than assuming everyone should be on the same page now, celebrate the diversity of the human spirit. Addressing family matters is easier when you approach them with an open mind and a loving heart.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

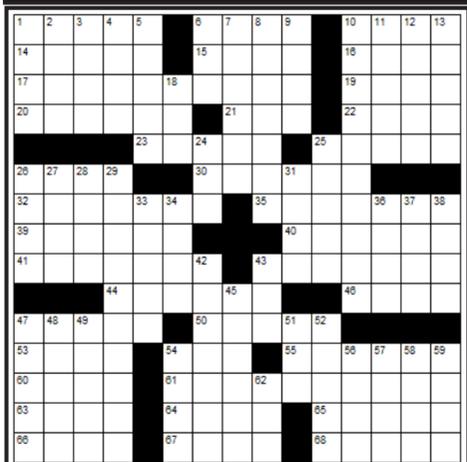
People seem so nice today that you have trouble believing your own perceptions. However, you can read between the lines and hear between the words if you try. Fortunately, learning to trust your intuition helps you to navigate the murky waters of emotional dynamics. If you make sure to start off with the truth, you will arrive at your desired destination on time.

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

Seeing yourself clearly is nearly impossible today and your self-esteem could suffer unless you stop to acknowledge your conflicting emotions. You might feel as if you don't fit in with your social group now, whether it's family or friends. This sense of isolation may be the catalyst that sends you down a spiral of self-doubt.

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

You may find yourself entangled in a partnership that is built on clouds of illusion without a clear way back down to earth. Sharing fantasies during a close encounter can be magical, but even a solid relationship could end up on shaky ground if you confuse your daydreams with reality. Employing a bit of self-discipline helps to keep your life in order now. Fortunately, there's no need to express every feeling.



#### Across

- 1. Seraglio, 6. Wise men, 10. A flexible pipe, 14. Nimble, 15. Egg-shaped, 16. Largest continent, 17. A sport involving a ball and a net, 19. Purges, 20. Excrements, 21. "\_\_\_ the season to be jolly", 22. Expunge, 23. "Cheers!", 25. Rip up, 26. F F F F, 30. Ring around the nipple, 32. Detach, 35. Gospels, 39. Located in the north, 40. Withstand, 41. Cardigan, 43. Cherubic, 44. Religious belief, 46. Short run, 47. Astray, 50. Coming and \_\_\_\_, 53. Baroque composer, 54. Zero, 55. Showy, 60. Against, 61. Extra, 63. Not sweet, 64. Implored, 65. Middays, 66. At one time (archaic), 67. Tropical American wildcat, 68. Serpent.

#### Down

- 1. Possess, 2. All excited, 3. Anger, 4. L L L L, 5. Encounters, 6. Unruly crowd, 7. Personification, 8. An area of northern Israel, 9. Ailments, 10. Severe, 11. Willow, 12. Move furtively, 13. Alleviated, 18. Long-haired wild ox, 24. Buffoon, 25. Jargon, 26. Wanes, 27. Current, 28. Not aft, 29. Pullover, 31. Baking appliance, 33. Promises, 34. Run away, 36. Babylonian goddess of healing, 37. Twin sister of Ares, 38. Pervert, 42. Stiffly, 43. French for "Friend", 45. Braze, 47. Shame, 48. Country estate, 49. Convulsion, 51. Excluding, 52. Smiles, 54. Back of the neck, 56. Midday, 57. Dwarf buffalo, 58. Armored vehicle, 59. If not, 62. Actress Lupino.

#### Yesterday's Solution

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