

12 Policemen Killed in Taliban Attack in Helmand

LASHKARGAH - Twelve policemen were killed in the Taliban overnight attack in Lashkargah, the capital of southern Helmand province, an official said on Tuesday. Deputy Police Chief Haji Gul Khan told Pajhwok Afghan News the Taliban attacked a police check-post in the Sra Gudar locality situated in the limits of second police district.



"The Taliban assailants came with silencer guns first killed the policemen on guard and then entered the check-post and killed the remaining security personnel," he said. The dead policemen belonged to Khanshin district which is being controlled by the Taliban. Militants have not yet commented about the incident. (Pajhwok)

Daesh Commander Killed in Jawzjan



SHEBERGHAN - A Daesh commander and his four fighters were killed in a clash with security forces in Jawzjan province, local officials said Tuesday. Jawzjan Police Chief Gen. Rahmatullah Turkistani said the commander named Qari Qudrat was killed during a clash with security forces in Darzab district on Monday. Turkistani said fighting between Afghan security forces and Daesh militants is ongoing for the past two days in many parts of the district. There is no report on probable military or civilians casualties. (Tolonews)

1 Policeman Killed, 3 Wounded in Helmand Bombing

LASHKARGAH - A policeman was killed and three others wounded in a roadside bombing on the Kandahar-Helmand highway on Tuesday, an official said. Col. Sattar Khan, highway commander, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place at around 10am when police were shifting prisoners from Lashkargah to Kandahar province. He said one policeman was killed and two others were wounded when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb. Lt. Col. Raz Mohammad, deputy head of Helmand jail, said the policemen were transferring two prisoners from Lashkargah to Kandahar. One prisoner was also injured in the blast. In response to a question, Mohammad said: "They were not political inmates; they were convicted criminals." The Taliban have not yet commented on the incident, which came ... (More on P4)... (15)

Accused Commander Introduced as Security Head for Paktia

KABUL - Mohammad Ibrahim Haqyar, a former commander of border police in Paktia province and previously accused of having ties with Haqqani Network and implicated in corruption, has been introduced as head of security for Paktia police department, documents received by TOLONews show. The documents show that Haqyar had provided information regarding police check-posts in Dand-e-Patan district of Paktia province to Haqqani Network in exchange of money. Two months ago, following requests of by number of parliament members from Paktia, he was introduced as the head of security for Paktia by the interior minister, the documents indicate. According to the documents Haqyar is not only accused of having ties with Haqqani Network and being implicated to corruption, but is also accused of moral corruption and stealing military equipment of border police. Paktia security department also has written in the documents that when Dand-e-Patan ... (More on P4)... (16)



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2 Tribal Elders from Chaparhar Gunned Down in Jalalabad

JALALABAD - Two tribal elders were killed by unidentified gunmen in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, on Tuesday, an official said. Yar Mohammad and Haji Seddiq from Chaparhar district were gunned down in Majboorabad area of the city at 8am, the governor's spokesman said. Attullah Khogyani told Pajhwok Afghan News Yar Mohammad was a guest of Haji Seddiq and both were killed immediately when they got out of latter's house. Khogyani said Governor Gulab Mangal had expressed his grave concern over the incident and called the killing of the tribal elders a big loss to Chaparhar. The governor ordered security organs to investigate the incident and bring the perpetrators to justice. No one has so far claimed responsibility for the attack. (Pajhwok)

Hundreds of Suspects Including Afghans Apprehended in Pakistan

PESHAWAR - Hundreds of suspects, including a large number of Afghan citizens, have been arrested during a countrywide operation in the past 24 hours, security officials say. During the operation codenamed Raddul Fasaad, at least 300 individuals were detained in Karachi, Hyderabad, Lahore, Hafizabad, Kabirwala, Chiniot, Quetta and other parts of the country. Educational institutions, particularly religious schools, are being closely monitored, one police officer said, adding 50 suspects were held in Punjab and Sindh provinces. In Karachi, 16 Afghans were rounded up in the Baldia Town area of Karachi. Two terrorists were apprehended in Rawalpindi with explosives, prima cord, ball bearings and detonators. Twenty Afghans were taken into custody in Quetta, where they were living without legal residency documents. Twelve suspects were arrested in Kabirwala.

8 Injured as Rickshaw Bomb Goes Off in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - Eight people including two children were injured on Tuesday when a bomb-rigged rickshaw went off in the Behsud district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said. The Nangarhar governor's spokesman told Pajhwok Afghan News the explosion took place in Bandi area of the district at around 1:30pm. He said six people, including two children, wounded in the blast had been evacuated to the provincial civil hospital. Nangarhar public health director, Dr. Najibullah Kamawal, confirmed receiving six injured people including two children at the hospital. The condition of the wounded was said to be stable. Tribal elder Malak Jan, said the target was Gushta district Afghan Local Police (ALP) commander's ranger pickup vehicle. He said four policemen, including the commander, were wounded in the incident. He said four civilians were also injured and two ranger pickups and a civilian car were damaged in the explosion. (Pajhwok)

174 People Murdered in Herat since March

HERAT CITY - More than 170 people were assassinated in western Herat province during the ongoing solar year that ends on March 21, public representatives say. The provincial council (PC) members said they were concerned about the increasing targeted killings in the province that borders Iran. Dr. Mahdi Hadid, who heads the PC security committee, told Pajhwok Afghan News that 174 individuals had been killed during the period, including 38 persons who were murdered for political reasons and the rest in personal hostilities. "The killings show how much insecurity is in Herat." He said seven people were murdered in the past one month alone. He said the Ministry of Interior (MoI) should increase the police strength in Herat to cope with the situation. "We are going to summon the provincial police chief today (Tuesday) to the provincial council office to ... (More on P4)... (17)



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Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

