

# 37 Insurgents Killed in ANSF Military Operations

KABUL - At least 37 insurgents have been killed in a series of coordinated operations over the past 24 hours by the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), the Ministry of Interior (MoI) said in a statement on Saturday. In addition, 21 other insurgents were injured and two arrested. The operations were conducted in Takhar, Kunduz, Faryab, Badakhshan, Sar-e-Pul, Uruzgan, Ghazni and Hel-



mand provinces; the statement said adding that the operation was aimed at clearing insurgents. "Also, during these operations, Afghan National Police discovered and confiscated light and heavy rounds of ammunition," it said. The MoI, however, did not comment on whether any security force members were injured during the operations. (Tolonews)

## 19 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Airstrike

KUNDUZ CITY - At least 19 Taliban insurgents were killed in an Afghan air forces strike in northern Kunduz province on Friday night, local officials said. In addition, eight other insurgents were injured. The air strike took place in Chahar Dara district of the province to clear the insurgents in which 19 Taliban insurgents were killed, provincial police chief Abdul Saboor Nasrati said. "Five foreigners and a woman were among the dead," he said. The operation comes after insurgents increased their activities in northern Afghanistan in recent months. On Thursday, officials at the

Ministry of Interior spokesman said that large-scale battles are underway in Chahar Dara and Dasht-e-Archi districts of this province in order to re-take control of seized districts from the Taliban. More troops have been sent in to help, they said. Security institutions have also sent further troops to Kunduz and Baghlan provinces in order to re-take districts there that have been seized by the Taliban. The Ministry of Defense has said that major battles in these provinces are being conducted by foreigners. They said that fresh ANSF troops have been deployed to eliminate them. (Tolonews)

## First-Ever Crop Diseases Control Established in Kabul

KABUL - The first-ever crop diseases control laboratory has been established in Kabul. The USD 150mn worth of laboratory was inaugurated on Wednesday by the Agriculture and Livestock Minister Asadullah Zameer, who regarded the facility as an important stride toward controlling harmful plant diseases.

According to Minister Zameer, the laboratory will serve to promote the raising of three kinds of beneficial insects and preventing 120 kinds of harmful insects. Farmers would receive trainings in these various types of insects to help them manage their crops more properly. Minister Zameer said the

laboratory would also produce a kind of pesticide to protect the roots of plants against diseases. The facility was funded by CABI, an international not-for-profit organization that improves people's lives by providing information and applying scientific expertise to solve problems in agriculture and the environment. (Wadsam)

## Landmine Explosion Claimed Two Lives in Laghman

MEHTARLAAM - Two people have lost lives in a bomb explosion in eastern Laghman province. The planted bomb exploded on a police vehicle in Islamabad Bazaar area of Alishang District yesterday afternoon. Sarhadi Zwak, spokesman for the governor of Laghman province said that two people lost lives and another wounded in the blast.



Those preyed to the explosion are a policeman and a civilian. No group had claimed responsibility for the explosion by the time this report was filed but most of the attack on security forces have been carried out by Taliban militants in the past. Alishang district is one of the restive districts in Laghman province where armed anti-government elements are operating in most of its remote areas. (KP)

## Number of Drug Addicted on the Rise in Wardak

MAIDAN SHAHR - On the eve of International Counter-narcotics Day on Saturday, director counternarcotics has revealed the number of drug addicted is reached to 27,000 in central Maidan Wardak province. Eng Zabihullah Fazli told Pajhwok Afghan News the strength of drug addicted ranged between 18,000 to 27,000 in 2010 in the province. But the strength is now surged because of youngsters addicted in Jalraiz and Syedabad districts, he added. Wakil, a shopkeeper in Maidan Shahr, the provincial capital, said: "Shopkeepers openly sell hashish and drugs. The soldiers don't force us to stop selling of the contraband since they buy drugs by themselves." Maj. Abdul Ghaffar, an anti-narcotics official, acknowledged that no one had been arrested in connection of smuggling, selling or using of drugs during the last one year. Lack of staff had prevented us to take actions against smuggling, selling and using of drugs, he noted. Dr Khial Mohammad, director civil hospital, said the hospital could only treat 20 drug addicts in three months. Wadan Hospital could only treat 20 drug addicted at a time while a 20-bed new hospital had been constructed which would be functional soon, he pledged... (More on P4)...(19)

## Prisoner Transport Vehicle Overturns Leaving 3 Killed, 11 Wounded



HERAT - A prisoner transport vehicle has overturned leaving three people killed and eleven others wounded in western Herat province. Sources at Herat Regional Hospital, where the victims have been taken, say that those died in the incident comprised of two prisoners and a policeman. Mohammad Rafiq Shirzai, spokesman for the hospital said that those wounded include five soldiers and six prisoners.