You are happiest when you are busy because it feels good to be in motion. Unfortunately, you could end up exhausted by inadvertently carrying this strategy too far. Instead of blindly rushing into the next project now, block out time on your calendar to do nothing at all. As difficult as it may be to sit still for a while, a bit of downtime is the greatest gift you can give yourself today.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You may need some time to regroup today, especially if your hectic schedule has depleted your energy. You are relieved to see the dust settle and hope to catch up on some lost sleep. Nevertheless, circumstances at work could push back at your desire to retreat, pulling you into the spotlight. There's no reason to try to resolve the tension between withdrawal and engagement now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are less concerned with achieving your objectives today than you are in collaborating with your peers. The Moon's shift into your 11th House of Networks reminds you that a community derives its strength from the number of people that comprise the group. However, you might not be ready to completely set aside your personal goals. Ideally, convincing others to support your efforts would be the best-case scenario.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

You might be unsure of your current role at work, especially if you're being asked to assume a position of leadership. Taking on new responsibilities pushes you into uncharted territory, yet you may not feel confident enough now to hold the reins of power. Nevertheless, this could be one of those times when swinging into action is so exciting that you forget about any lingering insecurities.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

The wind is at your back now, filling your sails and steadily blowing you toward your destination. It's time to consciously acknowledge where you are coming from and where you are heading as you begin your next journey. Of course, there are still obstacles to overcome and decisions to be made, but don't let any uncertainties stand in the way of today's progress.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

You are aware of the subtle emotional complexities that entangle you in a power struggle today. If someone - even you - recently overstepped their bounds, there may be unspoken concerns that are silently weighing on everyone's minds. You might be better equipped than anyone to bring the hidden truth out into the open because you can maintain an analytical approach without letting your biases get in the way.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

People seem to be very self-directed today, leaving little time for you and your needs. You are known for your ability to look beyond your personal desires and take everyone's feelings into consideration. The excitable Aries Moon entices you to project your spontaneity onto those around you while she visits your 7th House of Others.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

You can improve your life by taking steps to redefine your daily routine. Maybe you're in the process of reevaluating your current job or lifestyle with an eye to increasing your efficiency or optimizing your health. In any event, don't let old habits limit your thinking.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

If you are riding a wave of high energy, you might be able to keep it going for a few more days. However, you could find yourself in over your head unless you are fully committed to maintaining your balance - emotionally and physically - moment by moment. Of course, you may have the time of your life while the spontaneous Aries Moon dances through your 5th House of Fun and Games, but overindulgence will lead to complications.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

Your career objectives continue to inspire you to reach for the stars. However, sometimes even you aspiring Mountain Goats require some time to ease up on your drive to succeed. Rather than squeezing another meeting between two others, take a short walk. There are many moments during your day when you can shave off a few minutes for a little relaxation or contemplation.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

You are easily bored today and seek out distractions of all types. Instead of jumping into your work and settling down to business, you're more interested in joining coworkers at the water cooler or procrastinating with a YouTube binge. Ironically, your diversionary tactics might increase your overall efficiency if you can keep your extracurricular activities within reason.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your sense of identity is changing yet you can't tell much about the end result. You might realize that your current plans have less to do with accomplishing specific tasks as you consider more emotional and spiritual pursuits. But don't take the easy way out by sinking into fantasies that have nothing to do with your goals. Instead, use your daydreams to explore alternative paths into your future. Having one option is not an option.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-64.

Across: 1. The outer layer of the Earth, 6. Transport commercially, 10. Sprightly dances, 14. Hawaiian veranda, 15. Unit of pressure, 16. Margarine, 17. Growing old, 18. Double-reed woodwind, 19. Command (archaic), 20. Seafloor, 22. Cashews and almonds, 23. Before, poetically, 24. Anxious, 26. Difficult to please, 30. Brackish, 32. Seasonings, 33. Cruller or fritter, 37. Angers, 38. Rural area (British), 39. Dogfish, 40. Front wheel of a plane, 42. Hides, 43. Churns, 44. Grow feathers, 45. Large black bird, 47. French for "Summer", 48. Madly in love, 49. An open letter, 56. Norse god, 57. Nile bird, 58. Analyze syntactically, 59. Platter, 60. Sea eagle, 61. Jagged, 62. A few, 63. Accomplishes, 64. Propelled with oars. Down: 1. Talon, 2. Indian music, 3. Module, 4. Rational, 5. A female tiger, 6. Shop, 7. Vagabond, 8. Weightlifters pump this, 9. Made attractive, 10. Pancake-style cornbread, 11. Blockage of the intestine, 12. "Beau ___", 13. Drunkards, 21. Cook in hot oil, 25. Terminate, 26. Protruding part of the lower jaw, 27. Protagonist, 28. Mining finds, 29. A formal event, 30. Hillsides, 31. Small brook, 33. Sense, 34. Among, 35. Monarch, 36. Leisure, 38. Neighed, 41. Suffering, 42. Roomette, 44. Faster than light, 45. Audio communications, 46. Discrimination against the elderly, 47. S S S S, 48. Deities, 50. River of Spain, 51. Fermented grape juice, 52. Tropical tuber, 53. Anagram of "Wort", 54. Anagram of "Sees", 55. Marsh plant.

Yesterday's Solution: EATS, STROW, STUB, SLOW, THERE, CANE, SUMO, RECEIPT, CLE, EMBOSOM, STARTER, FIB, BESTS, RESIDENTIAL, OVIN, CUNCE, JAR, SERG, NOBLE, BABU, ENS, FUSEE, ARMED, SPELL, INESTIMABLE, SPELL, PEG, MARI, TALL, LENGTHS, ARITHMETIC, AREA, RICE, MANIA, ROAM, TSAR, OPTIC, TYPE.

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