Shirzai called the health condition of a few of those wounded in the incident to be life threatening. The vehicle was leading from Guzerah District to Heart city when the incident took place in Pashtoon Pul on airport road around 11:30 am this morning. The real cause of the incident is yet to be announced as an investigation has been initiated into it. (KP)

## Sheep Smuggling Driving up Meat Prices

HERAT - Herat officials have said that a huge number of sheep is being smuggled in to neighboring countries on a daily basis - a practice that is affecting livestock and meat prices in the western province. Sheep smuggling from Herat has increased dramatically since spring this year, officials said. Smugglers reportedly transfer sheep to the southern



parts of the province and load them on to vehicles at night and then drive them out of

the country. Mullah Mohammad, who transports sheep for a farmer said: "The owner of this herd directs me through phone calls to transfer his sheep out of Herat city. Then he comes and takes the herd," he said. Head of Herat Agriculture Directorate, Faqir Ahmad, said sheep smuggling has become a problem and is affecting the... (More on P4)...(17)

## Helmand Residents Approach Jirgas for Dispute Solution

LASHKARGAH - A number of residents of southern Helmand province say they prefer local councils to resolve their problems because it takes long time to get them settled through government organs. Afghans use local Jirgas or councils for years and sometimes Afghan government

itself prefer to settle small and big issues through Jirgas, Loya Jirga (Grant Council) is an example the government uses it for discussing big issues. Corruption in the capital Kabul and other provinces of the country forced people not to approach government departments to resolve their judicial issues that are why they prefer



local councils instead. Shah Wali Khan, a tribal elder... (More on P4)...(18)

## Outlook Horoscope

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



When you stand still long enough to explore beneath the surface, emotional issues take on a life of their own. You typically don't go out of your way to find these places where you feel vulnerable because you prefer dealing with problems you can solve quickly. Nevertheless, there isn't anything that must be fixed now.

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



Your embarrassment may be difficult to hide if someone becomes overly emotional today and reveals a previously well-kept secret. You might prefer to avoid drama completely, but the conversation could begin suddenly and deepen too quickly to stop. You seek simple pleasures, but nothing you try seems to reduce the complications that stem from sharing a heart connection.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



It's time to try a new communication tactic that involves remaining silent. Unfortunately, being quiet doesn't come naturally to you and today is no exception. You're tempted to talk your way around the real issue. Nevertheless, the more you say, the more turbulent your interactions, since your expressed desires could run into unexpected resistance. There's no need to turn your frustrations loose on anyone else.

### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You're more contemplative now that the Sun and Mars are sparring in your moody sign, making you less likely to act on your feelings. Even if you are confident that your perceptions are accurate, you might not want to place yourself in the vulnerable position of chasing your heart's desires for fear of being rejected.

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



Asking for something you want now is significantly more complicated than just pretending you're happy. Of course, hiding your feelings diminishes your chances of finding satisfaction. However, there's no urgency to say anything now. Removing the need for immediate gratification allows you to effortlessly reach a deeper level of intimacy with someone special.

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



Although you might be more confident about expressing your feelings today, people won't automatically applaud what you have to say. You are very particular when choosing your words. Still, your willingness to step into unfamiliar emotional territory could feel threatening to someone close to you. There's no reason to keep any secrets yet being conscious of your delivery can make a delicate conversation go your way.

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



You are edging toward taking a risk in the realm of love and romance, but you may not have the right words to make your point. You might think you know your ultimate destination, but domineering Pluto has its own agenda. Resistance is futile; you must let go of goals that are based upon selfish needs and replace them with a more altruistic path.

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



Your ability to concentrate is diminished while the evocative Moon is back in your sign, heightening your passions. It's impossible to know exactly what you want as your feelings ebb and flow throughout the day. No matter how much you try to balance your current craving for independence with the emotional security of a relationship, something essential is still lacking.

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



Keeping conversations light and easy today is an ongoing challenge. However, you could be lured into an emotionally intense discussion that raises eyebrows and shines a light on issues about who is in charge. You might have acquiesced in a recent struggle, but now you need to reclaim some of your lost power. Nevertheless, avoid doing battle with anyone close to you.

### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Complex relationship issues can throw you off balance, yet your current attempt to regain your composure is a healthy sign. Although you might think it's time to put your life back in order, it's not as simple as it sounds. Cooperating with others and acknowledging their divergent desires complicates your day, but you won't be able to proceed without emotional support now.

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

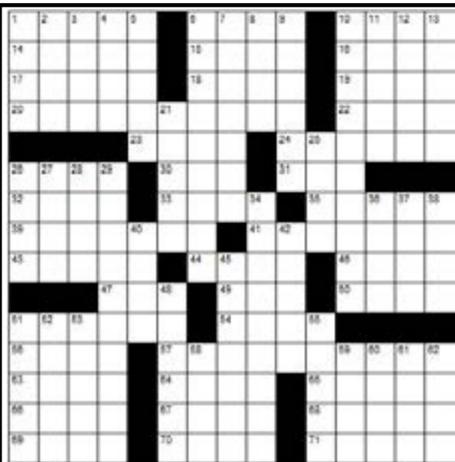


A disquieting juxtaposition between knowing what you want and doing what's expected can tilt your day into the twilight zone. You might not fully understand what your current actions have to do with your life path, especially if you try to intellectualize every interaction today. Luckily, relinquishing your need to have all the answers immediately should loosen things up significantly.

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



You have a narrowly defined agenda today, yet it's challenging to convince anyone to join your cause especially when you set your needs above those of everyone else. However, just staying aware of what makes you happy throughout the day could be enough to turn the tables in your favor. Avoiding extreme situations where everything or nothing goes your way is a wise strategy which can ease your anxiety.



**Across**  
 1. Water holes, 6. Notability, 10. Anagram of "Wort", 14. Agitated, 15. All excited, 16. Bygone era, 17. A Russian council, 18. Warbled, 19. Brownish purple, 20. Chanting, 22. Quaint outburst, 23. Secluded valley, 24. Preoccupy, 26. Varieties, 30. Autonomic nervous system, 31. G, 32. Weight loss plan, 33. Distribute, 35. Courtyards, 39. Male ruler of an empire, 41. Type of lamp, 43. A river through Paris, 44. Blend, 46. Modify, 47. Make lace, 49. An uncle, 50. Thorny flower, 51. They play roles, 54. Cans, 56. Den, 57. Emissions, 63. Against, 64. Bluefin, 65. Blacksmith's block, 66. Soft drink, 67. A promiscuous woman, 68. Condition, 69. Avid, 70. If not, 71. Hollowed out.

**Down**  
 1. Dry riverbed, 2. Black, in poetry, 3. Boor, 4. Large luxurious car, 5. Jargon, 6. Buttons or clasps, 7. Opposed, 8. Not stereo, 9. Christmas drink, 10. Typographer, 11. French for "Red", 12. Killer whales, 13. Noxious plants, 21. San Antonio fort, 25. Legume, 26. Midmonth date, 27. Citrus fruit, 28. Yachting cap, 29. Loud, 34. Eradicate, 36. Start over, 37. Colored part of an eye, 38. Blind (poker), 40. Back, 42. Turf, 45. Lockjaw, 48. Sleeping sickness carrier, 51. Exclamation expressive of regret, 52. Small boat, 53. Name of a book, 55. Hiding place, 58. Think (over), 59. Within, 60. Egg-shaped, 61. Anagram of "Tine", 62. Sleigh.

**Yesterday's Solution**  
 avail, bring, chip, complete, construction, cream, fights, flash, format, grant, happen, hearth, index, junior, latex, lunch, maple, marl, nears, nest, number, orbit, point, roost, rough, sauce, script, search, secure, sire, sore, spur, stark, sweet, teach, territory, tower, vent, virtual.

